Overview

The slightly **shorter and lower of the Kanchenjunga treks**, Kanchenjunga **South Base Camp Trek**, is hardly less stunning than the others. The path climbs through lush, ancient forests teeming with Spanish mosses before reaching the desolate mountain country of the Yalung Glacier, just below the south face of **Kanchenjunga (8,586 meters/28,169 feet** – the third largest mountain in the world. In fact, before it was discovered that **Everest** is the highest mountain in the world, **Kanchenjunga was said to be the tallest.**

With over **15,00 meters** of altitude change, you are in for a bit of a challenge. However, the hard work pays off and you will have one of the best times of your life. Pass through remote, charming Limbu villages that see few trekkers. It is possible to walk for days **without seeing another foreigner.** Because of this, you will be able to develop more personal relationships and even friendships with the **Rai, Limbu, and Tibetan villagers,** who show you their great hospitality. If you have the interest, try some **cups of Tongba,** locally made **hot millet wine**. After the first cup is finished, you'll get your cup filled and refilled until your heart's content.

These ethnic groups speak their own dialect and many aspects of their culture differ from those of the Nepali people in the middle hills and Terai region. You will find this fascinating to learn about. In terms of the wildlife of the trek, we might run into the **Himalayan Tahr, Himalayan black bear, musk deer, and perhaps the elusive Red Panda**. Oh, and the legend of the Yeti lives in these areas, so keep your eyes and ears peeled.

Immerse yourself in the mystique of the mountains. Listen to nothing but the blowing wind and the sound of your foot and the trail meeting each other. Reach **Yalung Glacier** and enjoy a heart-stopping view of the **south face of Kanchenjunga,** which takes up nearly your entire view. From here, descend slowly back to Suketar, admiring the beauty throughout.

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 Lalikharka, 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 South Base Camp 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

Astonishing views of Kanchenjunga, Kabru, Rathong and Talung.

Get to know about the Rai and Limbu communities and try some cups of Tongba

Scenic drives to Lalikharka and from Ranipul through the beautiful middle hills

Peace and quiet on the empty Kanchenjunga South Base Camp trail – allowing you to forget about all your worries off the trail

Have a chance to see the abundant wildlife on the trail, including the Red Panda and Blue Sheep

Eye-popping view of the south face of Kanchenjunga from Yalung Glacier

Outline Itinerary

Day 01 : Sightseeing in Kathmandu Valley, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and night bus to ilam.

Day 02 : Drive from ilam to Taplejung and Lalikharka. (2420m).

Day 03 : Lalikharka to Khesewa (2120m), 6-7 hours.

Day 04 : Kheseuwa to Pumpe Dada (1785m), 6-7 hours.

Day 05 : Trek from Pumpe Dada to Yamphudin (2080m), 2-3 hours.

Day 06 : Trek from Yamphudin to Tortong (2995m), 7-8 hours.

Day 07 : Trek from Tortong to Tseram (Cheram) and hike up to Lake (3870m), 6-7 hours.

Day 08 : Trek from Tseram to Ramche and explore Yalung Glacier, (4580m), 7-8 hours.

Day 09 : Rest day for exploration around Ramche and Kanchenjunga South Base Camp, (4730m)

Day 10 : Retreat trek from Ramche to Tortong,(2995m).

Day 11 : Trek from Tortong to Ranipul, (1550m) 6-7 hours.

Day 12 : Drive from Ranipul to Taplejung (4 hours) and Taplejung to ilam (4 hours), (1150m).

Day 13 : Drive from ilam to Kathmandu.

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 guest house/teahouse accommodation in 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.)