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. Numerous areas have long shaped the Tibetan Plateau's unique and spectacular mountain ranges. This scene also features some of the area's deep, glacier-fed lakes. The two largest lakes in this image are Mānggonglíngkā near the upper left and Dongyinghūn just below it.

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