



## **RONDO DWARF SAFARI**

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The following are the Kilimanjaro routes which we offer for Mount Kilimanjaro Hiking;

Prices are as follows;

- Price of 7 Day Mount Kilimanjaro trekking through Machame route 1,798 USD per person
- Price of 8 Day Mount Kilimanjaro route through Lemosho route route is 1,830 USD per person
- Price of 6 Day Mount Kilimanjaro trekking through Marangu route is 1,680 USD per person
- Price of 6 Day Mount Kilimanjaro trekking through Rongai route is 1,765 USD per person
- Price of 9 Day Mount Kilimanjaro trekking through Northern Circuit Route is 1,920 USD per person

### **A. 6 DAYS MARANGU ROUTE - \$ 1, 680 Per Person**

#### **6 day Kilimanjaro Trekking + 2 night's hotel stay**

This route perhaps is the easiest and most comfortable route to reach the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro. The route is well-developed and the climb is constant and moderate.

#### **Itinerary**

##### **Day 1: Kilimanjaro Airport to Moshi town**

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport you will be taken by our professional driver to Moshi town, where you will spend the remaining day as well as we will give you a brief information about your upcoming trek. You may spend your day at the Hotel or hang around Moshi town (taxi ride may be necessary).

##### **Day 2: Moshi – Marangu Gate (1,860 m) – Mandara hut (2,700 m)**

In the morning after getting you breakfast you will be taken to the Kilimanjaro National Park gate (1,840 m). You might be lucky to catch a glimpse of the thumbless black and white colobus monkeys scrambling through the lush vegetation. Approximately 4 hours later, you will reach your destination for the day, the Mandara Hut. After a well-earned rest, your guide will take you to the Maundi Crater where you can enjoy wonderful views of the Kenyan interior. You will spend your evening meal and overnight stay at Mandara Hut (2670 m).

##### **Day 3: Mandara Hut (2,700 m) – Horombo Hut (3,700 m)**

This day continues through the heather to the edge of the short cropped moorland plains to Horombo Hut at 3,760m, from where Moshi township and the Pare ranges can be seen on a clear

night. From the hut you will have fantastic views overlooking Mawenzi, Kibo peak and the Masai steppe. You will spend your evening meal and overnight stay at the Horombo Hut.

**Day 4: Horombo Hut (3,700 m) – Zebra Rocks (3,980 m) – Horombo Hut (3,700 m)**

After a relaxing breakfast, you will set off on a 2 to 4 hour trek to Zebra Rocks (3,980 m). The distinctive black and white stripes give the rock formation its name. On your return to Horombo Hut, a cooked lunch will be waiting for you. You can relax in the afternoon and regain your strength for the hike the following day. You will spend your evening meal and overnight stay at the Horombo Hut.

**Day 5: Horombo Hut (3,700 m) – Kibo Hut (4,700 m)**

Today's destination is Kibo Hut and it should be reached in about 5 to 6 hours. This stage is long and tough and you will pass plantless plateau which links the summit of Kibo with Mawenzi.

**Day 6: Kibo Hut (4,700 m) – Uhuru Peak (5,895 m) – Horombo Hut (3,700 m)**

You will start the journey in the middle of the night when the lava ash is still frozen and walking on it is easier. You will begin the long and strenuous trek to the summit in the dark. Passing the Hans Meyer cave at 5,200 m, the climb slowly but surely goes upwards. At sunrise, you will reach Gilman's Point (5,715 m) on the crater rim. Soon you will have forgotten the cold of the night and after another 1 to 2 hours, you will reach Uhuru Peak at 5,895 m. The descent follows the same path and the lava ash will now have thawed and allows for a fast descent. On your return to Kibo Hut, a warm meal awaits you and you can rest a while to regain your strength. After the 1 to 2 hour break, you will be on your way down to the Horombo Hut (3,700 m) where you will arrive in the afternoon. The evening meal as well as overnight will be spent there at Horombo lodge.

**Day 7: Horombo Hut (3,700 m) – Marangu Gate (1,860 m) – Moshi**

The last stage passes through the heather and moor zone to the Mandara Hut (2,700 m) where a cooked lunch awaits you. Soon you will again be in the lush tropical rainforest and after about 6 hours of trekking, you will be back at the Kilimanjaro National Park gate (1,860 m). After your arrival at Kilimanjaro National Park you will be taken back to Moshi town.

**Day 8 Moshi – Kilimanjaro Airport**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro Airport or alternatively you can extend your trip in Tanzania and go on safari.

**B. 7 DAYS MACHAME SAFARI - \$ 1,798 Per Person**

**Overview**

**7 day Kilimanjaro Trekking + 2 night's hotel stay**

This route, with its steep passages and higher altitudes, offers you occasional views of Mount Meru, Shira Ridge and Kibo summit as you make your way through lush rainforest, moorland and alpine desert.

## **Itinerary:**

### **Day 1: Arrival in Moshi**

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport you will be greeted by our transfer driver and taken to the nice and comfortable Hotel in Moshi. The rest of the day is for you to enjoy at leisure – relax at the hotel pool or take a taxi and explore the town of Moshi. In the late afternoon you will meet by one of our Kilimanjaro team members, who will brief you on your upcoming trek. Dinner.

### **Day 2: Machame Gate (1,790m) – Machame Camp (3,010m)**

After breakfast you will be picked up at hotel and make the 45-min drive to the Kilimanjaro National park gate. After completion of all the necessary paper work, your adventure commences. Your destination for today is the Machame Camp, a 5 – 6 hour hike. Soon you will be hiking through the lush rainforest with its large ancient trees, primeval ferns and endemic flowers, like the Impatiens Kilimanjaro. You might also spot black and white thumb less colobus monkeys, peeking through the leaves. Reaching the campsite you will have time to relax, stretch your legs and enjoy a hearty meal, before snuggling into your tent for the night. Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### **Day 3: Machame Camp (3,010m) – Shira Camp (3,845m)**

Today's early start is not due to a long stretch, but rather to allow you to reach Shira Camp at around mid-afternoon. As you walk you will notice the dramatic change in the landscape – from lush and green rainforest to dry moor and heath land. Arriving at your campsite a beautiful view of the mountain range opens up before you. The glaciers of Kibo glistens in the golden hue of the setting sun as you enjoy another lovingly cooked meal before climbing into your tent. Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### **Day 4: Shira Camp (3,845m) – Lava Tower Hut (4,640m) – Barranco Camp (3,960m)**

Acclimatization is on today's menu, where you will climb roughly 700 m, but sleep on a level not much higher than the previous night. Starting at Shira Plateau, you will make your way up to Lava Tower (4,640m), where you will rest a while, before continuing through the Barranco Valley to the beautiful Barranco Camp. The trek will take approximately 6 – 7 hours, but the various distractions of the alpine desert as well as the Barranco Valley with its small lobelia plants and giant senecio's, will keep your mind off the stretch still ahead. A well-deserved dinner

and overnight awaits you at Barranco Camp.  
Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### **Day 5: Barranco Camp (3,960m) – Karanga Camp (4,035m)**

Today the Barranco Wall stands before you to conquer. Some stages will require you to use your hands for a better grip, but no actual climbing is necessary and your guide will be with you every step of the way to lend a helping hand. The route with its numerous ascents and descents allow for further acclimatization, before reaching the mountain ridge. Walking along the ridge you can take in the beautiful landscape with its stunning contrasts of desert and vegetation, before finally reaching the cloudy Karanga Camp. You trek will take between 3 – 4 hours, leaving more than enough time to rest and play a game of rummy. Evening meal and overnight at Karanga Camp.  
Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### **Day 6: Karanga Camp (4,035m) – Barafu Camp (4,640m)**

Awakening to the sunlight dancing off the Kibo Summit, you will enjoy a hearty breakfast before setting out to today's destination – Barafu Camp. Most of the day will be spent walking through very dry desert terrain, with Kibo ever present on your left side. After 3-4 hours you will reach Barafu Camp, where you will have an early dinner and overnight as the highlight of your trip is only a few short hours away...  
Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### **Day 7: Barafu Camp (4,640m) – Uhuru Peak (5,895m) – Mweka Camp (3,080m)**

At around midnight you will be awoken by your guide with a warm cup of tea and biscuits to get you ready for your final ascent. The moon and your headlamps will be your only source of light as you make your way up to Stella Point, reaching the crater rim in about 5 – 7 hours. Another 1 – 2 hours will take you to Uhuru Peak (5,895m), where you can enjoy the sun rising over the African landscape, casting a pink hue over the snowy peak and making the glaciers sparkle like diamonds around you. After capturing this incredible view and achievement on film, you will start your descent along the same route back to Barafu Camp, where your team awaits you with some snacks and refreshments. Rested and relaxed you will make your way to Mweka Camp for your last night on the highest mountain in Africa.  
Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### **Day 8: Mweka Camp (3,080m) – Mweka Gate (1,630m)**

A scrumptious breakfast is followed by a traditional farewell ceremony from your mountain crew, before you start your final stretch down the mountain. You will once more trek through the rainforest, giving you another opportunity to spot the cheeky colobus monkeys, finally reaching the Mweka gate in about 2 – 3 hours. You will be met at the gate and taken back to hotel for a long shower and relaxed day by the pool. The rest of the day is for you to enjoy at leisure and giving yourself a pat on the back for conquering the famous Kilimanjaro! Breakfast; Dinner

### **Day 9: Moshi – Kilimanjaro Airport**

After breakfast you will be taken to Kilimanjaro Airport or you can opt to extend your trip with a safari or a beach holiday on Zanzibar.

### **C. 8 DAYS LEMOSHO SAFARI - \$1,830 Per Person**

#### **Overview**

#### **8 Day Kilimanjaro Trekking Tour + 2 night's hotel stay**

**This is a lesser known route which usually begins on the western side of Mount Kilimanjaro.**

#### **Day 1: Kilimanjaro Airport to Moshi**

We will send a driver to the airport to pick you up and take you to the hotel in Moshi. Orientation will take place at the hotel. Our guides will emphasise all the important details regarding your trek and an inspection on your hiking gear will occur.

#### **Day 2: Starting point (2,300m) to Mti Mkubwa (2,750m)**

**Walking Time:** 3 hours

**Distance:** 7 km

**Altitude Gain:** 450 m

You will enjoy an enticing breakfast at the hotel before proceeding from Moshi to Londorossi Gate (1,800m). The three hour drive travels on an unpaved stretch of bumpy road through the town of Boma N'gombe and the Sanya Juu village offers motorists an intimate encounter with the natives. After completing the necessary park registration, you will be transported to the initial point of your trek at 2,350m. The glory of the forest is revealed in the illuminating radiance from the sun. Almond-brown trees stand serenely, brimming with a tender glow. Gems of amber encrust the bark exterior. Green canopies deliver shelter for the exotic blue monkeys. The short trek through the rainforest leads to the Mti Mkubwa Camp (2750m).

#### **Day 3: Mti Mkubwa (2,750m) to Shira Camp 1 (3,550m)**

**Walking Time:** 6-7 hours

**Distance:** 10 km

**Altitude Gain:** 800 m

As the trail begins to move towards Shira Camp 1, the scenery transforms dramatically from the lush rainforest to the barren heather moorland zone. The parched landscape is speckled with enormous lobelias, contrasting white fauna and flora and dusty sand dunes. We will journey up the steep ridges leading to the Shira Plateau, featuring the glorious views of the looming Kilimanjaro and the raging bloodshot orb of light slowly sinks beneath the horizon of Mount Meru in the west. We will cross several tranquil streams as we continue over the Shira Ridge (3,600m) and on a declining slope to Shira Camp 1.

#### **Day 4: Shira Camp 1 (3,550m) to Shira Camp 2 (3,840m)**

**Walking Time:** 3-4 hours  
**Distance:** 8 km  
**Altitude Gain:** 290 m

You will begin the day with a delicious breakfast and trek on an exposed moorland zone. This route is less frequented making it tranquil and untouched. Reaching Shira Plateau will reveal the stunning views of the peak of Kilimanjaro. The exhilarating sensation of witnessing the summit is magical. A hot lunch will be served at Shira Camp 2 (3,810m). Your guide will lead brief excursions for acclimatisation, afterwards you are free to relax.

#### **Day 5: Shira Camp 2 (3,840m) to Barranco Camp (3,950m) via Lava Tower**

**Walking Time:** 6-7 hours  
**Distance:** 11 km  
**Altitude Gain:** 110 m

The Lemosho Route connects with the Machame Route before approaching the molten Lava Tower. The gentle incline leading to the Barranco Camp is encompassed in beautiful sceneries and encrusted in vivid desert shrubberies (6-7 hour hike). Shark's Tooth is an enormous, serrated rock that a volcano discharged thousands of years ago, it is also an indication that we must travel south and cross the light valleys to the immense Lava Tower (4,600m). Specks of snow will gradually scatter themselves on the scenery and as we descend to Barranco Camp the frosted landscapes of the Western Breach will begin to sprout. The ashen Barranco Wall is engraved with extraordinary indents and olive foliage is strewn across the 'Breakfast Wall'.

#### **Day 6: Barranco Camp (3,950m) to Karanga Camp (3,930m)**

**Walking Time:** 4-5 hours  
**Distance:** 5 km  
**Altitude Gain:** 200 m  
**Altitude Loss:** 220 m

The day commences with a simple trek up the astonishing Barranco (200m high). For a short period, you will need to use your hands and feet to scramble up the wall and upon reaching the surface you will have an opportunity to marvel at the scenic splendour of the vistas of Kibo. The trail traverses up and down with various shallow streams leading to the flickering, glittery streams of the Karanga River. An appetising lunch will be served at the Karanga campsite (3,930m). The short trekking will assist your acclimatisation.

#### **Day 7: Karanga Camp (3,930m) to Barafu Camp (4,700m)**

**Walking Time:** 2-4 hours  
**Distance:** 4 km  
**Altitude Gain:** 770 m

The rocky zone provides an uphill path that features landscapes battered in the crystal glow of the Southern Glaciers. Intersecting with the Mweka route allows us to witness the splendid vistas. A sixty-minute climb up a steep, rock strewn Lava Ridge is your ticket to the Barafu Camp (4681m). Reaching the camp signifies that you have dominated the Southern Circuit of the mountain and the enchanting, sky-piercing view of the summit is submerged in an ocean of clouds. The terrain at the campsite resembles an unfinished painting. The landscape is blanketed

in a thin layer of snow with sparse vegetation. A substantial, warm meal will be served and we suggest that you jump into your sleeping bag as soon possible. We will embark on our journey to the summit at midnight.

### **Day 8: Barafu Camp (4,700m) to Summit (5,895m) (midnight start) descent to Mweka Camp (3,100m)**

**Walking:Time:**14–16hours

**Distance:**19km

**Altitude Gain:** 1195m

You will be awoken at 11:00pm and we will provide you with a light snack and a steaming cup of tea before you begin your 5km trek to the summit. This is an extended hike that lasts approximately 16 hours making this the most challenging day on the 8 days Lemosho Route. Temperatures typically range between -5°C and -10°C. The gradually increasing incline of the valley located near the eerily tranquil scree fields traverses amongst the Rebmann and Ratzel Glaciers – the view is so astounding that the freezing temperatures will be forgotten. At Stella's Point (5,672m) brilliant gold and orange hues bleed like fire over the rocks. The first slither of the sun peeks over the skyline in a radiant, white form and the snow turns liquid gold and silver. After sixty minutes you will reach the highest point in Africa, Uhuru Peak (5,895m). You will have an opportunity to take some photos and marvel at the surrounding scenery, glinting ice cliffs and the jagged Mawenzi Peak. Our descent requires us to turn around and embark on the trail to Barafu Camp where we will have a brief resting period. The spectacular, vast plains of the Kilimanjaro are so enchanting that the 9km route to Mweka Camp (3,100m) feels rapid. The route is moderate and lasts four to five hours. As you venture on the declining rocky spree trail, the scenery will start to sprout and the ice will melt away. The barren landscapes of the moorland will be the first milestone, dense vegetation and exotic wildlife will begin to radiate as we approach the forest habitat. We will proceed to the campsite where you can scoff down a scrumptious, piping hot dinner whilst seizing the last opportunity to observe the Milky Way.

### **Day 9: Mweka Camp (3,100m) to Mweka Gate (1,800m) to Moshi**

**Walking:Time:**4–5hours

**Distance:**10km

**Altitude Loss:** 1300m

The melodies of your porters celebrating will fill the air whilst you enjoy an appetising breakfast. The 1,300m descent to the Mweka gate is classified as an easy trek and will only last a few hours. Gold Summit Certificates will be awarded to every member in your group as a small souvenir. Our drivers are one relaxed stroll to the Mweka village away and they will transport you to the hotel where an invigorating hot shower, plush mattress and clean clothes await you.

### **Day 10 Moshi – Kilimanjaro Airport**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro Airport or alternatively you can extend your trip in Tanzania and go on safari.

## **D. 6 DAYS KILIMANJARO TREKKING RONGAI ROUTE - \$1,765 Per Person**

Kilimanjaro climbing, Rongai route in 6 Days is begins at the remote, northern side of Kilimanjaro, near the Kenyan border. We hike through a true wilderness area towards the jagged Mawenzi Peak, then cross a barren desert saddle, before climbing up Kibo's eastern crater wall. The Rongai route is a more gradual ascent, and is therefore preferred by those with little or no backpacking experience, but is equally enjoyable for even the most hardened trekkers.

### **Day1: Arrive in moshi**

Arrive anytime at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). We will arrange a private transfer from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) to moshi where

We will gather in the hotel for a pre-climb briefing and an equipment check.

We will also confirm you have the appropriate mandatory medical coverage and travel insurance.

The Kilimanjaro trekking begins and ends at moshi

### **Day2: Rongai One (2,600 m); 3-4 hours walking.**

After breakfast transfer to Nalemoru rongai starting gate and after completing the necessary registration formalities at the National Park gate, The climb begins from Nale Moru (1,950 m) on a small path that winds through fields of maize and potatoes before entering pine forest. The track then starts to climb consistently, but gently through attractive forest that shelters a variety of wildlife, including the beautiful Kilimanjaro Colobus monkey. These monkeys are black with a long 'cape' of white hair and a flowing white tail. The forest begins to thin out and the first camp, **Rongai One**, is at the edge of the moorland zone (2,600 m) with extensive views over the Kenyan plains.

### **Day3: Kikelewa campsite (3,600 m); 6-7 hours walking.**

The morning walk is a steady ascent up to the 'Second Cave' (3,450 m) with superb views of Kibo and the Eastern icefields on the crater rim. After lunch, we leave the main trail and strike out across the moorland on a smaller path towards the jagged peaks of Mawenzi. **Kikelewa campsite** is in a sheltered valley with giant senecios near Kikelewa Caves (3,600 m).

### **Day4: Mawenzi Tarn (4,330 m); 3-4 hours walking.**

A short but steep climb is rewarded by superb allround views and a tangible sense of wilderness. We leave vegetation behind shortly before reaching the next camp at **Mawenzi Tarn** (4,330 m), spectacularly situated in a cirque directly beneath the towering spires of Mawenzi. The afternoon will be free to rest or explore the surrounding area as an aid to acclimatisation. [3-4 hours walking]

### **Day5: Kibo campsite (4,700 m); 5-6 hours walking.**

We cross the lunar desert of the 'Saddle' between Mawenzi and Kibo to reach **Kibo campsite** (4,700 m) at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall. The remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent before a very early night.

### **Day6: Horombo Hut (3.720); 11-15 hours walking.**

We will start the final, and by far the steepest and most demanding, part of the climb by torchlight around 1 a.m. We plod very slowly in the darkness on a switchback trail through loose



volcanic scree to reach the crater rim at Gillman's Point (5,685 m) We will rest there for a short time to enjoy the spectacular sunrise over Mawenzi. Those who are still feeling strong can make the three hour round trip to Uhuru Peak (5,896 m), passing close to the spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs that still occupy most of the summit area. The descent to Kibo (4,700 m) is surprisingly fast and, after some refreshment, we continue the descent to reach **Horombo Camp** (3,720 m).

**Day7: Marangu Gate (1,830 m); 5-6 hours walking.**

A steady descent takes us down through moorland to Mandara Hut (2,700m), the first stopping place at the Marangu route. We then continue descending through lovely lush forest on a good path to the National Park gate at Marangu then after signing out transfer to moshi (1,830 m).

**Day8:** Moshi to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) and fly back home

**Kilimanjaro Climbing Includes:**

- 2 Nights accommodation in moshi
- Private professional mountain guides
- All Park fees
- Rescue fees
- All meals while on the Mountain
- Arrival and Departure transfers
- Government taxes, VAT and all relating service charges
- Guides, Porters, cook salaries and park fees
- Emergency Oxygen
- Walking Poles
- Emergency Evacuation by Flying Doctor

**Excludes:**

- Tanzania Visa: \$50 per person on arrival
- Personal Expenses (e.g. laundry, telephone, beverages, etc.)
- Meals not listed above
- Optional Tours (short safari after your climb etc)
- Tips and any items of personal nature.