

## Kanchenjunga North Base Camp Trek

**Location:** Taplejung, Koshi Province   **Duration:** 16 Days   **Max altitude:** 5,143 m (Pangpema)   **Difficulty:** Challenging

**Group size:** 2–10 people

### Overview

Stand below the towering north face of Mount Kanchenjunga (8,586 m), the world's third-highest peak, on this remote restricted-area trek in far-eastern Nepal. The Pangpema viewpoint offers an unforgettable close-up of the gigantic Kanchenjunga north face, while the trail winds through Limbu and Sherpa villages, dense rhododendron forests, and the magnificent Kanchenjunga Conservation Area. With far fewer trekkers than Everest or Annapurna, this is a real adventure for those who want true wilderness.

### Highlights

- Pangpema viewpoint at the foot of Kanchenjunga (5,143 m)
- World's 3rd-highest mountain up close
- Diverse ethnic groups — Limbu, Rai, Sherpa
- Off-the-beaten-path wilderness trail
- Rich biodiversity in Kanchenjunga Conservation Area

### Day-by-Day Itinerary

#### DAY 1 Fly Kathmandu to Bhadrapur, drive to Ilam

1,200 m. Tea-garden capital of Nepal.

#### DAY 2 Drive Ilam to Taplejung

1,820 m. Long but scenic drive into the hills.

#### DAY 3 Drive to Sekathum, trek to Chiruwa

1,270 m. Begin the trek along the Tamur river.

#### DAY 4 Chiruwa to Sukathum

1,575 m. Subtropical forest trail.

#### DAY 5 Sukathum to Amjilosa

2,510 m. Steep climb through bamboo forest.

#### DAY 6 Amjilosa to Gyabla

2,730 m. Scenic forest trail.

#### DAY 7 Gyabla to Ghunsa

3,475 m. Tibetan-flavoured Sherpa village.

**DAY 8 Acclimatisation day at Ghunsa**

Important rest day for altitude.

**DAY 9 Ghunsa to Kambachen**

4,050 m. Cross moraines and pasturelands.

**DAY 10 Kambachen to Lhonak**

4,790 m. Approach the Kanchenjunga glacier.

**DAY 11 Lhonak to Pangpema and back**

5,143 m. Stand below Kanchenjunga's north face.

**DAY 12 Lhonak to Ghunsa**

Long descent retracing route.

**DAY 13 Ghunsa to Amjilosa**

Continue descending through forest.

**DAY 14 Amjilosa to Sekathum, drive to Taplejung**

Final descent and roadhead pickup.

**DAY 15 Drive to Bhadrapur, fly to Kathmandu**

Long road-and-air return.

**DAY 16 Departure**

Airport transfer.

## What's Included

- ✓ KCA Restricted Area Permit
- ✓ Senior English-speaking guide
- ✓ Porters (1 per 2 trekkers)
- ✓ Teahouse & basic lodge accommodation
- ✓ All meals during trek
- ✓ Kathmandu—Bhadrapur—Taplejung flights

## What's Not Included

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Nepal visa fees
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Personal trekking gear
- ✗ Tips for guide and porters

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