Roof of the World

Central Asia’s Tibetan Plateau is justifiably nicknamed “the roof of the world” — its average elevation is more than 4,500 meters (14,800 feet). It is the world’s highest and largest plateau, covering an area roughly four times the size of Texas. Tenement rivers have deepened the Tibetan Plateau’s steep and eroded mountain ridges. This scene also features some of the area’s deep, glacier-fed lakes. The two largest lakes in this scene are Mngi’gyangpham near the upper left and Dongdingkha just below it.

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