

ANTARCTICA - EARLY EMPERORS | WHITE DESERT



INTRODUCTION

Come join us on this ultra luxury exploration of the final frontier. With just 12 guests you will depart from Cape Town on board a fully chartered private Gulfstream 550 jet as you fly for approximately 5 hours before you begin to see the first sights of icecaps and frozen glaciers. Landing at Wolf Fangs's runway, you will be transferred to your home base of Whichaway Oasis- a unique collection of hi-tech polar domes set on the shores of a frozen lake and encircled by an incredible icefall or the newly built Echo Camp, which is inspired by the seminal age of Space exploration.

Savour gourmet meals prepared by your private chef, sip cocktails by the fire, and cross off bucket list adventures like ice climbing, hiking over ice waves, and coming face-to-face with 28,000 emperor penguins.

From your camp take a short flight to Atka Bay where you will bear witness to the unforgettable sight of over 14000 breeding pairs of emperor penguins - and their newly hatched chicks. With so few visitors to this corner of the white continent, these curious characters are not afraid of human contact, and often waddle close by for fantastic photography opportunities. This rare and unique wildlife spectacle is a exhibition of noise, energy and vibrancy that will truly leave you with lasting memories of this indescribable journey.

Whichaway Camp will serve as your launching pad for a range of activities completely tailored to suit your needs for the day - do as little or as much as you want. With only 12 guests, your professional guides will expand your horizons in this wonderful land of discovery. From climbing, hiking, safari truck adventures or a range of wellness activities - your days among the frozen waves of ice and captivating mountain ranges are yours to command. This is a truly transformative experience, combining the highest degree of luxury and safety to offer a completely tailored experience and one of the most unique you can undertake in Antarctica.

Echo Camp sits in solitude with space-age designed 'Sky Pods', which almost look like they have been beamed down from Mars. On the inside an 'Art Deco' paradise awaits.

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The camp accommodates a maximum of 12 guests and allows you to combine the ultimate in luxury with a range of adventure activities on the 7th Continent. You have the option to Abseil into camp and can select from a wide range of included activities such as fat-biking, skiing, ice climbing and camping out in the wilderness.

Both camps are designed to be dismantled and leave no trace on the Antarctica landscape.

Dates are based on Whichaway Camp and/or Echo Camp, please contact us for availability. Exclusive use bookings are possible for selected dates. Please contact us for more details.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Fly Cape Town to Antarctica

We fly over thousands of icebergs on our 5-hour flight across the Southern Ocean to Antarctica. During the flight, we enter the Polar Circle and encounter the continuous daylight of the Antarctic summer. After landing on the ancient blue ice of the runway, you will transfer to our camp at Whichaway and take a gentle hike around the Oasis.



DAY 2: Whichaway Oasis

Settle into Whichaway Oasis and do as much or as little as you like each day. Activities range from yoga, massages, and gentle treks to exploring the incredible ice waves, summiting a nunatak, ice climbing and even abseiling! On quieter days, you will hear talks from our polar explorer staff about some of the lesser-known history of Antarctica and their world record-breaking expeditions. After the day's activities you will hear a talk about the incredible life cycle of the Emperor Penguins in preparation for your visit the following day.



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DAY 3: Emperor Penguins of Atka Bay

You fly 2.5 hours across Antarctica on our BT-67 aircraft, enjoying immense views of the High Polar Plateau, before landing at the Emperor Penguin colony at Atka Bay. Wrapped up in the sights and sounds of thousands of penguins, you will be among the very few who have ever witnessed such a spectacle, observing the real-life stars of March of the Penguins. Your visit to the penguins begins with a 2.5-hour flight to Atka Bay, the site of the first episode of Sir David Attenborough's groundbreaking documentary Seven Worlds, One Planet. Here you'll see over 14,000 breeding pairs and their newly-hatched chicks, a spectacle full of noise and energy that is a favourite with wildlife watchers and photographers. There are so few visitors to this colony that the chicks are unafraid of humans and often waddle close by. Mindful of our responsibility to the Antarctic environment and of IAATO guidelines, we keep at least 25m (80ft) from the penguins while taking in all the sights and sounds of this rare wildlife spectacle, which remains one of the greatest thrills on Earth!



DAY 4: Arctic Truck Safari

You spend the day exploring the ice waves below our camp, delving into the series of ice tunnels that are as surreal as they are beautiful. Then you will be off on an Arctic Truck safari, winding your way through the snow and ice to an incredible vantage point where you can take in the panoramic view over the waves that you have just explored.



DAY 5: Whichaway Activities

An adventurous hike along a winding cliff face shows you stunning views of the extraordinary waves of ice that have been created over millennia by constant pressure from the ocean. Our world-class mountain guides will lead you on this challenging hike, always ensuring your safety on this unforgettable day. With only 12 guests on each adventure, our professional guides will ensure that you are always safe and well looked after, and that you get the most out of your time. Your activities can be as adrenaline-fuelled or relaxed as you like: not keen on climbing, fat biking or abseiling? Then perhaps a picnic followed by a sauna and a massage would suit. The choice is yours.



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DAY 6: Fly Antarctica to Cape Town

The flight out of Antarctica will be the last of your enduring Antarctic memories before you delve back into the vibrant energy of Africa. You will be transferred to your hotel where you will have a chance to relax and reflect on your Antarctic adventure!



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Deluxe
Inclusions	<p>Return transfers for Antarctic flight on board fully chartered private jet ex. Cape Town, South Africa</p> <p>All accommodation in Antarctica in luxury pods/tents at the camp of your choice</p> <p>Food and drink (including alcohol)</p> <p>Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition crew</p> <p>Payment of 'Carbon tax' offset created by all logistics associated with Antarctic travel</p> <p>Safety briefing day before departure (return transfers provided)</p> <p>A range of adventure activities that are provided during your time at the camp</p> <p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <p>International flights to Cape Town</p> <p>Accommodation and meals whilst in Cape Town</p> <p>Travel insurance</p> <p>Additional baggage costs</p> <p>Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)</p> <p>Use of satellite phone whilst in Antarctica</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Please contact us for more information.
Notes	<p>Please note this itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions and the flight to Atka Bay will be dependant on weather conditions while on the White Continent.</p> <p>Dates below are based on Whichaway Camp and/or Echo Camp, please contact us for availability. Exclusive use bookings are possible for selected dates. Please contact us for more details.</p>

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Price Dependent upon

Departure date, seasonality, availability & currency fluctuations.

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