



ANTARCTIC SUMMIT

ECHO | ANTARCTICA
2022 - 2023

On this 6-day experience you will fly into the interior of Antarctica on a private jet and stay at our brand new camp - Echo.

The highlight of the trip is to summit an Antarctic Peak in the Høltedahl mountain range.
This is pioneering adventure at the end of the world.

33° 56' 29" S 18° 27' 40" E

START POINT

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

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

We will host a safety briefing the day before your scheduled 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.





CAPE TOWN
SOUTH AFRICA

WOLF'S FANG RUNWAY

FLIGHTS

FLIGHT TO WOLF'S FANG,
ANTARCTICA: 5 hours

MAXIMUM CLIENTS: 12

AIRCRAFT: Gulfstream 550 or
private aircraft



TRAVEL

SOUTH AFRICA TO ANTARCTICA

We travel in uncompromised comfort across the mighty Southern Ocean in a private jet or Airbus. During the 5-hour flight, the African night turns to day as we soar over thousands of icebergs and pass into 24 hours of continuous sunshine.

Destination: Wolf's Fang Runway.



CLICK TO VIEW LANDING ON WOLF'S FANG BLUE ICE RUNWAY



71° 39' 43" S 9° 29' 03" E

WOLF'S FANG RUNWAY

Our runway is overlooked by one of the most magnificent and iconic mountains on the entire continent, so named 'Wolf's Fang' by the early Norwegian explorers. Once on the ground, you will be surrounded by kilometer-high monoliths of rock that rise vertically from the ice.



71° 33' 08" S 8° 50' 01" E

ECHO

As futuristic as it is luxurious, Echo is as close as you can get to feeling like you're off the planet without leaving Earth.





ACCOMMODATION

Echo features six heated 'sky pods' crafted from composite fibreglass. Each of the astronaut-inspired bedrooms have been designed for two guests, with a nod to the space-age and accented with ultra-luxe furnishings that could have been beamed down directly from Mars.

Each bedroom is (20ft) in diameter; the sky pods feature extensive window panels, a cosy lounge area along with an adjoining wash room and toilet.



Surrounded by some of the planet's most spectacular scenery, each sky pod comes complete with expansive floor to ceiling windows allowing guests to take in views of the dramatic lunar landscape beyond.





FINE DINING

Guests will enjoy fine-dining throughout their stay at Echo. Each meal is crafted to the highest culinary standards, using only the freshest ingredients flown directly from premium, ethically sourced South African vendors.

Award-winning wines are procured from the Cape Vineyards, the ideal complement to elegant 3 course dinners.

Our chef will ensure the menu is crafted to each guests' dietary requirements where necessary.





DAILY ACTIVITIES AT ECHO



Try your hand at ice-climbing with ice-axes and crampons, learning the basics from our award-winning guides. Explore captivating mountain trails as you summit peaks few humans have ever stood on.





Condé Nast
Traveler

"The logistics that support this 12-guest refuge would test a space mission."

Between rugged mountain ranges and spectacular frozen waves of ice, our guides will expand your horizons and push you only as far as you want to go. Our philosophy is simple – do as much or as little as you like. After all, it's your adventure!

SCALE AN ANTARCTIC SUMMIT



The Holtedahl Mountains are home to a collection of spectacular peaks, unlike any found elsewhere on Earth. We will traverse to the base of these mountains, walking across a glacier alongside our expert mountain guides. Under their care, this exclusive adventure will allow beginners and experienced hikers alike, to take advantage of the 24-hour sunlight and summit a peak where few humans have stood before.



A low-angle shot of three mountaineers reaching for a red flag against a blue sky with white clouds. The man on the left wears a blue jacket, a pink beanie, and sunglasses. The woman on the right wears a black jacket, a pink helmet, and a backpack. A third person is visible in the background. The Forbes logo is in the top left corner.

Forbes

"Antarctica, the safest place to visit in 2020 and beyond."

YOUR SAFETY

For all its beauty, Antarctica can be a challenging environment, with low temperatures, strong winds and high altitudes. We believe the best way to protect you is through our staff and we are absolutely uncompromising about the experience and expertise of our people.

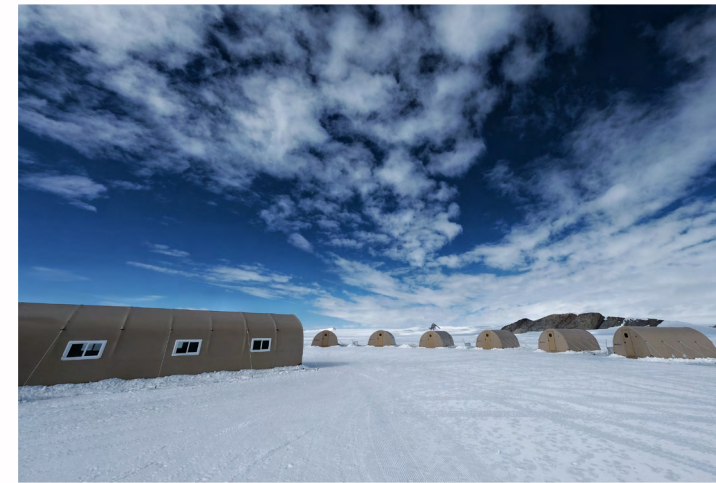
All our mountain guides have completed the strenuous 5-year UIAGM qualification, while each camp has its own fully-qualified trauma doctor and accompanying medical kits. Our chief pilot has 10 years of experience flying in Antarctica with over 18,000 hours of logged flight time.

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.



ENVIRONMENT

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



Camp - As a temporary eco-camp, our whole operation can be dismantled and removed without a trace.



Carbon neutral - White Desert was the first aviation operator in Antarctica to be entirely Carbon Neutral, a status the company has held since 2007.



Waste management - We keep waste to a minimum by repackaging all consumables before we bring them to Antarctica, while at the end of the season, all solid waste is shipped back to South Africa for recycling or responsible disposal.



TRAVEL DETAILS

GUESTS: 12 MAXIMUM
FITNESS: GOOD LEVEL OF OUTDOOR FITNESS REQUIRED
FLIGHT TO ANTARCTICA: 5HRS
PRICE: \$45,000 per person

INCLUDED

1. Safety briefing (return transfers provided)
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

1. Commercial flights to and from Cape Town, South Africa.
2. Accommodation and meals whilst in Cape Town.
3. Polar clothing (you will be sent a tailored kit list in advance of your trip to assist you with purchasing items if required).
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.

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 you for your flight south.

<div>DAY 1</div> <p>We fly to Antarctica (5 hours) and cross thousands of icebergs as we pass over the Southern Ocean.</p> <p>During the flight, we cross into the polar circle and into 24 hours continuous daylight. Landing on the specialist ice runway, you will be escorted to Wolf’s Fang.</p>	<div>DAY 2</div> <p>Settle into Wolf’s Fang and discuss your options for the coming days with our experienced guides.</p> <p>Then set out for a hike through the nunataks around the camp, getting to know the incredible topography of Queen Maud Land.</p>	<div>DAY 3</div> <p>Setting out early in the morning, we will traverse by foot and Skidoo to the base of the Drygalski range.</p> <p>The 20km route will journey over glaciers and across numerous nunataks. Arriving in the early afternoon we will have time to take the scenery in and check equipment for the next day.</p>	<div>DAY 4</div> <p>Summit Day. The journey to the summit will follow a valley carved out by the glacier and then up on to rocky ridge that leads to the peak. At the summit you’ll experience the essence of exploration, standing where few humans have ever stood before.</p> <p>Back at basecamp, you will enjoy a hearty meal and toast your achievement with champagne!</p>	<div>DAY 5</div> <p>The return trip will be by foot and skidoo with a stop half way to put your ice climbing skills to the test. The wind scoops around the nunataks make the perfect spot for testing and improving your ice-climbing skills.</p>	<div>DAY 6</div> <p>A convoy of Arctic Trucks, and skidoos for the more adventurous, will traverse you across the glacier to the base of the Needle Peak, so named as the rock explodes vertically out of the ice. Here you will follow the challenging rope walk set up by our guides across the rock and ice. Late lunch will be served before the journey back to Wolf’s Fang.</p>	<div>DAY 7</div> <p>The flight out of Antarctica will be the last of your unforgettable Antarctic memories before you delve back into the energy 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!</p>
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This itinerary is entirely subject to weather conditions in Antarctica and is meant as a day-by-day guide of what guests can expect. Exact dates and types of plane may vary.





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