

Antarctica provides an alluring backdrop for White Desert's newest camp, Echo. Inspired by astronauts and the seminal age of Space exploration, Echo will provide exclusive access to the rarely seen interior of the Continent and is reached by a 5-hour flight from Cape Town which brings guests into the endless daylight of the Antarctic Circle.

Echo is as close as you can get to feeling like you're off the planet without leaving Earth. Visited by notable astronauts including Buzz Aldrin and former ISS Commander Terry Virts, both spoke of the infinite Antarctic landscape and its dramatic mountain ranges, their beauty surpassing that of Venus and Mars. Echo allows guests to combine an ultra-luxury experience with a once in lifetime adventure. An experienced team of chefs, hosts and expert guides allows guests to relax or explore at their leisure. Every trip is bespoke with a wide choice of activities and highlights, such as visiting the nearby 28,000 strong Emperor Penguin colony or a bucket-list journey to the South Pole.

# **AMENITIES**

6 heated bedroom 'sky pods' with en-suite facilities

A spacious communal pod with lounge and dining areas

2 guest shower pods

Fully qualified doctor in camp

2-3 expertly qualified UIAGM high mountain guides (depending on group size)

# ECHO ACCOMMODATION

COLONY

GEOGRAPHIC SOUTH POLE

ANTARCTIC

This stylish, modern eco-camp features a central lounge and dining area. The space-age design of the 'Sky Pods' makes them look like they've been beamed down from Mars. Futuristic details feature across the domed sky pod, emulating space station interiors. Each heated pod features floor to ceiling windows allowing guests to soak in the views of the otherworldly moonscapes beyond.





Crafted from composite fiberglass, each of the 'sky pods' will be designed for two guests, with interiors featuring retro space-age detailing and luxurious furnishings.

Original photos taken from the International Space Station (ISS) by former Commander, White Desert guest and retired astronaut, Colonel Terry Virts will be featured in each sky pod. Says Virts of the Echo landscape, "The mountains are the most beautiful I have seen across Earth, Venus and Mars".

\*\$1000 per person per trip will be directed to White Desert's sustainability and conservation efforts to support global Net Zero targets and green technology initiatives

## SAMPLE ITINERARIES (inclusive of private jet flights to/from Antarctica)\*\*

ADVENTURES	DAYS*	RACK	HIGHLIGHTS
South Pole & Emperors		\$104,000 per person	Our flagship itinerary, this trip includes everything above plus a trip to the legendary South Pole! Guests can explore the best of the interior of the Great White continent in comfort and at their own pace.
Early Emperors	5	\$65,000 per person	Add an extraordinary wildlife experience to the adventure – a trip to the unique and majestic colony of 28,000 Emperor Penguins and their chicks at Atka Bay, a sight beyond any wildlife photographer's imagination!
Exclusive booking		\$1,248,000	Exclusive hire available upon request for an ultra-luxury bespoke Antarctica experience. Up to 12 guests.

\*\*Enquire with us about bringing your own jet to land on our blue ice runway

Season dates: 1st December 2023 to 6th February 2024

# KEY FACTS 24 hours of daylight Average summer temperature -10 to -5°C / 14 to 23°F Min/max age policy: General: 10 / 80 South Pole: 16 / 75 (Ts&Cs apply)

### FINE DINING

Our world class culinary team have designed elegant full day menus which can cater to any dietary needs (with advanced notice). Bread is freshly baked and coffee freshly ground to accompany made-to-order breakfasts. Evening meals are three-course occasions, created using only the finest South African produce and paired with award-winning wines from the Cape Winelands.





# OR USE OURS

Guests can take this unique opportunity to bring their own personal aircraft to Antarctica's only blue-ice runway designed for private jets.

Coordinates: 71°31'S 08°48'E Elevation: 1127m AMSL Length: 3,000m Width: 60m Corientation: 175° True

# **ACTIVITIES**

- Champagne picnic
- Ice & Mountain Climbing
- Arctic Truck Safari
- Skidoo Tours
- Fat Biking
- Nunatak Walk
- South Pole
- Emperor Penguins



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<sup>\*</sup>Total number of days might vary +/- 2 days depending on weather and flight operations.