

Overview

After **Mount Everest**, **Kanchenjunga (8,586 meters/28,169 feet)** is Nepal's highest mountain. In fact, this colossal mass of rock and ice is the third tallest in the world. Cradled between Nepal and Sikkim, India, our 27-day [Kanchenjunga Trek](#) takes you through some of Nepal's least developed areas. This marathon of a trail passes through all sorts of landscapes, combining both the [Kanchenjunga North Base Camp Trek](#) and [Kanchenjunga South Base Camp Trek](#).

The trail provides of a bit of everything, as we traverse of raging rivers, climb along wide valleys and terraced rice fields, culminating in a prolonged excursion far above the treeline, where we reach Kanchenjunga Base Camp (**KBC**) **Pang Pema (5140 meters)**. Here, we have a jaw-dropping view of over 16 Himalayan peaks, including **Everest (8848 meters)**, **Makalu (8481 meters)**, **Jannu (7710 meters)**, **Kabru (7412 meters)**, and **Tharpu Chuli (Tent Peak) (5663 meters)**, among many more.

During the journey, we move from **tropical jungles to rhododendron** and oak forests, and eventually into the alpine zone, where little to no vegetation exists. Along the way, we visit Rai, Limbu, and Tibetan villages. These groups speak **their own dialect and practice different religions** and customs than most Nepali people. They greet us with their superb hospitality. Who knows, maybe they'll share or story or two about the elusive Yeti, as well as a couple of cups of Tongba, locally made hot millet wine. As for wildlife on the trek, we may encounter Impedance Pheasant, **Red-Billed Blue Magpie**, **Himalayan black bear**, **Musk Deer**, and even the **Red Panda**.

Before beginning the trek, we take a night bus to **Birtamod** and drive further to **Suketar** the following day. We then walk on the lowlands, hiking past terraced agriculture fields and charming villages up to a ridgeline full of rhododendron forests. **Gaining elevation, Everest, Lhotse, Makalu and Kanchenjunga (four of the world's five tallest mountains)** make their presence known. We are filled with glee while sharing their beautiful presence. Their sheer size will have your eyes wide open, and you may never forget the first moment you see these mountains.

We reach **Yalung Glacier** and cross a series of passes, and suddenly the views become more incredible. The trail reaches Pang Pema (5140 meters), the base camp for Kanchenjunga climbing expeditions. Soon after, we cross the **Lapsang La Pass** over to the south side of **Kanchenjunga**. On our descent, we stop at the yak pastures of **Ramche**, where there are views of the southwest face of Kanchenjunga, considered to be one of the most beautiful mountain massifs in the world. This view will leave you with an everlasting memory.

NOTE: If you would like to skip the night bus and fly to Biratnagar and take a shorter drive to Suketar, we can change the package to cater to your needs.

Highlights

Unbelievable views of Everest, Lhotse, Makalu, and Kanchenjunga (four of the five tallest mountain peaks in the world!)

Spending time with Rai and Limbu communities and seeing their unique, well-preserved way of life

Visiting Yalung, Zemu, and Kanchenjunga Glaciers

Having the remote trail all to yourself for most of the journey – a most peaceful feeling

Observe the plentiful wildlife in the area – including the Red Panda, Musk Deer and Snow Leopard

Outline Itinerary

Day 01 : Arrival at Kathmandu airport and transfer to hotel.

Day 02 : Sightseeing in Kathmandu Valley, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and night bus to Birtamod.

Day 03 : Drive from Birtamod to Suketar (2420m).

Day 04 : Suketar to Lali Kharka (2265m), 5-6 hours.

Day 05 : Lali Kharka to Kesuwa (2120m), 6-7 hours.

Day 06 : Kesuwa to Mamankhe (1785m), 6-7 hours.

Day 07 : Mamankhe to Yamphudin (2080m), 2-3 hours.

Day 08 : Yamphudin to Tortong (2995m), 7-8 hours.

Day 09 : Tortong to Tseram (3870m), 6-7 hours.

Day 10 : Tseram to Ramche (4580m), 5 hours.

Day 11 : Rest day for exploration around Ramche and Kanchenjunga Base Camp.

Day 12 : Ramche to Mirgin La (4480m), 7-8 hours.

Day 13 : Mirgin-La to Ghunsa (3595m). 3-4 hours.

Day 14 : Ghunsa to Khambachen (4050m), 6-7 hours.

Day 15 : Khambachen to Lhonak (4780m), 6-7 hours.

Day 16 : Lhonak to Pangpema (5140m), 4-5 hours.

Day 17 : Rest day for exploration around Pang Pema and Kanchenjunga Base Camp.

Day 18 : Retreat trek to Khambachen, 7-8 hours.

Day 19 : Khambachen to Ghunsa, 5-6 hours.

Day 20 : Ghunsa to Kyapra (2730m), 6 hours.

Day 21 : Kyapra to Sakathum (1580m), 6-7 hours.

Day 22 : Sakathum to Chirwa (1180m), 5-6 hours.

Day 23 : Chirwa to Phurumbu (1542m), 6 hours.

Day 24 : Phurumbu to Suketar, 4-5 hours.

Day 25 : Drive from Suketar to Birtamod.

Day 26 : Drive from Birtamod to Kathmandu.

Day 27 : Transfer to airport for your final departure from Nepal.

Cost Includes

- Transportation to and from Tribhuvan Airport.
- Three nights in a 2-3 star hotel in Kathmandu, breakfast included.
- All transportation for the trek.
- Kanchenjunga Trekking Permit
- Local guesthouse/teahouse accommodation in the mountain (and in Birtamod).
- Government-authorized experienced guide and porters
- Insurance, food, accommodation, and wage for guides and porters
- Hygienic meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) during the trek.
- All equipment (sleeping bag, warm layers, etc.)
- First Aid Kit
- Maps
- Service charge and government taxes
- Post-trek celebration dinner in Kathmandu

Cost Excludes

- International airfare
- Meals in Kathmandu (besides breakfast)
- Your personal expenses, shopping, etc.
- Shower and electronic charging fees at guest houses during the trek
- Alcoholic drinks, chocolates, tea and coffee
- Tips for guide and porter
- Extra accommodation and meals outside of itinerary
- Costs from unexpected occurrences (i.e. cancellations, weather problems, damages of property, illness, etc.)