



Ultimate Africa - Mt. Kenya / Mt. Kilimanjaro & Safari

Tentative Itinerary

Depart Canada

Arrive Africa - Transfer & Overnight to your hotel in Nairobi

HIGHEND TREKKS, our affiliate in Africa, is owned and guided by JOHN KARIUKI. He is an experienced and competent guide and along with his team of dedicated, passionate, sociable and experienced staff will make your holiday a dream come true. Transfers & one night hotel included in Nairobi.

DAY 1a: Optional Day in Nairobi - highly recommended to help with jet lag (additional cost)

DAY 1: Aberdares Country Club

Transfer to Aberdares Country Club on foot hills of Mt Kenya and Aberdares ranges. Aberdares Country Club (Breakfast, Lunch Dinner)

DAY 2: - Mt. Kenya - Sirimon Route

Elevation: 2650m - 3300m

Hiking Time: 3.5 hours

This day starts with a drive to Sirimon gate via Nanyuki town. After check-in formalities start walking from here through the rainforest to Old Moses camp.

DAY 3: - Old Moses Camp to Shiptons Camp

Elevation: 3300m - 4200m

Hiking Time: 6-7 hours

After an early breakfast set off towards Ontulili River, from here magnificent scenery of the northern side. Hike through Likii valley to Mackinder's valley to Shiptons camp.

DAY 4: - Shiptons Camp

Elevation: 4200m - 4600m

Hiking Time: 3-4 hours

This day is meant for acclimatization. Breakfast is served at 8 o'clock, hike up to Hausberg valley and view the mountain on the western circuit. Descend back to camp in time for lunch.

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DAY 5: - Shiptons Camp to Point Lenana

Elevation: 4200m - 4985m - 3300m

Hiking Time: 3-4 hours

You will be woken up at around 2 o'clock and after a light breakfast head out and following the trail up. The climb to Lenana point is relatively strenuous and steep in some places. Arriving in the summit in time for the sunrise and on a clear day Mt. Kilimanjaro is visible. Afterwards descend down to Shiptons camp for full breakfast. Later on descend down to Old Moses camp.

DAY 6: - Old Moses Camp to Nairobi & Rhino Watch Lodge

Elevation: 3300m - 2650m

Hiking Time: 2 hours

Breakfast is served at 8 o'clock and you will leisurely hike down to Sirimon gate to meet up your transfer to Rhino Watch Lodge.

Solio Game Ranch, is a fenced, protected area geared toward Rhino conservation. The private 17,500-acre Solio Game Reserve, 22km north of Nyeri, plays a major part in preserving and breeding black rhinos in Kenya. Most of the hook-lipped horned beasts wandering national parks were actually born here. Its current population of rhinos would make some sub-Saharan countries blush!

Solio Game Ranch also supports a very diverse population of raptors. The ranch still lies within a greater area of indigenous woodland that buffers the effect of man a perfect place for conservation efforts.

At Solio Game Ranch the contrast in topography and wildlife in this 18,000 acre reserve is stunning. Huge stands of yellow acacia compliment the higher rolling plains whilst a bountiful marsh, Solio's lifeline, bisects the sanctuary. Over 120 black and white rhinos live here. Most of the plains species can be seen here, the predators, lion, leopard, cheetah and hyena, as well as two northern species, the reticulated giraffe and the beisa oryx.

You will arrive at this wonderful Lodge and after a well deserved shower and lunch. Head out in the afternoon for a game drive @ Solio Ranch Reserve. NB. Rhino watch lodge is just 10mins from the reserve.

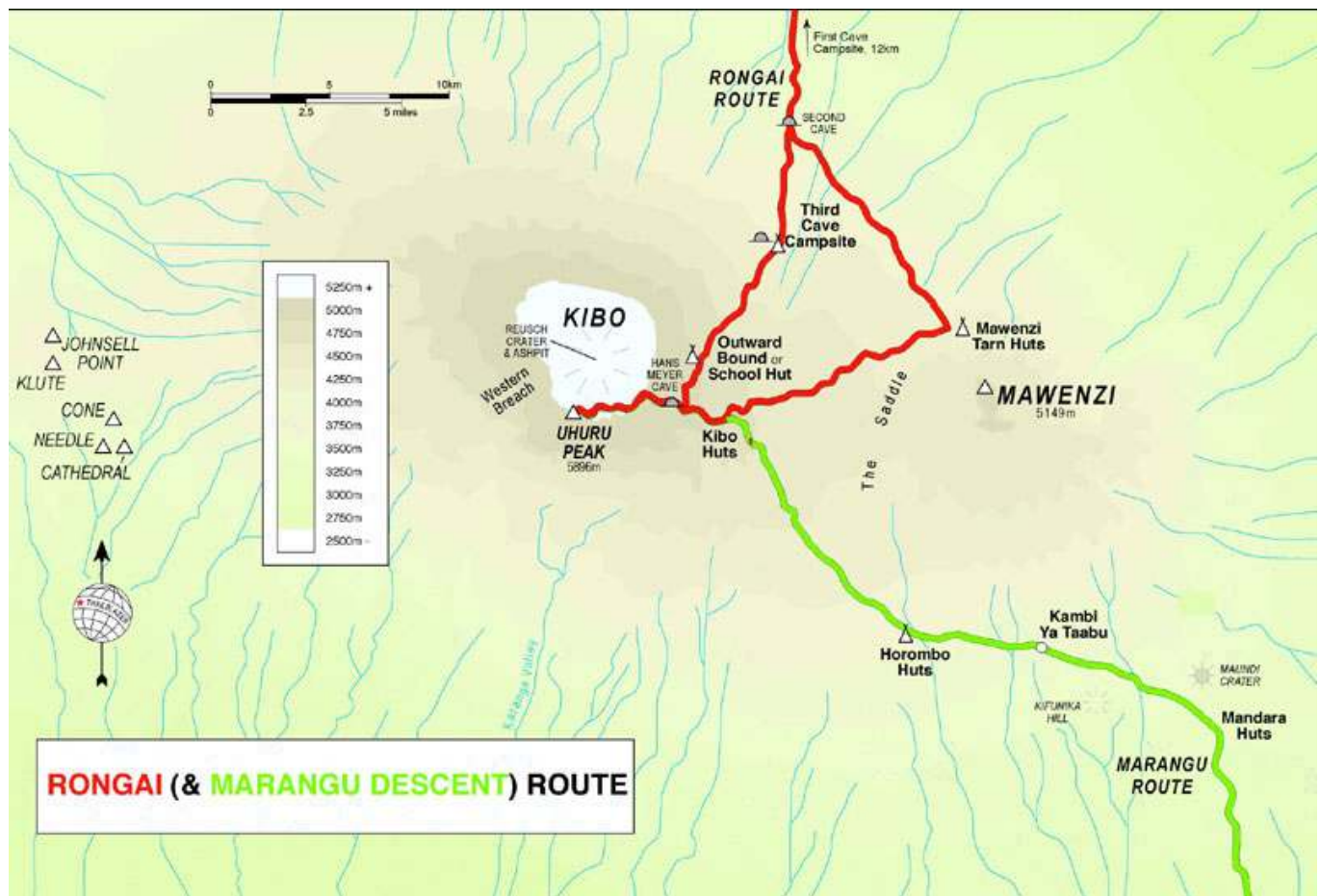


DAY 7: - Transfer to Amboseli National Park

Amboseli National Park is located in Loitoktok District, Rift Valley Province of Kenya. The ecosystem mainly savannah grassland spread across the Kenya-Tanzania border. The park is famous for being the best place in Africa to get close to free-ranging elephants among other wildlife species. Other attractions of the park include opportunities to meet the Maasai and spectacular views of Mount Kilimanjaro. Evening game drive. Stay at the Kilima Luxury camp

DAY 8: - Kilimanjaro - Rongai Route with Marangu Descent

The Rongai route ascends Kilimanjaro from the north-eastern side of the mountain, along the border between Tanzania and Kenya. This route retains a sense of unspoiled wilderness and offers a different perspective on Kilimanjaro by approaching it from the north. The Rongai route use the scree summitting path from Kibo hut to Gilman's point and descend via the Marangu route.





DAY 8 continued: - Arusha to Simba Camp

Elevation: 1950m to 2650m

Hiking Time: 3.5 hours

From either Arusha town or Moshi drive anti-clockwise around the base of Kili massif for about 4hrs to Tarekea village, to get to Naremoru or Rongai Park gate. After check-in formalities you walk through lush plantations of maize, interspersed with pine and cypress samplings. Higher up the trees thin and give way to open moorland and wild flowers. Soon you reach Simba camp with stunning views of Kibo to your right and jagged Mawenzi on the left.

DAY 9: - Simba Camp to Third Cave

Elevation: 2650m to 3900m

Hiking Time: 5 - 6 hours

From Simba Camp you climb mostly gently on a narrow path through the moorland, with some open views over Kenya to the north. Within 3hrs the path passes the first cave and after 20 minutes further you reach the 2nd cave. The path to 3rd cave is rocky at first but not too steep followed by softer ground and then large boulders, with views of Kibo and Mawenzi. You will reach the camp after a few hours.

DAY 10: - Third Cave to Kibo Camp

Elevation: 3900m to 4700m

Hiking Time: 4 hours

It is good to make an early start so that your body can have time to rest and recover for the midnight departure to the summit. About half-way through the hike the path divides. The main route continues to Kibo camp.

DAY 11: - Kibo Camp to the Summit - Uhuru Peak - Horombo Hut

Elevation: 4700m to 5895m

Hiking Time: 6-10 hours

Wake up around midnight and the first half of the ascent is on steep, winding rocky path; maintain a slow steady rhythmic pace. Pass Hans Meyer cave at 5150m and proceed to Gilman's point. From Gilman's point it takes 1 ½ hrs to the summit, although the gradients are gentler and the terrain easier. Within no time you get to the summit and the view is stunning! Afterwards descend to Kibo camp for breakfast and later to Horombo hut for overnight.



DAY 12: Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate

Elevation (m): 3700m to 1900m

Hiking Time: 6-8 hours

Make an early start to your descent, the views are stunningly amazing. The walk is relatively easy and after 3 ½ hrs you reach the Mandara huts and after a brief rest continue your descent to Marangu gate and park HQ for Check –out and transfer to your hotel in Arusha town for a well deserved shower and rest. Snowcrest Hotel including breakfast. Snow Crest Hotel is located along the Arusha – Moshi Highway at Kwangulelo Area in Arusha, Tanzania. The Hotel is approximately 10 minutes (7Km) drive from the Arusha City and 30 minutes (45Km) from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). The Hotel has a splendid view of lush banana plantations that blends with a whispering breeze to create a stillness of utter relaxation. It's locality makes it a Gate – way centre to the famous Tanzania National Parks on this northern circuit. <http://www.snowcresthote.com>

Day 13: Depart back to Nairobi. Hotel included as well as transfers to the airport for your international departure.