

The highest mountains



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The highest mountain on each continent (the Seven Summits) and the peaks higher than 8,000 metres.

The Seven Summits

Continent	Mountain	Height	Country	First climbed
Asia	Mount Everest	8,849 m (29,032 ft)	China, Nepal	1953
South America	Aconcagua	6,961 m (22,838 ft)	Argentina	1897
North America	Denali	6,194 m (20,322 ft)	United States	1913
Africa	Kilimanjaro	5,895 m (19,341 ft)	Tanzania	1889
Europe	Mount Elbrus	5,642 m (18,510 ft)	Russia	1874
Antarctica	Mount Vinson	4,892 m (16,050 ft)	None	1966
Australia	Mount Kosciuszko	2,228 m (7,310 ft)	Australia	

Europe: The Hackett list names Mont Blanc (4,810 m) instead. Australia: The Messner list names Puncak Jaya (4,884 m) instead.

The eight-thousanders

#	Mountain	Height	Countries	Range	Climbed
1	Mount Everest	8,849 m (29,032 ft)	China, Nepal	Himalayas	1953
2	K2	8,611 m (28,251 ft)	Pakistan, China	Karakoram	1954
3	Kangchenjunga	8,586 m (28,169 ft)	Nepal, India	Himalayas	1955
4	Lhotse	8,516 m (27,940 ft)	China, Nepal	Himalayas	1956
5	Makalu	8,485 m (27,838 ft)	Nepal, China	Himalayas	1955
6	Cho Oyu	8,188 m (26,864 ft)	China, Nepal	Himalayas	1954
7	Dhaulagiri I	8,167 m (26,795 ft)	Nepal	Himalayas	1960
8	Manaslu	8,163 m (26,781 ft)	Nepal	Himalayas	1956
9	Nanga Parbat	8,126 m (26,660 ft)	Pakistan	Himalayas	1953
10	Annapurna I	8,091 m (26,545 ft)	Nepal	Himalayas	1950
11	Gasherbrum I	8,080 m (26,509 ft)	Pakistan, China	Karakoram	1958
12	Broad Peak	8,051 m (26,414 ft)	Pakistan, China	Karakoram	1957
13	Gasherbrum II	8,035 m (26,362 ft)	Pakistan, China	Karakoram	1956
14	Shishapangma	8,027 m (26,335 ft)	China	Himalayas	1964

Heights, countries and first ascents from Wikipedia tables (Seven Summits, List of highest mountains on Earth, Eight-thousander), checked against Wikidata. Heights differ a little between surveys; we use the figure both sources agree on within 30 m.

Quiz: circle the right answer

1. What is the highest mountain in North America?

- a) Mount Elbrus b) Denali c) Kilimanjaro d) K2

2. In which country is Mount Kosciuszko?

- a) Australia b) Samoa c) Kiribati d) New Zealand

3. In which country is Gasherbrum I?

- a) Bangladesh b) Afghanistan c) Maldives d) Pakistan

4. Which mountain is higher?

- a) Mount Everest b) K2

5. In which country is Makalu?

- a) Nepal b) Maldives c) Iran d) Bangladesh

6. Which mountain is higher?

- a) Aconcagua b) Dhaulagiri I

7. In which country is Nanga Parbat?

- a) India b) Afghanistan c) Pakistan d) Sri Lanka

8. Which mountain is higher?

- a) Kilimanjaro b) Mount Elbrus

9. What is the highest mountain in Antarctica?

- a) Makalu b) Denali c) Manaslu d) Mount Vinson

10. In which country is Cho Oyu?

- a) China b) Mongolia c) North Korea d) South Korea

Answers

1. Denali
2. Australia
3. Pakistan
4. Mount Everest
5. Nepal
6. Dhaulagiri I
7. Pakistan
8. Kilimanjaro
9. Mount Vinson
10. China