

## Mount Kilimanjaro

Mount Kilimanjaro is located in Tanzania, East Africa. Its highest peak is 5,895m high. The top of the mountain is covered with glacier ice. The glacier have shrunk by 80% since 1912. Scientist believe it may be ice free within 20 years!



The mountain has three volcanic cones named: Shira, Mawenzi and Kibo.

The volcanic peaks Shira and Mawenzi are extinct but Kibo, the highest peak, could erupt again. The last major eruption was 360,000 years ago.

## Mount Everest

Mount Everest is the highest mountain on Earth at 8850m. It is part of the Himalayan mountain range and straddles the border of Nepal and Tibet. This mountain is over 60 million years old.



At the top of Everest, oxygen drops by two-thirds and the temperature is so low that it can cause frost bite.

The first people to climb Mount Everest were Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay and they did so together in 1953.

## K2

K2 is the second highest mountain on Earth. It stands at 8611m above sea level. Like Mount Everest, K2 is part of the Himalayan range mountains. K2 is located on the Pakistan-China border. K2 is the National mountain of Pakistan. The first ascent of K2 was done by Achille Compagnoni and Lino Lacedelli in 1954.

Another name for K2 is Chagori which means large mountain.

300 people have climbed the mountain and 80 people have died trying to climb it. Climbers say that the k2 is much worse than Mount Everest to climb because of the weather and the higher area.



