Kanchenjunga North Base camp trek

DURATION: 15 DAYS

Trip Facts

Group Size 1 - 10 Persons

Trip Grade Moderate

Accommodation Hotel, Guest House / Tea House

Max Height 5143 Metres

Start From Kathmandu

End At Kathmandu

Transportation Plane, Car, Jeep

Duration 15 Days

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Days

Best season:
March - May, September - November

Trip Overview

Kanchenjunga North Base Camp Trek is a day-long trek in Nepal, starting from Kathmandu and departing from Suketar Airport. The trek takes hikers through beautiful villages, forests, and landscapes, observing ethnic groups practicing traditional culture. The trek includes a visit to **Mount Kanchenjunga, Mount Yalungkang, Jannu, Makalu, Lhotse, and Everest.** The route also includes observing snow leopards, red pandas, musk deer, and various bird species. The trek passes through high-altitude terrain and the massive glacier, offering an incredible close-up view of Mount Kanchenjunga.

Kanchenjunga Base Camp trek is a challenging but rewarding adventure that showcases the breathtaking beauty of the Himalayas. **As hikers make their way through the high-altitude** terrain and massive glacier, they will be treated to an unforgettable close-up view of Mount Kanchenjunga. The trek also **offers the opportunity** to observe rare wildlife such as snow leopards, red pandas, musk deer, and a variety of bird species, making it a truly **immersive and awe-inspiring experience.**

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 FLIGHT FROM KATHMANDU - BHADRAPUR (93 m) 45 MINUTES FLIGHT THEN DRIVE TO TAPLEJUNG (1820 m)

8 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Guest House | Plane, Jeep | 1820 m

Early in the morning, we take our flight to Bhadrapur from Kathmandu with the scenic view of the Eastern region. After 45 minutes of flight, we reach the Bhardrapur airport then we will take a car/jeep from Bhadrapur for Illam/Taplejunga which will take Approx 8 hours of drive. We will stop in the beautiful tea garden of Illam also known as the garden of Nepal for our lunch. After our Lunch, we will decent upward from Illam for our overnight stay in Taplejung.

Day 2 TAPLEJUNG - HELLOK (1740 m) DRIVE BY PRIVATE JEEP

5 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Jeep | 1740 m

Today we will drive after breakfast head towards the Mitlung/Sinuwa by crossing the small river over the suspension bridge. Then our trail descends down to Tamor Riverwalk through villages and terraced fields. Some irregular villages give us an opportunity to meet local people. Upon arriving at Tamor River, we follow some narrow trails close to the river. Then a gradual uphill trail through the terraced fields and few houses take to the village of Ranipul.

Day 3 SEKATHUM/RANIPUL- AMJILOSA (2308 m)

6 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking | 2308 m

After breakfast, we head to a series of impressive suspension bridges that leads us back and forth across the Ghunsa Khola to Jaubari, then across another bridge to the narrow trail leading up the steeply-sided slopes to Amjilosa.

Day 4 AMJILOSA - GYABLA (2730 m)

6 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking | 2730 m

After breakfast, we start our trek along the thickly forested region of dense rhododendron and venerable oak trees, past myriad waterfalls and the scattered villages lying quietly below the mountains in their peaceful valley. Eagles soar lazily above us, yaks graze solemnly in green pastures, and occasional signs of wildlife come into view among the trees or high on the slopes.

Day 5 GYABLA -GHUNSA VILLAGE (3595 m)

7 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking | 3595 m

After breakfast, we head towards the Tibetan refugee village of Phalle, and then we explore to tiny Tibetan refugee village and monastery along lunch time, make the steady climb to the picturesque town of Ghunsa and its superb view of the surrounding countryside.

Day 6 REST & ACCLIMATIZATION DAY- GHUNSA VILLAGE

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | 3595 m

After breakfast, we explore tiny Ghunsa village and make a local hand made carpet and supports for local people economic rise, designated rest day to help the body acclimate to the high altitude, and Ghunsa is perfectly suited to the task by virtue of its scenic alpine surroundings and points of cultural interest, including the local gompa.

Day 7 GHUNSA - KHAMBACHEN (4050 m)

6 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking | 4050 m

After Breakfast, we head to Khambachen along the green forests concede to the frost-browned vegetation of the alpine regions of the Kanchenjunga region as we climb steadily to the upper glacial valleys on our path, with mighty Jannu standing before us in all its glory as we trek through the scenic landscape towards Khambachen

Day 8 KAMBACHEN – LHONAK (4,780 m)

6 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking | 4780 m

Today will be another challenging day and an early start is needed. We will trek through rocky fields and large boulders on the hillside along the riverbank and arrive at a waterfall. We will then cross a bridge to Ramtang monastery. After that we will cross a landslide section which we must pass through at a steady pace before descending to the river and finally arriving at Lhonak. We will stay overnight in Lhonak.

Day 9 KANCHENJUNGA BASE CAMP (5,143 m)

7 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking | 5143 m

From Lhonak, we trek towards the Kanchenjunga Base Camp. Our trail is alongside the gigantic Kanchenjunga Glacier. After passing Pangpema we will descend towards the Kanchenjunga Base Camp. The view from the base camp is magnificent. Mount Kanchenjunga, Jannu Himal, and other Himalayan peaks are ours to admire. After then we will descend back to Pangpema and stay overnight.

Day 10 PANGPEMA – KHAMBACHEN (4050 m)

7 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking | 4050 m

From returning by the same route to lho-nak, we gain a different and refreshing perspective of the region's beautiful scenery. Pema we trace back our steps to khambachen.

Day 11 KHAMBACHEN– GHUNSA/PHALLE VILLAGE (3475 m)

7 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking | 3475 m

From Lhonak, we will descend all the way to Ghunsa via Tibetan refugee village Phalle. It is the same route we took when we were climbing up

Day 12 PHALLE– AMJILOSA/THYANYANI (2,308 m)

6 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking | 2308 m

from/Phalle Ghunsa, we descend towards Phale. We will pass through several Mani’s and a monastery nearby. We will walk through Juniper forests and reach Phale. From there, it is a steady descent to Gyabla. We will cross a bridge over river Chhundatangka and reach Gyabla. As we continue our trek, we see a waterfall nearby. We also cross a suspension bridge over river Sumbung before reaching Amjilosa. Today we stay overnight in Amjilosa

Day 13 AMJILOSA – RANIPUL (QUEEN BRIDGE) - TAPLEJUNG (1,270 m) TREK AND SAME DAY DRIVE BACK TAPLEJUG, OVERNIGHT STAY TAPALEJUNG

4 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Guest House | Walking & Jeep | 1270 m

Today we will drive through the Taplejung Bazaar with the private jeep/car then we will drive and see Nepali culture and lifestyle and a beautiful cardamom garden with a beautiful rice paddy field. After approx 6 hours of drive, we will reach Illam Bazaar and stay overnight in Illam. After reaching Illam we will do the sightseeing of Illam Bazaar and Illam Bazar is one of the most popular business hubs between India and Nepal. Illam is very famous for its local products like Tea, Cardamom, Ginger, Ghee, chilly, and many other household products.

Day 14 TAPLEJUNG - ILAM (800 m)

4 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Hotel | Jeep | 800 m

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Day 15 ILLAM TO BHADRAPUR BY PRIVATE JEEP DRIVE AND FLIGHT BACK - KATHMANDU

5 Hrs | Breakfast & Lunch | Hotel | Jeep & Plane | 1400 m

We will drive from Illam to Bhadrapur by private jeep through the tea garden with small towns Kanyam, we can see many scenes of tea garden, Nepali lifestyle and we can buy varieties of tea and local products from Fickal Bazzar/ Kanya. Then we will drive to Bhadrapur airport for our flights and we will fly back to Kathmandu on the same day.

Cost Includes

- Airport/ hotel pick up and drop off by private vehicle
- Hotels in Kathmandu, inclusive of breakfast
- Three Times Meals during the trek
- Government licensed, experienced English speaking guide
- One porter per two people
- Food, accommodation, salary, insurance, equipment, and medicine for all staff.
- All government taxes
- One trekking map per person
- Kanchenjunga permit and conservation fee
- Sleeping bags and down jackets for the trek (should be refunded after the trek)
- Surface transportation
- First aid kit
- Domestic flight tickets KTM–BDR/Suketa
- Fresh fruit during the trek
- Marsh bar and snicker 1 pic each day during the trek

Cost Excludes

- Travel and rescue insurance
- Beverage bills, bar bills, and personal expenses
- Nepal entry visa
- Tips for guide, porter, and driver
- Extra day Kathmandu Hotel
- Excess baggage charges (if you have more than 10 kg of luggage, a cargo charge is around $1.5 per kg)
- Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu because of early arrival, late departure, early return from mountain (due to any reason) than the scheduled itinerary
- Lunch and evening meals in Kathmandu (and also in the case of early return from the mountain than the scheduled itinerary)
- Optional trips and sightseeing if extended

Trip Map