# Kilimanjaro Marathon & post-race Rongai Kili climb

12 Days / 11 Nights

23 February – 05 March 2024





Join us on the foothills of Africa's highest free-standing mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, for one of Africa's iconic marathons. Continue on to tackle Africa's highest peak, Mt Kilimanjaro, via the Rongai Route.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road	Moshi	Bed & breakfast	5 Nights
Simba Camp	Mount Kilimanjaro	Full board	1 Night
Kikelewa Camp	Mount Kilimanjaro	Full board	1 Night
Mawenzi Tarn Camp	Mount Kilimanjaro	Full board	1 Night
Kibo Hut	Mount Kilimanjaro	Full board	1 Night
Horombo Huts	Mount Kilimanjaro	Full board	1 Night
Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road	Moshi	Bed & breakfast	1 Night

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## Day 1: Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi (Fri, 23 Feb 2024)

You will be met on arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to Keys Hotel in Moshi.

Located on the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro in Northern Tanzania, the vibrant town of Moshi is known as a coffee producing hub boasting vast coffee plantations. The majestic snow-capped peak of Kilimanjaro towers over this little African town.

For basic, clean and affordable accommodation in the mountaineering town of Moshi, we recommend two sister hotels - Keys Uru and K's Lodge (Keys Mbokomo). Both hotels offer views of Mount Kilimanjaro and are classified as basic 2 star budget hotels. They are of medium size, privately owned and rooms are all en-suite. Some have airconditioning, television and mini-bar.

There is a full restaurant offering a choice of either bar snacks, restaurant meals and pizzas which are served all day, and occasional evening barbecues. A bar with a full range of drinks is available. Amenities include full laundry service and swimming pool. Guests may be accommodated at either hotel.

Overnight Keys Hotel.

## Day 2: Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi (Sat, 24 Feb 2024)

Collect your race number from Race registration at Keys Hotel, Uru Road.

Rest of day at leisure, relaxing by the hotel's pool or venturing into the town of Moshi, where you can buy curios and enjoy lunch at one of the local restaurants.

Overnight Keys Hotel.

# Day 3: Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi (Sun, 25 Feb 2024)

#### **KILIMANJARO MARATHON - Race day**

Transfers to/from the stadium will be provided. Good luck with the race!

Overnight Keys Hotel.





Days 4 & 5: Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi (Mon 26 & Tues 27 Feb)

Days at leisure to recover from your race and prepare for your Kili climb.

Overnight at Keys Hotel.

# Day 6: Simba Camp, Mount Kilimanjaro (Wed, 28 Feb 2024)

#### **Mount Kilimanjaro**

Mount Kilimanjaro, capped by snow and frequently fringed by clouds, is the highest mountain in Africa (5 895 metres and the highest walkable summit in the world. One of the legendary seven Summits, and a bucket list challenge for many people, any reasonably fit person can reach the summit of Kilimanjaro with the help of a team of dedicated porters and guides. We at Wild Frontiers have been taking climbers safely up Kili since 1991 and have first hand experience of what it's like. We will hold your hand every step of the way – from early planning and preparation, all the way to the top of Africa! Our success rate for summiting is over 95% and is attributed to good preparation and professional guiding. Our guides are the very best available, and their enthusiasm, knowledge of the region and care for you will ensure that your hike is both comfortable and rewarding.

After an early breakfast, a senior guide will conduct your climb briefing.

You will then be driven to Rongai Gate, where you will meet the rest of your guides and porters. After the formalities at the gate have been completed, begin your ascent to the first cave en route. The climb should take approximately 2 to 3 hours. This part takes you through the cultivated area of the mountain, where you can see how local farmers tend to their lands on the slopes. Overnight at Simba Camp (1,800m).

#### **Overnight: Simba Camp**

Simba Camp is situated at an elevation of 3,600m in the Kilimanjaro region. The campsite offers tent camping and is close to First Caves campsite where guests can enjoy lunch while trekking.

## Day 7: Kikelewa Camp, Mount Kilimanjaro (Thurs, 29 Feb 2024)

Early in the morning, begin trekking out past the second cave, and on to the third cave. This should take you approximately 6 to 7 hours. The climb today is relatively difficult, taking you through forest and well into the moorland. Overnight at Kikelelwa Camp (3,800m).

#### Overnight: Kikelewa Camp

The Kikelewa Camp is part of the Rongai Route which approaches Kilimanjaro from the North, near the Kenya-Tanzania border. At the camp, adventurers can enjoy the surrounding grassy slopes. The camp is near the Tsavo River which runs from Tsavo West National Park into Tanzania.

## Day 8: Mawenzi Tarn Camp, Mount Kilimanjaro (Fri, 01 Mar 2024)

Continue ascending to Mawenzi Tarn Hut, which should take approximately 7 hours to get to. Overnight camping at Mawenzi Tarn Hut (4,330m).

## Overnight: Mawenzi Tarn Camp

The Mawenzi Tarn Camp is located near the base of Mwenzi, which is one of the 3 peaks of Mount. Kilimanjaro and is mostly used by ascending climbers on the Rongai route.

## Day 9: Kibo Hut, Mount Kilimanjaro (Sat, 02 Mar 2024)

Depart to Kibo Hut, which should take you approximately 4 to 5 hours. Settle down for an early night camping at Kibo Hut (4,703m).

#### **Overnight: Kibo Hut**

Kibo is a little basecamp set in the Kilimanjaro National Park. Climbers set camp here before leaving for Uhuru Peak.

## Day 10: Horombo Huts, Mount Kilimanjaro (Sun, 03 March 2024)

Today you will be heading for the highest point in Africa - Uhuru Peak (5,895m).

You will be woken around midnight to commence the 5 hour hike on heavy scree up to Gillman's Point (5,686m). You will be walking in the dark as the ground is frozen and this makes it easier to ascend this steep section. As you reach the Crater Rim, the sun should be rising to display Africa in all its glory beneath you. The views are spectacular and it makes the entire journey worth every step! Continue another 1 or 2 hours to Uhuru Peak, along the wide paths of the crater rim, peering down onto massive glaciers shining in the morning sun.

Arriving at Uhuru can be quite emotional, with the strain of the summit finally behind you and Africa surrounding you! After a few photographs at the summit, begin your steady descent to Kibo Hut for a rest and some nourishment, then continue to Horombo Hut to camp for overnight.





## **Overnight: Horombo Huts**

The Horombo Huts are set along the Marangu Trail. This campsite can accommodate up to 120 campers.

# Day 11: Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi (Mon, 04 Mar 2024)

After breakfast, descend to Marangu Gate. You will be transferred to Keys Hotel for a well-needed shower and an evening of celebration by the swimming pool.

Overnight Keys Hotel.

# Day 12: End of Itinerary (Tue, 05 Mar 2024)

Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport for your return flight home.

#### **End of services**

## Please contact us on reservations@wildfrontiers.com for a detailed quotation.

Please advise your nationality at time of enquiry in order for us to quote based on the applicable race entry fee.

#### **INCLUDED:**

- Return airport hotel transfers from Kilimanjaro Airport
- 6 nights accommodation including breakfast at Keys Hotel in Moshi (5 nights pre and 1 night post climb)
- Marathon entry fee & guaranteed bib number
- Return transfers to/ from stadium on race day
- Services of Wild Frontiers co-ordinator at race and over weekend
- Gear storage at Keys Hotel for duration of hike (the stuff you don't want to take on the hike such as your swimsuit, safari clothes etc)
- Transfers to/from Kilimanjaro National Park Gates
- Services of an experienced Kilimanjaro registered head guide and assistant guides during hike
- Porter service (hiker's baggage weight limit 12kg)

- Guide and porter fees as stipulated by Kilimanjaro National Park
- National Parks Mountain rescue fees
- Government tourist tax
- Three meals per day on the trail prepared by a seasoned Kilimanjaro cook
- Camping equipment (alpine tents, enclosed mess tents, compressed foam sleeping mats, camping chairs, tables, cutlery and crockery)
- Water during the hike (boiled for consumption and washing)
- Portable oxygen for emergency use and Pulse Fingertip Oximeter
- Kilimanjaro certificate issued by Kilimanjaro National Park post hike (if you reach Stella Point/Gilman's Point or Uhuru Peak)

#### **EXCLUDED:**

- Flights and airport taxes
- Visa fees
- Health requirements including Yellow Fever Inoculations as applicable.
- Meals and drinks not specified above
- All items of a personal nature including tips, and any services not mentioned above under included

#### **MAKE THE MOST OF IT!**

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