

The tables published below refer to the most recent peak fee updates published by the governments of India, Pakistan, Nepal and Tibet at the end of last year. This "price list" includes mountains from the lowest Trekking peaks to the 8000m Himalayan giants. These figures should be viewed as indicative as they are of course subject to change at any given time.

A quick glance reveals that the most expensive permit is that fixed by the Nepalese government for the ascent of Everest via the South Col. To follow in Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay's footsteps, a seven-man expedition must expect to pay US\$ 70,000. Noblesse oblige, or the result of an overcrowding which, notwithstanding the high costs, seems not to be slowing down in the slightest?

It is interesting to note that the cost of climbing Everest from the north, i.e. from Tibet, is significantly less than from Nepal, even if the real cost is slightly higher than the published US\$ 5000 for a seven-man expedition. This is because all expeditions are obliged to work with the China Tibet Mountaineering Association for jeep transportation with driver, lorry for transporting gear, liaison officer, interpreter, lodging, meals, bureaucratic assistance at the border, yak transport, road permit and road maintenance fee.

INDIA	Fee for 12 people	Environment Fee**	Equipment Liason Officer	Total	Extra fees for 4 members, from 13 to 16
Trekking peaks*	US\$ 1500	None	US\$ 500	US\$ 800	Forfeit US\$ 100
6500 m and lower	US\$ 2000	US\$ 400		US\$ 2400	Forfeit US\$ 400
6501-7000 m	US\$ 3000			US\$ 2900	
7001 m and higher (Nun and Kun included)	6500 m and lower			US\$ 3900	
Mountains in "restricted" areas	US\$ 4000			US\$ 4900	US\$ 300 per extra person
Mountains of the East Karakorum***					

* Four mountains only are considered Trekking Peaks :

1. Stok Kangri (6.153 m.), Ladakh.
2. Friendship (5.289 m.), Himachal, Manali area.
3. Ladakhi (5.342 m.), Himachal, Manali area.
4. Hanuman (5.366 m.), Garhwal.

** The Environment Fee is non refundable.

*** Mixed expeditions only (Indian/foreign with Indian leader) are permitted to climb in the east Karakorum.

NOTE: No trekking or climbing permit is needed for peaks lower than 5000m located outside of the "restricted" area. No Liason Officer is needed for treks and passes lower than 6000 m.

PAKISTAN	Fee for 7 people	Extra fees	Environment Fee*
K2 - 8611 m	US\$ 12000	US\$ 2000 per person	US\$ 200
8001-8500 m	US\$ 9000	US\$ 1500 per person	
7501-8000 m	US\$ 4000	US\$ 500 per person	
7001-7500 m	US\$ 2500	US\$ 300 per person	
6000-7000 m	US\$ 1500	US\$ 200 per person	

* The Environment Fee is non refundable.

NOTE: As of 30 October 2000 it is possible to purchase the Tourist Visa directly in Pakistan. A 30-day "landing permit" is provided in the airport, needed to purchase a 3-month Tourist Visa from the Regional passport Office. This can be extended for a further three months.

NEPAL	Fee for 7 people	Extra fees up to 12 people*	Environment Fee**
Everest (South Col)	US\$ 70000	US\$ 10000 per person	US\$ 4000 per expedition
Everest (other routes)	US\$ 50000	US\$ 10000 per person	US\$ 3000 per expedition
8000 m	US\$ 10000	US\$ 1500 per person	US\$ 2000 per expedition
7501-7999 m	US\$ 4000	US\$ 500 per person	
7001-7500 m	US\$ 3000	US\$ 400 per person	
6501-7000 m	US\$ 2000	US\$ 300 per person	
6500 and lower	US\$ 1500	US\$ 200 per person	

* Expeditions larger than 12 are obliged to purchase a new permit.

** The "Environmental Fee" deposit is refunded after the liaison officer has checked that all expedition rubbish has been collected and treated accordingly.

TIBET	Fee for 7 people	Extra fees	Environment Fee
Everest	US\$ 5000	10 % of the fee	US\$ 25 per person
Cho Oyu & Shisha Pangma	US\$ 3000		
Other 8000 m peaks and higher	US\$ 1760		
7.000 m and higher	US\$ 1080		
6.000 m and higher	US\$ 700		
6.000 m and lower	US\$ 300		

NOTE: prices refer exclusively to the peak royalty and do not include the obligatory service pack offered by the China Tibet Mountaineering Association (jeep transportation with driver, lorry for transporting gear, liaison officer, interpreter, lodging, meals, bureaucratic assistance at the border, yak transport, road permit and road maintenance fee).

Film permit: Everest US\$ 6000; Cho Oyu and Shisha Pangma US\$ 5000

Satellite telephone permit: US\$ 2000

Tax fee for cook: US\$ 1500 per Sherpa and/or a Sherpa from Nepal