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Wild style: Luxury access to spectacular natural wonders

Enjoy breathtaking views of the world's most enchanting wildlife from the comfort of a private jet

Africa

There are few better ways to discover Africa's spectacular wildlife than with travel company Abercrombie & Kent, whose founder Geoffrey Kent spearheaded the way for responsible, luxury safaris. Its Africa by Private Jet expedition takes you on an expert-led, whirlwind tour of the continent's finest natural resources, ensuring you get to each destination in upmost comfort and style.

The all-encompassing 20-night itinerary takes off in Madrid, with the first stop in Ethiopia. From here you will move on to spotting the Big Five in Tanzania's Serengeti National Park, taking in spectacular views from the top of Cape Town's Table Mountain and exploring Zimbabwe's famous Victoria Falls by helicopter. Before leaving for the final destination, Morocco, spend a night stargazing in the Sahara Desert and be waved off in style with a lavish Berber finale feast.

Abercrombie & Kent's 'Africa by Private Jet' costs from £77,080 per person; abercrombiekent.co.uk



Antarctica

When heading to some of the most extreme climates on earth it's always reassuring to feel that you're in the hands of experts. White Desert, Antarctica's 'only luxury camp', was founded by record-breaking polar explorer Patrick Woodhead and his wife Robyn – who have used their considerable experience to create a number of once-in-a-lifetime trips to explore this breathtaking and remote region. This year, access to the area is even easier as the company has launched a private jet service from Cape Town, South Africa that will whisk you off to the Whichaway Camp, which counts Buzz Aldrin, Bear Grylls and Prince Harry among its past residents.

From this cosy base there's the opportunity to take a private charter into the very heart of Antarctica. If time allows, opt for the signature eight-day experience, Emperors and South Pole Adventure; flying along the dramatic coastline, it allows you to see the area's 6,000-strong emperor penguin colony up-close with pit stops in places of note including the American science station at the South Pole. The tours are operated with environmental impact in mind and both the flights and camp are carbon neutral,, the latter running predominantly on renewable energy.

White Desert's eight-day 'Emperors and South Pole' costs from \$68,000 (around £52,000) per person; white-desert.com



America

Beat the crowds and gain a privileged insight into three of America's most notable national parks with this tailor-made holiday from Steppes Travel. Flying out from London, the first glimpse of nature comes at the entrance to Yosemite, where you'll walk among the impressive giant sequoia trees, thought to be the largest living organisms on earth. The following day is spent with a local naturalist guide for an insider's tour of where to find the best views and spot wildlife in the Californian park.

A private flight takes you to the Grand Canyon South Rim, where a number of activities will enhance your experience of this natural wonder. Spend a day hiking and driving around the region, float down some of the most dramatic stretches of the Colorado river and take a guided tour of one of the slot canyons before learning more about the area at a reception hosted by a Navajo tribal elder. The final journey takes you to scenic Jackson Hole, where you can enjoy incredible vistas with flightseeing over the Teton Range and Yellowstone National Park, before taking a closer look at the latter on the ground by foot.

Steppes Travel's 10-day 'National Parks by Private Jet' costs from £10,645 per person; steppestravel.co.uk