

## Ultimate Antarctica

With dates lining up for the very first time, this is the unique chance to combine a world-leading yacht and submersible expedition with Cookson Adventures and the most luxurious experience in the continent's interior - White Desert's Antarctic camp and South Pole flight.

Together, we offer the world's last frontier.

Between the both of us, we've been part of the youngest and fastest team to reach the South Pole and the very first team to reach the southern pole of inaccessibility by foot. We even conducted the world's first private submersible dives in the Antarctic.

And, as with all of our carbon offset.

**24 DAYS: 29TH DEC 2020 - 21ST JAN 2021** Fully inclusive for up to 12 people from £2.965M



Together, we offer the definitive appreciation of the

And, as with all of our journeys, your trip will be fully





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT The South Pole | Emperor penguins | Basler BT-67 ski plane Helicopter landing on superyacht in Antarctica



### Itinerary

#### DAYS 1-4 NEW YEAR'S IN CAPE TOWN

29<sup>th</sup> Dec-1<sup>st</sup> Jan 4 nights One&Only Cape Town

#### DAY 5 PRIVATE CHARTER FLIGHT TO ANTARCTICA

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2021 Overnight Whichaway Camp

#### DAYS 6-12 ANTARCTIC INTERIOR CAMP & PRIVATE SOUTH POLE FLIGHT

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan-10<sup>th</sup> Jan Daily activities incl. hiking, climbing, ice caves, kite skiing,
  - fat biking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling & 6x6 vehicles • Flight to South Pole and overnight in expedition camp

  - Flight to visit emperor penguin colony 6 nights at Whichaway Camp & 1 night FD83 wilderness camp

#### DAY 13 PRIVATE CHARTER FLIGHT FROM ANTARCTICA TO PATAGONIA

10<sup>th</sup> Jan • Fly via Punta Arenas to Puerto Natales, Chilean Patagonia Overnight at Singular Patagonia

#### DAYS 14-15 DAILY ACTIVITIES IN & AROUND TORRES DEL PAINE

- 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Jan Daily activities incl. kayaking, hiking, biking, fishing, horseback rides & helicopter flights Overnight Singular Patagonia & transfer to overnight Punta Arenas
  - DAY 16 PRIVATE CHARTER FLIGHT FROM PATAGONIA TO ANTARCTIC

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Jan YACHT

• Fly from Punta Arenas to South Shetland Islands

Board superyacht Legend & overnight to Antarctic Peninsula

#### DAYS 17-23

#### 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Jan CRUISING ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

- Daily activities incl. hiking, wildlife watching, historic sites & research stations, SUPs/kayaking, ice climbing & ski touring
- Helicopter sightseeing
- Submersible dives
- 6 nights aboard superyacht Legend

#### DAY 24 PRIVATE CHARTER FLIGHT TO PATAGONIA

21<sup>st</sup> Jan • Return to South Shetlands & fly to Punta Arenas Overnight Punta Arenas

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA CRUISE SOUTH POLE



# SOUTH POLE, EMPEROR PENGUINS & BESPOKE CAMP



# Whichaway Camp

Entirely exclusive to your party, Whichaway Camp combines a truly remote setting with privileged indulgence. After all, it's home to the only exclusively private runway on the entire continent.

Accommodation comes in the form of fantastically insulated, double-walled pods. Elegantly appointed with full beds and en suites, each comes accented with timbers and rich fabrics.

Then, private-chef dining spans from hearty breakfasts to six-course tasting dinners. Informed by seasonal ingredients, they're washed down by varietals from leading Cape vineyards and cocktails taken on the terrace.

You'll then be able to retire to the library to brush up on the indigenous wildlife and the lives of the explorers that came before you. However, it's the cosy lounge that often becomes the focus of things, with plush seating and armchair set around the fire.







### Sample activities

#### HIKING & MOUNTAINEERING

Admire frozen waves on a gentle clifftop hike under the midnight sun or attempt a never-been-climbed route up a mountain for otherworldly summit views.

#### ICE & ROCK CLIMBING

Scale sheer frozen walls with ice axes or clamber up ancient rock faces before zip-lining or abseiling back down. You can also shimmy along epic cliffs following a via ferrata..

#### ICE CAVES

Climb through pristine tunnels metres below the surface. With clear blue walls glowing in the sun, they are a truly surreal experience.

#### TALKS FROM POLAR EXPLORERS

Be inspired by Antarctic explorers, learning from world record holders.

#### FAT BIKING

As a fun extra to your adventure, ride on specially designed mountain bikes with oversized studded tyres, heading into the white desert.







#### CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Try your hand at cross-country skiing on handpicked trails, sweeping out into the complete and total silence of Antarctica.

#### SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH STATION

Visit a nearby research base for a private audience with scientists carrying out vital work. They'll gladly share a drink with you.

#### SNOWMOBILING

Strike out aboard a roaring snowmobile and explore the landscape with your guides.

#### PICNICS

Take a leisurely picnic at a scenic spot, enjoying uninterrupted views for miles around with champagne and fabulous food.

#### 6X6 VEHICLE ADVENTURE

Each of these highly capable vehicles is piloted by an expert in glacier driving and polar navigation, taking you out to a remote spot for spectacular views of the Novolazarevskaya Nivl Ice Shelf's vast expanse.

#### EMPEROR PENGUIN COLONY

Be one of the very few to witness a giant colony of the largest living penguins. After heading out on a ski plane, watch as they waddle up to 120 kilometres over sea ice to form great, thousand-strong huddles. Both chicks and adults are totally unafraid of humans, meaning truly up-close experiences.

# South Pole flight

Even now, reaching the lowest point on Earth is a feat that very few have achieved.

Your adventure begins before you even arrive, with the flight offering truly unparalleled views of the Antarctic's wild immensity.

And, with refuel stops on each leg, you'll even have the opportunity to pause at an utterly remote location for a taste of the continent's vast, foreboding wilderness.

Then, arriving at the South Pole itself, you'll not only be able to explore one of the world's final frontiers, but perhaps also take in the vital work conducted by the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station. That's alongside the all-important photo opportunities, of course.

On your flight back to Whichaway, you'll then spend a night in the FD83 explorers' camp – the chance to experience first hand the mighty wilderness of the high Antarctic plateau.





#### GULFSTREAM 550 PRIVATE JET

Your travel to and from Antarctica will be on White Desert's own private jet, which allows 12 passengers to travel in the utmost comfort.

As one of the most capable business jets, you'll reach the Antarctic in just five hours, travelling at 0.85 Mach. And, with a 6,750-mile range, you won't even have to refuel. It's all looked after by some of the world's finest polar pilots and engineers.

You'll also enjoy all the usual comforts. With a wide cabin and truly generous seating arrangements, you'll be treated to indulgent meals and cocktails made with 1,000-year-old glacial Antarctic ice. That's all while enjoying superlative views from the jet's oversized oval windows.

The jet will land on the blue ice of Wolf's Fang's runway, flanked by the towering mountain of the same name. From here, the Basler will see you on to Whichaway Camp.

#### BASLER BT-67 SKI PLANE

Capable of landing on snow and ice, the Basler BT-67 offers the ultimate in versatility, facilitating both your journey to the South Pole and the emperor penguins.

Both the planes have even enjoyed a \$9m airframe upgrade. And, the chief pilot has nine seasons of polar experience under their belt.

As with your entire trip, your flights will also be carbon neutral, running the service in line with the same strict ecological guidelines as the camp.



## Antarctic Peninsula

We will design an itinerary that is completely tailored to you, whether your interests lie in the likes of ice-climbing adventures or taking in the continent's myriad wildlife in the company of an expert biologist.

Your adventure will begin with a flight to King George Island from Chile, where you'll join your expedition yacht. From here, you'll sail south to visit raucous penguin colonies and remote research stations, paddle alongside whales and ski routes entirely untouched by man. Travelling over January with the Antarctic's warmest temperatures, you'll even see penguin chicks starting to hatch.

What's more, with both a helicopter and submersible on board, you'll be treated to the best vantage points of this sublime location, allowing exclusive views of remote regions possibly never seen before by mankind. You'll open up a fascinating underwater world of unique formations and wildlife that's usually the preserve of scientific researchers, who we can also invite to join.

Of course, given the region's unpredictable nature, your expert captain and polar guides will create a flexible itinerary to maximise the prevailing weather and wildlife activity. Again, it's all entirely tailored to your interests.



### Sample activities

#### HIKING

Fill your days with scenic hikes across the iciest continent on the planet. The length of the walks can be determined by your fitness, broken up by wildlife watching or scenic photographs of the picturesque mountainsides.

#### WILDLIFE WATCHING

The sheer quantity of wildlife never fails to blow visitors away. Explore with our expert wildlife guide and go in search of the resident killer and humpback whales, or wander among numerous penguin colonies ashore.

#### KAYAKING

Kayaking in the Antarctic allows you to explore colossal icebergs and native wildlife up close with nothing but the sounds of your paddle to disturb the silence. If you are lucky, you could find yourself gliding above Antarctica's gentle giants - the various species of whale that inhabit these waters.









#### HISTORICAL SITES & RESEARCH STATIONS

Even in Antarctica, one of the least-explored continents on the planet, there is a fascinating history to discover, whether it's visiting abandoned whaling stations, shipwrecks or scientific outposts where groundbreaking discoveries have been made.

#### COLLABORATING WITH SCIENTISTS

Join leading scientists in climate and wildlife research and learn more about a continent that has changed the way we view our evolving world. You can help gather data about wildlife species or visit research teams at remote outposts such as the climatologists at Ukraine's Vernadsky Research Station

#### POLAR PLUNGE

Brave the freezing Antarctic temperatures with a quick plunge beneath the surface. This invigorating dip in the world's coldest seas will leave you refreshed and ready for your yacht's sauna.

#### ICE CLIMBING

The best way to truly grasp the magnitude of the sheer icy mountains that line the Antarctic coastline is to try and climb them. Under the watchful eye of a mountain guide you can edge your way to stunning viewpoints and look down to the deep-blue ocean.

#### HELICTOPER SIGHTSEEING

You will feel dwarfed in comparison to Antarctica's cathedral-like glaciers as you take to the skies in a helicopter from your expedition yacht. Pass over Deception Island, the home of an extinct caldera, or Paradise Bay, where floating icebergs are a playground for pods of whales, perhaps taking in remote colonies of penguins from above.

#### SUPs

Use a stand-up paddleboard and meander between the ice floes and who knows what you may find. One of our previous visits saw a surprise visit from a humpback whale – a moment our traveller will never forget.

#### SKI TOURING

Skiing in Antarctica is an incredible experience and unlike anywhere else in the world. Speed down untouched slopes and explore Antarctica's unique topography. A yacht is a perfect platform to explore the Antarctic Peninsula, searching for pristine slopes to hike up and ski down along the way. Most of these slopes can only be accessed via skinning, making the descent all the more rewarding.









#### SUBMERSIBLE DIVES

Plunge a submersible into waters that initially seem inhospitable to find a truly astonishing amount of wildlife thriving in its icy depths, from otherworldly jellyfish and rarely seen invertebrates to penguins and seals in their element. The submersible means that you can experience a visual feast usually only afforded to the world's leading naturalists and filmmakers.

Today's submersibles are not just custom-designed and individually engineered, they are revolutionising the way people dive, able to go deeper and longer than traditional methods. In the most extraordinary continent on the planet, you might take the controls yourself, savouring uninterrupted views thanks to an ultra-clear acrylic hull, connecting you seamlessly with the ocean as state-of-the-art LED lights illuminate the secrets of the deep and dark waters.

Superlative levels of safety and new levels of comfort deliver an uncompromising experience and, as the first company to operate a privately manned submersible in Antarctica, we can assure you that you will have the experience of a lifetime.

### Wildlife

#### PENGUINS

A penguin in Antarctica survives some of the harshest conditions on the planet, living in colonies with larger populations than some cities. These top-heavy animals waddle due to their short legs, which is actually an incredibly efficient way of moving, considering the swaying motion leads to their energy being saved by up to 80 percent.

Watch as the chinstrap, gentoo and Adelié penguins preen their feathers on the rocky shores, with the rare and mighty emperor penguins nesting on the eastern side of the peninsula.

#### WHALES

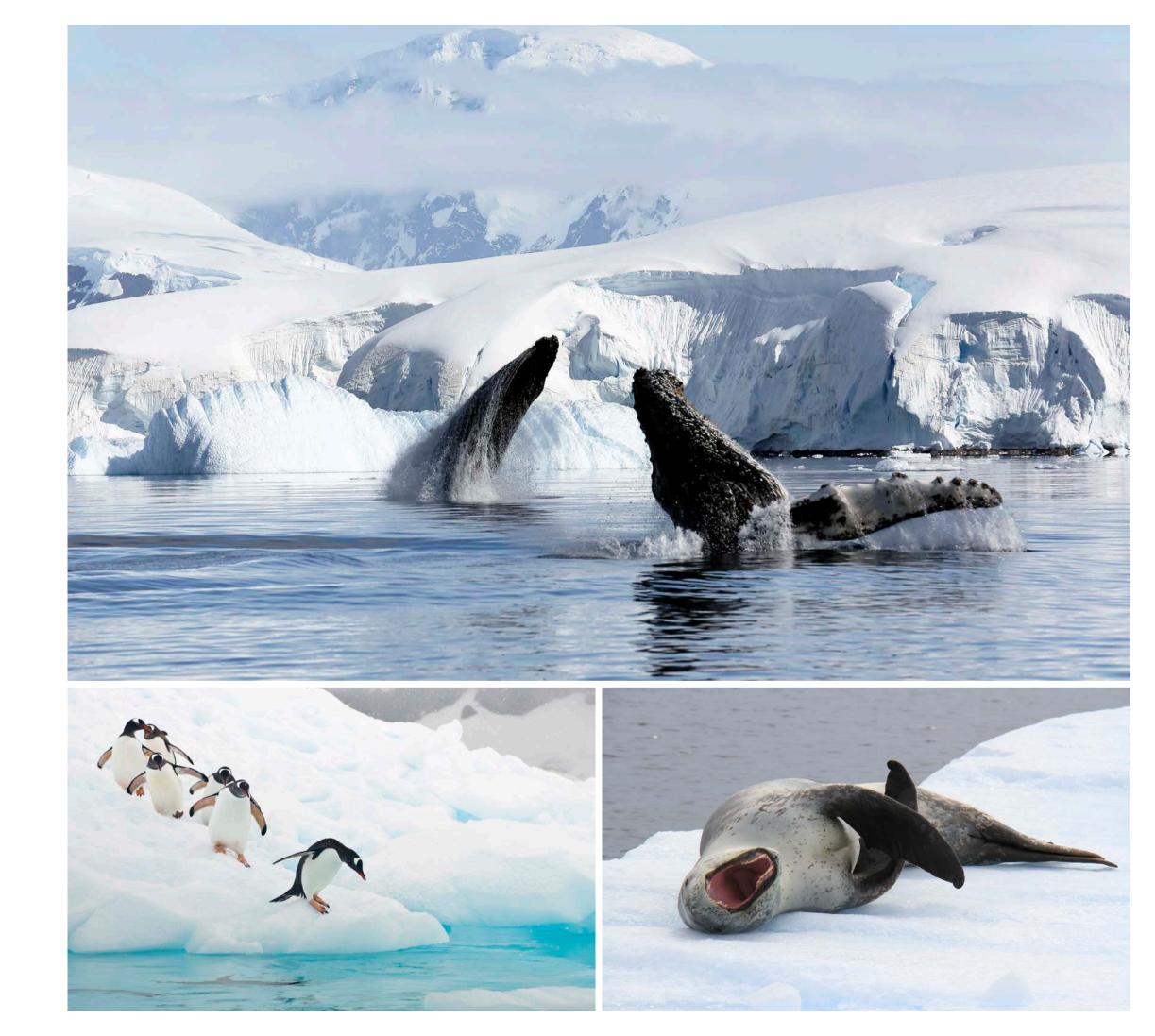
The quiet waters of Antarctica are the perfect spot to find some of the ocean's giants, including the majestic killer, minke and humpback whales. They migrate long distances, feeding in the cold, nutrient-rich southern oceans during the summer, before heading to the warmer northern waters to breed in the winter.

#### SEALS

Antarctic seals were once hunted close to extinction. Now they form raucous huddles on the banks of the icy peninsula. Look out for the five different species of seal that reside here: fur, weddell, crabeater, leopard, and the enormous elephant seal.

#### BIRDS

Catch a glimpse of some of Antarctica's 46 species of bird, from the elegant albatross, which has the largest wingspan of any living bird, to the giant petrel, which can be found diving into the waters in the search of fish.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP | Humpback whales Leopard seal | Gentoo penguins

### Legend

A former Russian icebreaker that was completely overhauled and refitted as a mega yacht in 2015, this luxurious vessel is equally at home cruising from St. Tropez as she is on an Antarctic expedition.

11 staterooms provide ample accommodation for up to 22 guests. Toys include a helicopter, a range of tenders, kayaks, ice-diving sets and more for a full spread of adventure activities. A 5-person U-Boat Worx submarine capable of taking you 300m below the ice can also be arranged.

Then, back onboard, facilities include a Balinese spa, sauna, panoramic jacuzzi, gym and cinema.

Builder: IHC Verschure, rebuild by ICON Yachts Built: 1974 (rebuilt in 2015) LOA: 77.4 metres Cabin configuration: 1 owner, 3 VIP, 7 doubles Guest capacity: 22 Crew capacity: 19 Expedition team: 10 Cruising speed: 10 knots Range: 7,640nm

- U-Boat Worx C-Explorer 5-person submersible
- 1 x 9m Long Island
- 1 x 9m Novurania Chase 28
- 1 x Novamarine RIB17, diesel
- 2 x Zodiac
- Inflatable kayaks
- Stand-up paddleboards
- Helicopter charter







CAPE TOWN AND PATAGONIA



# New Year's in Cape Town

Cape Town has it all, combining big-city energy and a rich history with endless natural beauty. After all, iconic Table Mountain looks down on gorgeous beaches, penguin colonies and some of the finest vineyards.

And, with your private charter flight to Antarctic departing from here, you'll spend New Year's in Cape Town at its finest accommodation - the One&Only.

Here, marbled suites, an island spa and renown restaurants look out to Table Mountain and the yacht-dotted marina.

You'll also enjoy the best in festivities, all tailored to your exact tastes, from toasting the evening with a glass in a world-class winery to taking in the fireworks from a private yacht.





# Chilean Patagonia

Patagonia, South American's southern tip, is where the Andes fall into the Southern Ocean. It's a spectacular vision of high mountain peaks, monolithic glaciers and diverse wildlife.

And, flying into Chile's Puerto Natales, you'll stay in the region's finest accommodation. An architectural landmark set on a remote fjord, its chic rooms are paired with superlative drinks and dining.

It's all perfectly poised to explore the spectacular Torres del Paine National Park, where iconic mountains are ringed by emerald rivers, radiant glaciers and endless steppe.

Here, you'll have a choice of activities, from hiking and horseback riding to mountain biking, kayaking and 4WD adventures.

Of course, we can always tailor any optional extras to your exact requirements, whether that's a remote lunch setup or an ultra-scenic helicopter ride.











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Legend in Antarctica Adélie penguins | Antarctic landscape

### Inclusions

#### 4 nights at the One&Only Cape Town B&B

• Other accommodation available subject to availability

#### 8 nights at Whichaway Camp all-inclusive

• Incl. all food, drink, guiding & activities

#### 2 nights at the Singular Patagonia B&B

#### 2 nights at a 4\* hotel in Punta Arenas

• One night each pre- and post-expedition

#### 8 nights charter of Legend superyacht all-inclusive

- Incl. all food, drink, guiding & activities
- 9 days helicopter charter (2 hrs per day)
- 9 days four-passenger submersible charter

#### **Trip collateral**

- A custom, one-of-12 Bremont watch for each guest
- Personalised Antarctic clothing for each guest
- All gratuities

#### Full carbon offsetting for entire expedition

#### Charter flights throughout

- Return flights to Antarctica (Cape Town Wolf's Fang Puerto Natales)
- Return flights to South Pole
- Return flights to Antarctic Peninsula

#### Total cost for 12 people

#### \$2,965,000

• Incl. option to bring 10 extra guests for yacht expedition free of charge

Costs may be affected by exchange rate fluctuations.





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