

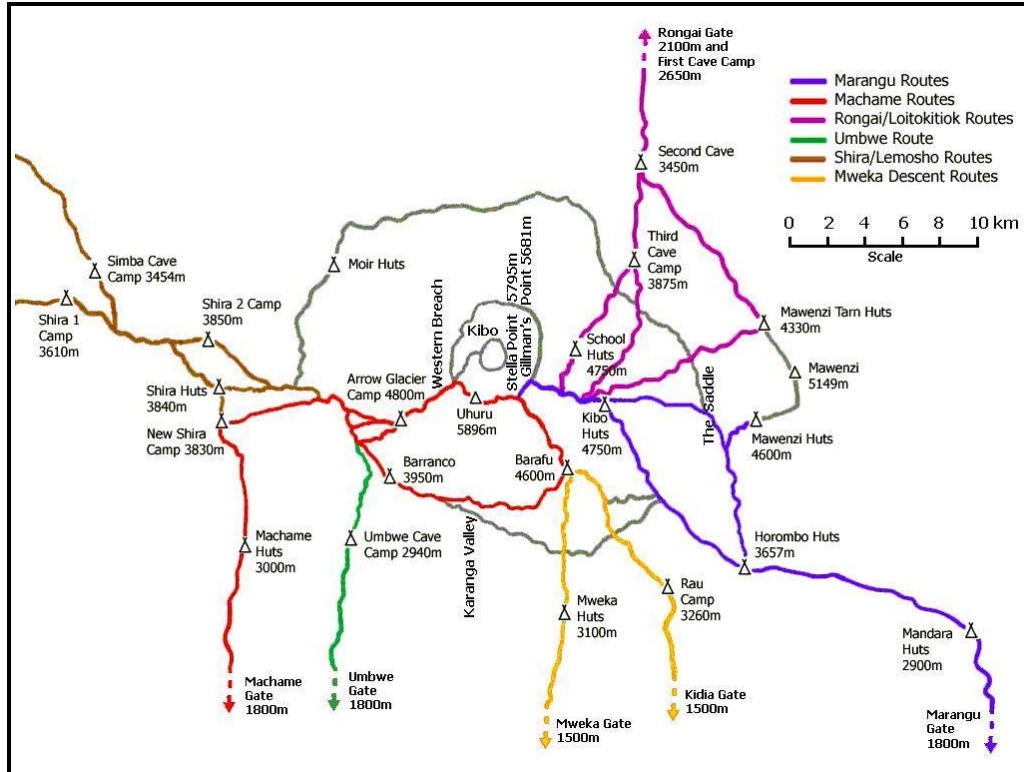
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Basic Route Comparison

Marangu Route			Machame Route			Rongai Route			Lemosho Route		
Day	Camp Name	Alt	Day	Camp Name	Alt	Day	Camp Name	Alt	Day	Camp Name	Alt
1	Moshi	1400m	1	Moshi	1400m	1	Moshi	1400m	1	Moshi	1400m
2	Moshi – Mandara Hut	2900m	2	Moshi – Machame Hut	3000m	2	Moshi – Rongai Gate	1990m	2	Moshi – Mkubwa Hut	2750m
3	Mandara Hut – Horombo Hut	3657m	3	Machame Hut – Shira Hut	3840m	3	Ronga Gate – Second Cave	3450m	3	Mkubwa Hut – Shira Hut (2)	3840m
4	Horombo Hut – Kibo Hut	4750m	4	Shira Hut – Barranco Hut	3950m	4	Kikelewa Camp – Mawenzi Tarn	4330m	4	Shira Hut (2) – Barranco Hut	3960m
5	Kibo Hut – Summit	5895m	5	Barranco Hut – Barafu Hut	4600m	5	Mawenzi Tarn – Kibo Hut	4750m	5	Barranco Hut – Karanga Hut	4035m
	Summit – Horombo Hut	3657m	6	Barafu Hut – Summit	5896m	6	Kibo Hut- Summit	5895m	6	Karanga Hut – Barafu Hut	4640m
6	Horombo Hut – Moshi	1400m		Summit – Mweka Hut	3100m		Summit – Horombo Hut	3657m	7	Barafu Hut – Summit	5895m
7	Tour Ends.		7	Mweka Hut – Moshi	1400m	7	Horombo Hut – Moshi	1400m		Summit – Mweka Hut	3100m
			8	Tour Ends.		8	Tour Ends.		8	Mweka Hut – Moshi	1400m
									9	Tour Ends.	



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MARANGU ROUTE

The Marangu Route (aka coca-cola route) departs from your Moshi Hotel into the Kilimanjaro National Park via the Marangu Gate (1800m). It is supposedly the “easiest” route physically, to summit Kilimanjaro because it has a wider more comfortable foot paths and hut accommodation. It takes you through forests and moorlands to *The Saddle* (a high altitude desert which separates the “lower” part of the mountain from the summit leg).


From *the saddle* it is an early start (mid-night) along a steep scree path which zig-zags towards Gilman's Point.

Although the physically easier route, it does have the lowest success rate which is attributed to the quick pace at a steep incline to reach the summit.

An additional acclimatization day can be included at **Horombo Hut (3657m)**. This will both assist in resting your body and helping it to acclimatize.

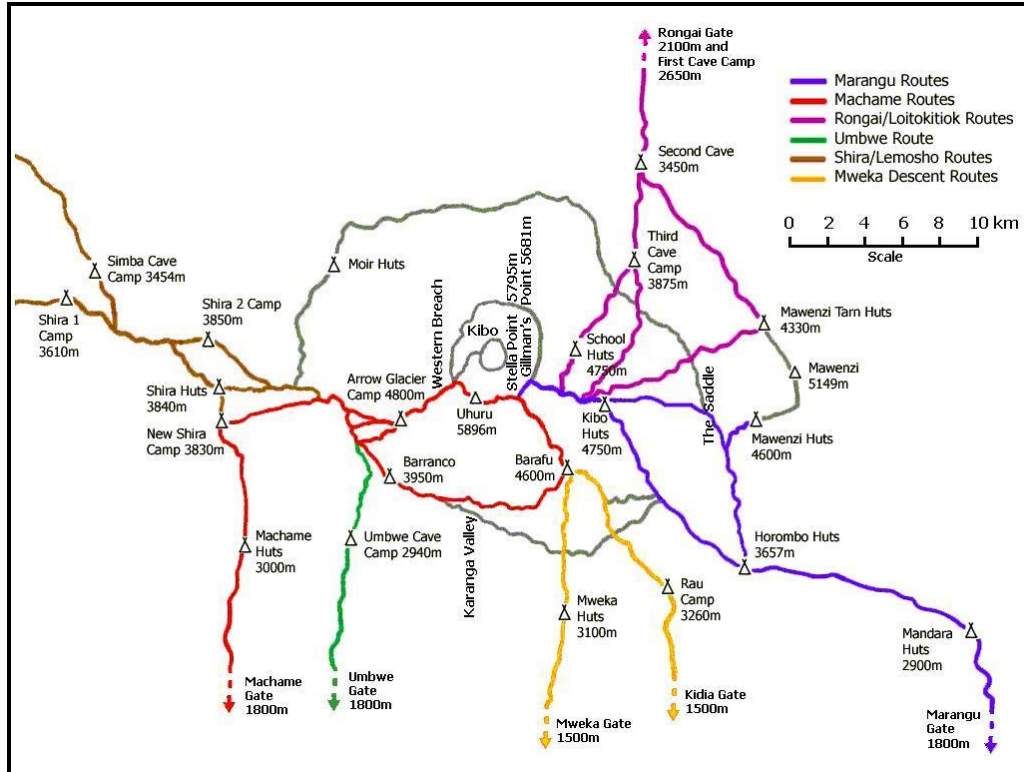
Accommodation: Huts

Acclimatization day: Horombo Hut (3657m)

Route: Blue Route (ascend+ descend) 



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MACHAME ROUTE

The Machame Route (aka whiskey route) departs from your Moshi Hotel into the Kilimanjaro National Park via the Machame Gate (1800m).

Is the most recommended route for the best summit success rate and most scenic as you pass through forested areas, moorlands before reaching the Shira Plateau and passing the southern ice-fields.

It has a higher summit success rate compared to the Marangu Route because it is 1 day longer and allows for better acclimatization passing through 5 climatic zones, you “walk high and sleep low”.

An additional acclimatization day can be included at Shira Plateau, where you can walk to *Shira Needles*. Depending on the group strength and acclimatization, you will pass Karanga River (4000m) using the Mweka Route for your descend.

From Shira Camp (3840m) you follow a more gradual path along Barranco Hut (3960m) and Barafu Camp (4600m) before attempting your summit to Uhuru Peak.

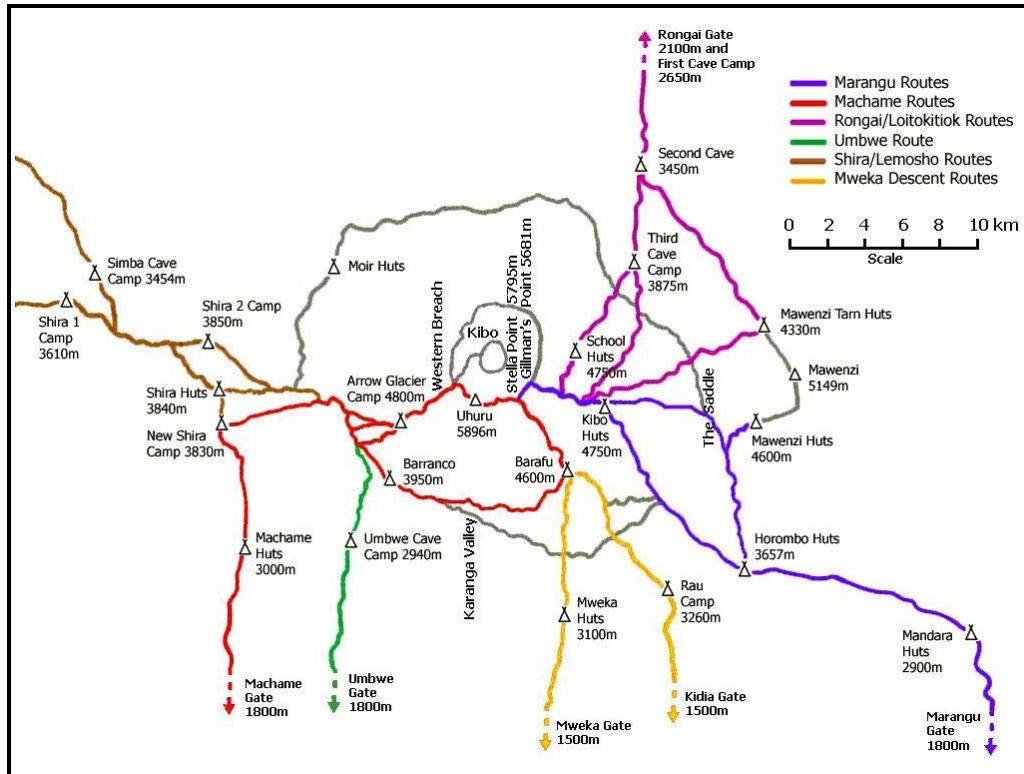
Accommodation: Camping (your porters will set up camp)

Acclimatization day: Shira Camp (3840m)

Route: Red (ascend) ----- + Yellow (descend) -----



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RONGAI ROUTE

The Rongai Route departs from your Moshi Hotel entering Kilimanjaro National Park (approximately 4 hour drive) via the northern entrance of Rongai Gate (2100m).

This is the second easiest route on which to summit Kilimanjaro, yet the least frequented route. It is “easier” because you start from a much higher altitude at 2100m (compared to other routes) and it is a more gradual route allowing your body to acclimatize.

Your first night is spent at Second Cave (3450m), followed by Mawenzi Tarn (4330m) and Kibo Hut (4750m) before summiting at Uhuru Peak and descending via the Marangu Route.

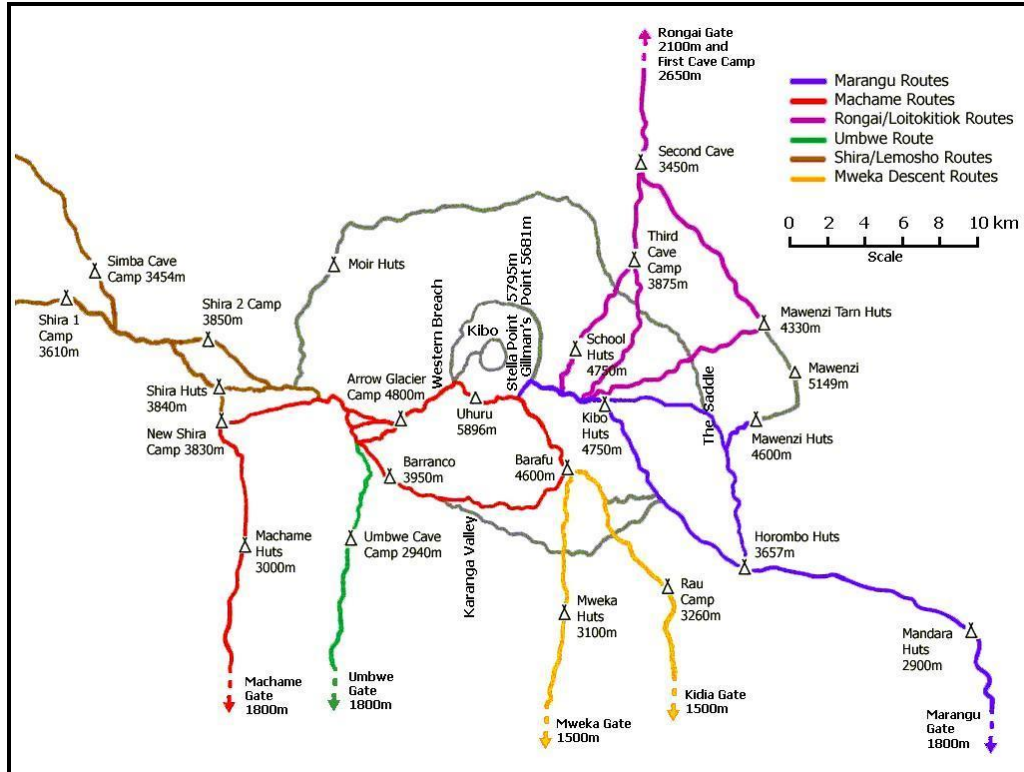
This route offers several variations allowing you to determine your own route length based on available travel time.

Accommodation: Camping (your porters will set up camp)

Route: Purple (ascend) ----- + Blue (descend) -----



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LEMOSHO ROUTE

The Lemosho Route departs your Moshi Hotel entering Kilimanjaro National Park via the Londorossi Park Gate (2100m). It is the longest, most remote of the Kili Routes crossing the Shira Plateau meeting up with the Machame Route.

Groups are often accompanied by an armed ranger on your first day on the mountain as the Lemosho Glades are rich in buffalo, elephant and other game. This combined with the spectacular ice-fields, makes it the most scenic route!

The route attributes it's good summit-success rate to starting at a higher altitude (2100m) spending your first night at Mkubwa Hut (2750m). You follow onto Barranco Camp (3950m) and so join the Machame Route, before descending via the Mweka Route.

A group wishing to summit more slowly can easily spend 8 days on the ascend reaching the summit. If you are a stronger climber you can request to Shira Camp 1(3610m) can be missed heading to Shira Huts at 3840m.

Accommodation: Camping (your porters will set up camp)

Acclimatization day: Shira Hut (3840m)

Route: Brown (ascend) ----- + Yellow (descend) -----

