

### WHITE DESERT & ANTARCTICA

Almost two decades ago, we dreamed of sharing this extraordinary continent, so rarely visited, with people other than scientists and explorers. We wanted to guide people on a personal journey to the last true wilderness and most remote place on Earth – Antarctica.

Each year we have the privilege of bringing fewer than 300 guests from Cape Town to the Seventh Continent. We want people to experience this breath-taking place in luxury and to hopefully go home changed in the most positive of ways.

With rare access to the interior of Antarctica and the support of our extraordinary guides, you will encounter a pristine glacial landscape of immeasurable splendour. Here icebergs tower like carved cathedrals, wildlife thrives in the harshest of conditions, glistening ice sheets stretch to the skyline and shards of rock pierce through pristine snowfields. The end of the world is unimaginably beautiful.

The Continent has had a deep and lasting impact on all of us at White Desert and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Patrick Woodhead
Co-founder and CEC

"The mountains are the most impressive I have seen across Earth, Venus and Mars."

~ Col. TERRY VIRTS

### SUSTAINABILITY

White Desert believes that responsible tourism is a genuine force for good. We support Sir David Attenborough's stance on the transformative power of first-hand travel/knowledge: "No one will protect what they don't care about, and no one will care about what they have never experienced".

Mindful of this delicate environment, the experience is designed to leave no trace on the glacial landscape. Sustainable practices are implemented across every aspect of our operation. There are few places on earth that can provide such potential for personal growth and a change in perspective - simply through visiting. Our guests often leave Antarctica forever changed, returning home as ambassadors for our planet.



SAF - We are the first operator in Antarctica to use Sustainable Aviation Fuel in our fleet. White Desert aims to replace all fuel used in Antarctica to SAF over a 3-5 year period.



Carbon neutral - White Desert was the first aviation operator in Antarctica to be entirely Carbon Neutral, a status the company has held since 2007. Your entire trip with us is fully offset.





Waste management We minimise waste by
repackaging all consumables
before bringing them to
Antarctica. At season's end, all
solid waste is shipped back to
South Africa for recycling or
responsible disposal.

## **TRAVEL**

**CPT**South Africa

WFR Antarctica

The journey to the Continent is aboard one of our aircraft; a 'heavy' such as an Airbus A340 or private jet. Travelling in business class, you will join a select group of like-minded explorers journeying across the mighty Southern Ocean.

During the **5.5 hour flight**, we cross the Polar Circle and soar over thousands of icebergs and pass into 24 hours of continuous sunshine.

Destination: Wolf's Fang Runway.











## **WOLF'S FANG RUNWAY**

Wolf's Fang is one of the only privately managed blue ice runways in the world. The three-kilometre stretch stands in the shadow of one of the continent's most iconic mountains - named Ulvetanna or 'Wolf's Fang' by the early Norwegian explorers. It stands like a primeval sentinel surrounded by staggering spires of rock that pierce the icebound landscape.

On arrival, that first glacial breath charges through your body with lightning speed. Underfoot the ice crackles – sound heightened by the overwhelming sense of stillness. In every direction the timeless landscape envelops you and the magnitude of where you are becomes a visceral reality.

## YOUR TIME ON THE ICE

After your arrival (and depending on the weather on ice) you will spend approx. 3 hours on the continent. We have a couple of unique activities to share; our qualified mountain guides will lead you into an ice cave nearby and take you on a gentle hike to a mountain where we will host a champagne picnic with views of the Wolf's Fang range. For the more daring, you can abseil down the side before crossing the glacial ice back to the Snow Lounge for a final drink before you board your return flight to Cape Town.







# YOUR SAFETY, OUR PRIORITY

Across Antarctica's icebound terrain, nature reigns supreme.

For all its beauty, Antarctica can be a challenging environment, with low temperatures, strong winds and high altitudes. We know the best way to protect you is with specialist staff. We have a team of around 150 on ice across the season and we are uncompromising about the experience and expertise of our people. You can trust them to keep you safe on every step of your journey.

All our mountain guides have completed the strenuous 5-year UIAGM qualification, while each camp has its own fully qualified trauma doctor and accompanying medical kits. Our chief pilot has over 10 years of experience flying in Antarctica with over 18,000 hours of logged flight time.

Tracking, satellite communications and mutual Search & Rescue agreements are all part of White Desert's comprehensive safety policies.

Furthermore, by operating our own aircraft, we also have the speed and flexibility to arrange an evacuation back to Cape Town in the unlikely event that one should become necessary.



### INCLUSIONS / EXCLUSIONS

**GUESTS: 8 MAXIMUM** 

FLIGHT TO ANTARCTICA: 5.5HRS

FITNESS: ★☆☆☆☆

#### **INCLUDED**

Safety briefing (return transfers provided)

Return transfers for Antarctica flights

Return flight to Antarctica (inc. 7kg for hand luggage)

All accommodation, food and drinks (including all alcohol) in Antarctica

All guiding fees, support of field guides and logistics staff

The use of certain items of polar clothing, as denoted on equipment list

Payment by White Desert Ltd of a 'Carbon Tax' for offsetting emissions created by all logistics associated with Antarctic travel

#### **EXCLUDED**

Commercial flights to and from Cape Town, South Africa

Accommodation and meals whilst in Cape Town

Polar clothing (you will be sent a tailored kit list in advance of your trip to help you purchase the necessary items)

Comprehensive insurance cover (White Desert staff can advise you as to the appropriate cover required)

Additional expenses incurred in Cape Town due to any delay

Additional baggage costs over the agreed amount

Use of a satellite phone whilst in Antarctica



"White Desert is also keenly mindful of the environment: not only has the company been carbon neutral since 2007, it supports scientific research in cooperation with various nations' bases around its camps. It's somehow as human yet as unusual an experience as one can imagine."

~ VOGUE





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