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The Antarctic marathon you have to complete in five hours or you get LEFT BEHIND! \$24,000 runners are flown to the South Pole by private jet – which takes off whether they are back or not

- Runners are given a limited time to complete the course because of regulations
- Planes are not allowed on the runway for more than five hours in Antarctica
- If they fail to get back in time they will be put up in a luxury residential pod
- They will then fly back to Cape Town the next day with the rubbish from camp

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The first ever running of an Antarctic marathon in which the athletes are left behind if they fail to get back to the plane on time is set to take place next year.

The luxury Race the Jet Marathon, which has a \$24,000 entrance fee, will see competitors flown into the Antarctic from Cape Town, [South Africa](#), after which they will have five hours to finish the course.

According to the event's organizers, White Desert Antarctica, the time limit will need to be observed because flight regulations limit the aircraft's time on the ground to five hours exactly.



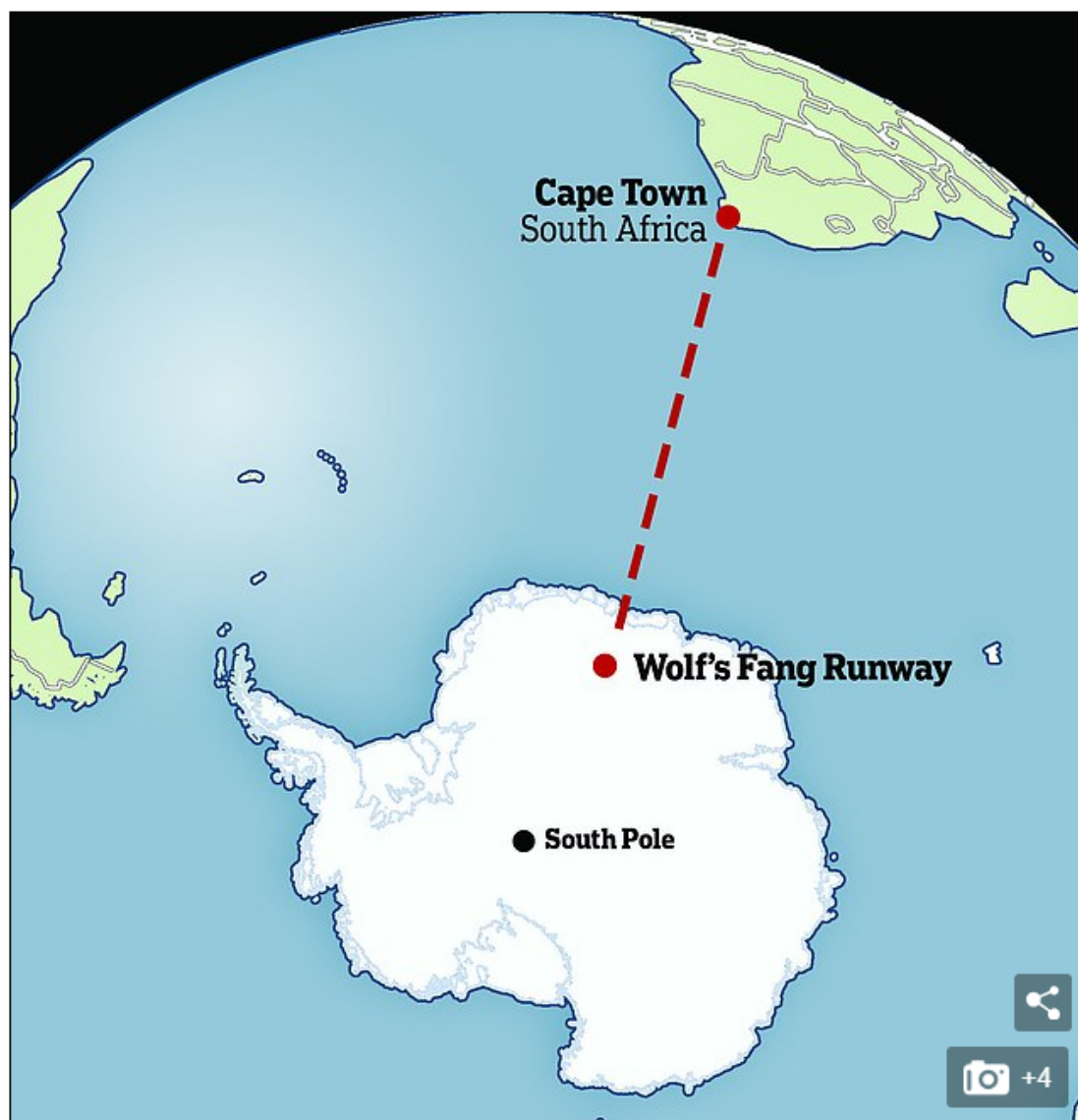
Runners will be given five hours to complete the marathon or face spending another night in the Antarctic

Those who fail to get back to the plane in time will, therefore, be left behind.

Strict time conditions will be just one of the hurdles facing runners, however, as they will need to battle the treacherous weather conditions to complete the race successfully.

The limited field of 24 participants, will first arrive in Cape Town, South Africa, where White Desert staff preps them for what's to come.

Next, they travel in style in a private Gulfstream 550 luxury jet, reaching Wolf's Fang, Antarctica in around five hours.



The runners will travel from Cape Town in a private plane and have to start the marathon as soon as they get to the Wolf's Fang Runway, returning just five hours later for the departure



Athletes will take off from Cape Town and land in Antarctica where they will immediately start the race

Runners who miss the cutoff aren't truly stranded, of course. They spend the night in one of White Desert's luxury residential pods and share a cargo plane with a load of the camp's garbage back to South Africa the next day.

White Desert says it's carefully curating the course, a roughly 6.5 mile loop at 3,700 feet above sea level that passes by towering rock and ice cliffs, so nothing but a top-notch pair of trail shoes are needed.

White Desert expects temperatures between 10 and 23 degrees, with strong winds a distinct possibility. The company is also operating three aid stations and a fleet of vehicles for emergency support.

The race will be run in February next year and applications are now being taken from wealthy adrenaline junkies.



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