

# Kanchenjunga Expedition

## Trip Overview

Kanchenjunga Expedition is one of the best expeditions above 8000m mountain. Mount Kanchenjunga stands fourth highest mountain in the world. This situated on the border between Nepal and India. It is a part of Eastern Himalayas located along the Nepal-Sikkim border about 20 km South of Tibet. Mount Kanchenjunga is one of the fourteen mountains on Earth that are more than 8,000 m high above sea level. At an elevation of 8,586 m (28,169 ft), it stands enormous and very charismatic making it the world's third tallest mountain and second highest in Nepal.

Renowned as the queen of mountains the name Kanchenjunga is derived from four words of Tibetan origin, usually rendered Kang-chen-dzo-nga (Kang: Snow, Chen: Big, Dzö: Treasury, Nga: Five), or Yang-chhen-dzö-nga and interpreted as the "Five Treasuries of the Great Snow" owing to the five major peaks in the region. The five peaks in Kanchenjunga are: Main, West, Central, South and Kangbachen and the five treasures of God are gold, silver, gems, grain, and holy books. The mountain holds an important place in the mythology and religious ritual of the local inhabitants. Also in the Kirant religion, Kanchenjunga is considered sacred and in the local Limbu language, Kanchenjunga is called Sewalungma means "Mountain that we offer Greetings to". The location of Mt. Kanchenjunga whether in Nepal or in India have always confused people but either answer is correct as it lies in both countries. It is located on the border of Nepal and Sikkim, just 46 miles northwest of Darjeeling. Three of the five peaks - The centre, main and south peaks are situated in Taplejung, Nepal while the north peak lies in Sikkim India.

There are four climbing routes in Mt. Kanchenjunga out of which three of which are in Nepal (South West, North West, and North East) and one in North East Sikkim. The safest routes considered are The North West and South West climbing routes however they are not simple. The climbing history shows that these two routes are the most popular and the North East climbing route from Sikkim recorded only three successful summits to date. A portion of the region is also shared with Bhutan. Nevertheless, the best Kanchenjunga trekking trails lie on Nepal's side. With many other attempts, Kanchenjunga was first climbed on May 25, 1955 by Joe Brown and George Band, who were part of a British expedition. In Taplejung district of Nepal, Kanchenjunga Conservation Area Project covers a total area of 2,035 square km (786 sq mi) and it is run by the World Wildlife Fund jointly associated with the Government of Nepal. The National Park is shared between the three countries Nepal, India and Bhutan. Of the 22,000 km<sup>2</sup> covered by the park, 14,000 km<sup>2</sup> lies in India, 3,700 km<sup>2</sup> in Nepal and 4,600 km<sup>2</sup> in Bhutan. Mount Kanchenjunga is one of the most stunning Himalayas. The best months of Expedition are from April- May and from October - November. If you are expert climbers, you will have another memorable experience of life. And if you are just a beginner, you are definitely going to create a memorable experience for a lifetime!

## Trip Highlights

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