

Kilimanjaro



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Location:	Tanzania, East Africa
Highest Peak:	5895m
Wildlife:	Over 150 different species of mammals recorded including the blue monkey and birds such as the white-necked raven. In the lower regions, rare sightings occur of elephants, giraffes, buffalo and porcupines.
Climbing:	There are several different recognised routes to ascend Kilimanjaro. The highest summit is the snow-capped Uruhu Peak.

Mount Everest



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Location:	Himalayas, Nepal
Highest Peak:	8848m
Wildlife:	Himalayan black bear, Himalayan tahr, snow leopard, red panda and musk deer and many more.
Climbing:	Despite being the highest mountain in the world, this challenge has attracted thousands of recorded expeditions to the summit. The first successfully confirmed assault was part of a British expedition and achieved by Sir Edmund Hilary and Tenzing Norgay in 1953.

K2



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Location:	Himalayas, Pakistan/China border.
Highest Peak:	8611m
Wildlife:	Animals include the Himalayan wild yak and wild goat. Over 300 species of mammals are thought to inhabit the Himalayas.
Climbing:	K2 is the second highest mountain in the world, and was long considered to be unclimbable. It is still recognised as one of the most dangerous mountains to ascend.

Denali



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Location:	Alaska, USA
Highest Peak:	6190m
Wildlife:	Wolves, bears, caribou and moose all inhabit the national park in which the Denali mountain is located. Dall sheep can be found high up the mountain along with a wide range of bird species.
Climbing:	Formerly known as Mount McKinley, the mountain is climbed regularly now with an ascent taking between two and four weeks.

Aconcagua



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Location:	Andes, Argentina, South America
Highest Peak:	6960m
Wildlife:	Many bird species inhabit the area including the condor and the purple eagle. Land animals include mountain rats and the red fox.
Climbing:	The highest mountain outside of Asia. Not considered to be technically difficult for mountaineers, if approached from the north.

Mount Fuji



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Location:	Japan
Highest Peak:	3776m
Wildlife:	Squirrels, foxes and birds can commonly be spotted as well as some rare sightings of black bears and the unusual Japanese serow.
Climbing:	Has a peak climbing season of early July to mid-September when the weather conditions are best. So popular during a festival week in August that climbers have to queue at some passages.

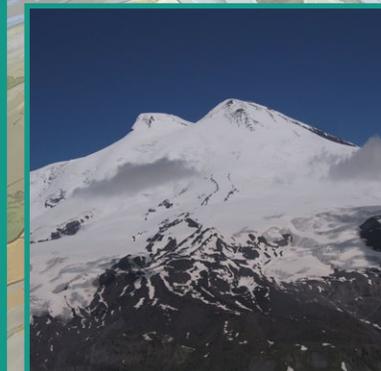
Puncak Jaya (peak)



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Location:	Mount Jayawijaya, Indonesia
Highest Peak:	4884m
Wildlife:	Wildlife is similar to that of Australasia, including tree kangaroos, wallabies and bandicoots.
Climbing:	Expeditions to ascend this mountain usually involve a route through dense jungle in a climate with lots of rainfall, making it a very difficult trek at times.

Mount Elbrus



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Location:	Caucasus Mountains, Russia
Highest Peak:	5642m
Wildlife:	Animals inhabiting the region include the Caucasian red deer, Syrian brown bear and Eurasian wolf.
Climbing:	A more accessible mountain to ascend than some of the higher peaks of the world but considered the highest mountain in Europe. A cable car operates in the lower regions.