

This luxury 8-night adventure takes you into the heart of Antarctica to see the Emperor Penguins.

Then its to the lowest point on earth - the South Pole!

PRICE PER PERSON: US\$92,500



Cape Town is home to award-winning vineyards and stunning ocean vistas. It is often tipped as one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

We will host a safety briefing the day before the flight where our staff will explain all kit requirements, assist with any last minute preparations and update you as to the latest weather forecasts in Antarctica.

























After touching down in Antarctica, you will be transferred by our DC3 Basler to our luxury camp. Flight time 30mins.

As part of our commitment to preserving Antarctica, all emissions from flights to, from and whilst on the continent, are offset by fully accredited carbon-neutral schemes.















Whichaway camp is totally unique and the perfect base from which to start your adventure.

There are six state-of-the-art sleeping pods that are heated and designed for two people in each. At just over 6m (20ft) in diameter, they are also spacious, with a writing desk, wash area and toilet.

For guests travelling separately, the room can be partitioned for privacy.



The rest of the camp comprises a shower pod, kitchen and three centralised pods that make up the reception, lounge and dining room. While the exterior is made from cutting edge materials, the interior has an old-world feel with rich textures. Here you can relax, enjoy the fantastic food from our award-winning chef and take things easy.







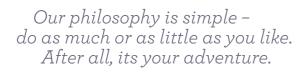


The dining table accommodates 14 people and is the ideal space for sharing adventures and enjoying great food. Busy days exploring Antarctica are sure to work up an appetite and hearty breakfasts, elegant lunches and three course dinners will mean you are well-fed whilst staying at the bottom of the world.







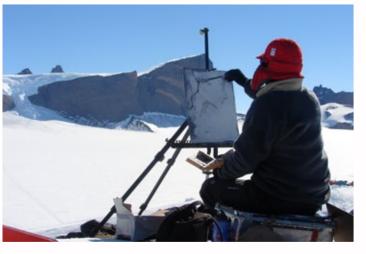


With only 12 clients on each adventure and professional polar explorers as your guides, the day's itineraries are tailored to each individual. From gentle treks and picnics overlooking the ice waves, to more adrenalin-fueled activities, such as kite-skiing and ice climbing.









"It is not down in any map; true places never are. " Herman Melville CLICK TO VIEW VIDEO OF ICE CAVES



















At the beginning of the adventure we fly 2hrs along the coast to an emperor penguin colony of over 6,000 breeding pairs and their newly hatched chicks.

Tourists only rarely visit this colony and, as a consequence, the chicks are entirely unafraid of humans and often waddle close by. It is one of the greatest thrills on earth to witness such a rare and secluded wildlife spectacle.





























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It is a total of 2,400km from Whichaway camp to the South Pole. The first part of the journey is a 5hr flight to a refueling stop at FD83. This flight ascends rapidly to an altitude of approximately 3,000m and remains at that level for the majority of the journey.

We stop for 1hr to refuel and then continue another 2hrs to the South Pole itself. There is a true sense of remoteness at this point where, for as far as the eye can see, the white horizon meets the pure blue sky.

The South Pole - the lowest point on earth and the holy grail of early explorers. At the designated marker there is no more east, south or west on the planet only north, and you will be able to walk around the world in just a few paces! We then have the chance to enter the American 'Amundsen-Scott' Science base to learn about their often ground-breaking research, before being able to stamp your passport with rarest of all stamps!

Depending on a variety of factors, we either spend the night at the pole in specialist tents or fly back to FD83. You will be well looked after as we experience camping in one of the wildest places on earth.

The next morning, after spending the night as a true explorer, we fly back to our main camp and celebrate the momentous journey.



PRICE: US\$92,500 PER PERSON

CLIENTS: 12 MAXIMUM

FITNESS: NO SPECIFIC LEVEL REQUIRED

FLIGHT TO ANTARCTICA: 5HRS

FLIGHT TO SOUTH POLE: 7HRS EACH WAY

INCLUDED

- 1. Safety briefing in Cape Town.
- 2. Return transfers for Antarctica flights.
- 3. Return flight to Antarctica (inc. a 30kg baggage allowance).
- 4. All accommodation, food and drink (including all alcohol) in Antarctica.
- 5. All guiding fees, support of field guides and logistics staff.
- 6. The use of certain items of polar clothing, as denoted on equipment list.
- 7. 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
- 2. Accommodation and meals whilst in Cape Town (please note, these can be organised through our Cape Town office).
- 3. Polar clothing (please note, these items can be purchased on your behalf by a member of White Desert team).
- 4. Comprehensive insurance cover. (White Desert staff can advise you as to the appropriate cover required.)
- 5. Additional expenses incurred in Cape Town due to any delay.
- 6. Additional baggage costs over the agreed amount.
- 7. Cost of the use of a satellite phone whilst in Antarctica.

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FULL ITINERARY

DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE

White Desert will host a safety briefing in Cape Town. This is where we will check all your polar clothing and prepare for your flight south. This itinerary is entirely subject to weather conditions in Antarctica and is meant as a day-by-day guide of what clients can expect.

Exact dates and types of plane may vary.

DAY ONE

We fly to Antarctica (5hrs) and cross thousands of icebergs as we pass over the Southern Ocean. During the flight, we cross into the polar circle and into 24hrs continuous daylight. landing on the specialist ice runway, you will transfer to our camp and go for a gentle trek around the oasis.

DAY TWO

Settle into
White Desert's
'Whichaway
camp' and do as
much or as little
as you like each
day. Activities
range from
gentle treks to
the incredible ice
waves, summiting
a nunatak, ice
climbing and even
abseiling!

DAY THREE

We fly 2hrs across Antarctica, providing immense views of the high polar plateau, before landing at the emperor penguin colony. You will be among the very few who have ever witnessed such a spectacle and be able to see the reallife stars of "march of the penguins".

DAY FOUR

We explore the ice waves beneath our camp, delving into the series of ice tunnels that are as surreal as they are beautiful. The day ends with a visit to the nearby science base to learn more about their work.

DAY FIVE**

You will leave early in the morning in the Dc3 Basler plane. We will fly across stunning mountain ranges before landing at 83 degrees south to refuel. You will have a chance to walk around the high polar plateau before continuing onto the pole. At the south pole itself, you will have lots of time for photos, a tour around the base and a chance to stamp your passport before camping down for the night.

DAY SIX

After a night spent camping, you will be given a hearty breakfast before boarding the plane once again for the flight back to our camp. The flight is the perfect chance to really appreciate the immense scale of Antarctica. before you return to our camp for a three-course dinner and champagne to celebrate your achievement.

DAY SEVEN

This is an easier day with talks from our polar explorer staff about some of the lesser known history of Antarctica and their world record-breaking expeditions. Then its time for a giant abseil off the nearby nunatak mountain.

DAY EIGHT

The penultimate day at Whichaway exposes guests to one of the wonders of the oasis. An adventurous hike along a cliff path exposes guests to sea ice that has been folded by constant pressure from the Southern Ocean Guests are safe at all times and the view from the very edge of the oasis is unforgettable.

DAY NINE

The flight out of Antarctica will be the last of your unforgettable Antarctic memories before you delve back into the noise and heat of Africa. You will be transferred to your hotel where you will have a chance to relax in a hot bath and reflect on your Antarctic adventure!





** Please bear in mind that the South Pole is situated at an apparent altitude of 4,000m with an approximate ambient temperature of -25°C. Those with pre-conditions for altitude sickness should not choose this option. If you are unsure in anyway, please contact White Desert for any advice or further information.

