Overview

Many people consider the **Kanchenjunga North Base Camp Trek** to be the most splendid of the **Kanchenjunga treks**. The trail climbs above valleys, gorges, and all settlements to reach the north face of the third highest mountain in the world – **Kanchenjunga(8,586 meters/28,169 feet)**. Along the remote trails beneath this behemoth of a mountain, it is possible you will walk for several days **without seeing another trekker**. It is a **journey of pure peace as you wander** through the remote alpine country of far **eastern Nepal**.

This **adventurous trail offers** the full-package Himalayan experience. We hike through wide valleys, narrow gorges, and rushing rivers. Ascending through lush rhododendron and bamboo forests, we walk for days among the glaciers and high alpine pastures. Our out-and-back trail ends **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.

To begin our **memorable 16-day excursion,** we take a night bus to Birtamod and drive to Suketar the following day. We trek through the lowlands and past terraced agricultural. 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. Try a **cup of Tongba, locally made hot millet wine**. As you slurp the first cup down, you get more and more refills of hot water, which is soaked up by the **fermented millet**. Before we know it, we are in a desolate area, too high for any vegetation to live.

As for wildlife on the trek, we may encounter the impedance Pheasant, Red-Billed Blue Magpie, Himalayan black bear, Musk Deer, and even the Red Panda. Oh, and keep your eyes out for the legendary Yeti, known to have been roaming around the region.

We have listed this trek as a ‘camping trek’ because accommodations/general facilities on this trek are limited. During the main tourism months, **most teahouses are open**. It is up to you whether you would rather camp or stay in a teahouse. We will discuss these logistics with you.

NOTE: If you would like to skip the night bus and fly to Biratnagar and take a shorter drive to Suketar, we can arrange this for an additional cost.

Trekking is possible throughout the year, but Spring (March to May) and Autumn (September to November) provide the best weather. During the Spring, there is a bit more color and the rhododendrons are blooming, and in the Autumn months, the skies are generally clearer. Depending on the time of the year that you make the trek, teahouses may not be open. We will give you the details before you book your trek. The **Kanchenjunga North Trek requires moderate fitness and acclimatization to avoid acute mountain sickness**

. **Breeze Adventure** arranges the trek with complete management. Please, feel free to contact us for more detailed information.

Highlights

Unbelievable views of, Kanchenjunga I, II, III, Kumbhakarna, Ramtang and Makalu.

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

Visiting Yalung, Jhinsang, 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 and Musk Deer.

Outline Itinerary

Day 01 : Sightseeing in Kathmandu Valley, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and night bus to Ilam.(9 hours)

Day 02 : Drive from Ilam to Taplejung , Ranipul (7 hours) and walk 30 min to Sakathum.

Day 03 : Trek from Sakathum to Amjilosa (2490m), 5-6 hours.

Day 04 : Trek from Amjilosa to Gyabla (2730m), 4-5 hours.

Day 05 : Trek from Gyabla to Ghunsa (3410m), 4-5 hours.

Day 06 : Acclimatization day at Ghunsa.

Day 07 : Trek from Ghunsa to Khambachen (4050m), 5-6 hours.

Day 08 : Acclimatization day at Khambachen, hike up to Nupchu Pokhari (5 hours) or Jannu view point (4 hours).

Day 09 : Trek from Khambachen to Lhonak (4780m), 5 hours.

Day 10 : Trek from Lhonak to Kanchenjunga North Base Camp (Pang Pema) (5140m), 3 hours.

Day 11 : Trek from Kanchenjunga North Base Camp (Pang Pema) to Khambachen, 6-7 hours.

Day 12 : Trek from Khambachen to Ghunsa, 5-6 hours.

Day 13 : Trek from Ghunsa to Amjilosa, 6-7 hours.

Day 14 : Trek fro Amjilosa to Sakathum 5 hours.

Day 15 : Trek from Sakathum to Ilam (1120m), 7 hours.

Day 16 : Drive from Ilam to Kathmandu, 9 hours.

Cost Includes

- Transportation to and from Tribhuvan Airport.
- Two nights in a 2-3 star hotel in Kathmandu, breakfast included.
- All transportation for the trek.
- Kanchenjunga Trekking Permit
- Local guest house/teahouse accommodation in mountain.
- 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.)