

INSPIRINGSM
EXPEDITIONS
by Geoffrey Kent

EMPERORS & SOUTH POLE



Abercrombie & Kent

I invite you to join a small and select party of guests on one of my pioneering 'Inspiring Expeditions'. True to the soul of authentic adventure, we will explore the most remote and spectacular lands and oceans on our planet, and visit the extraordinary people who live in these incredible regions. With great imagination and over half a century of logistical expertise and experience, we have introduced a new level of comfort, elegance and provision to the hardest locations and in doing so have revolutionised the world of travel. Then, by taking advantage of private jets, we have eliminated the hassles and obstacles of commercial travel, replaced them with luxury and ease, and have created for you the time to fulfil those exciting dreams you never thought possible.



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This luxury 12-day 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 : \$185,000

HIGHLIGHTS



DECEMBER 2018 - 12 DAYS

An Inspiring Expedition for just 10 guests
to Antarctica and the South Pole

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA - ANTARCTICA
- CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

- Stand at the South Pole. There is no more east, south or west - the only direction on the planet is north
- Our expedition team will lead you to the summit of a mountain never climbed by any human. No climbing experience is necessary, you will have the chance to be part of a team that names a mountain in Antarctica for the history books
- You will be led into the heart of one of the largest Emperor Penguin colonies in the whole of Antarctica, early in the season when their young chicks are often still sitting on their parents' feet
- Visit seal colonies and a scientific station; explore magical ice tunnels; enjoy 'Antarctic Picnics' and saunas and fascinating lectures; and await our signature unexpected surprises...

33° 56' 29" S 18° 27' 40" E

START POINT

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA



12TH DECEMBER 2018

On arrival in Cape Town, you will be met by one of the Abercrombie & Kent team for your private transfer to The Silo Hotel. Newly opened just this year, this is Cape Town's most exciting new hotel, with only 28 individually designed rooms located over six floors above the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA).

If you wish, enjoy a private tour of the Zeitz MOCAA, home to Africa's largest collection of contemporary African art. As one of the founding members, A&K is proud to support the museum's main aim of encouraging intercultural understanding.

Geoffrey will host a private expedition dinner in the evening.



33° 30' 29" S 18° 27' 40" E

START POINT

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

13TH DECEMBER 2018

Today you will venture up to the stunning winelands of Constantia - located about 25 minutes' drive from the city - where you will meet some of your expedition support team, have a thorough introduction to the Antarctic adventure that lies ahead of you and check through all your kit and items of polar clothing to ensure you are fully equipped and comfortable. Everything will be provided to you.

You'll return to your hotel in the afternoon before being chauffeur driven in glorious vintage cars to The Test Kitchen Restaurant for dinner.

Owned by Luke Dale-Roberts, one of South Africa's most celebrated chefs, the restaurant is famed for its innovative creations, fresh flavours and gastronomic excellence.



CAPE TOWN
SOUTH AFRICA

ATKA BAY EMPEROR COLONY

WHICHAWAY CAMP

FD83 RE-FUEL

GEOGRAPHIC SOUTH POLE

FLIGHTS

Flight to Antarctica:
5.5hrs

Flight to Emperor Penguins:
2.5hrs

Flight to South Pole:
7hrs each way



TRAVEL

SOUTH AFRICA TO ANTARCTICA

14TH DECEMBER 2018

We'll aim to depart at 10:00am from the private jet facility at Cape Town International Airport where your Gulfstream pilots will be waiting for you. With the official destination registered as "Unknown International Airport" you'll fly for five and a half hours across the mighty Southern Ocean, crossing thousands of icebergs spreading out across the sea.

Halfway through the flight, you'll cross into the polar circle and into 24 hours of continuous daylight.



Landing on your private specialist ice runway, named 'Wolfs Fang', you will immediately be able to appreciate the vastness of your surroundings as the horizon stretches into the distance, punctuated only by a row of jagged mountain peaks.

A separate ski equipped aircraft will then ferry you the short 25 minute hop to your luxury camp, Whichaway, which has been diligently designed and now meets Geoffrey Kent Inspiring Expedition discerning demands. We'll take you for a gentle trek around this snowy oasis to orientate you to your new surroundings.



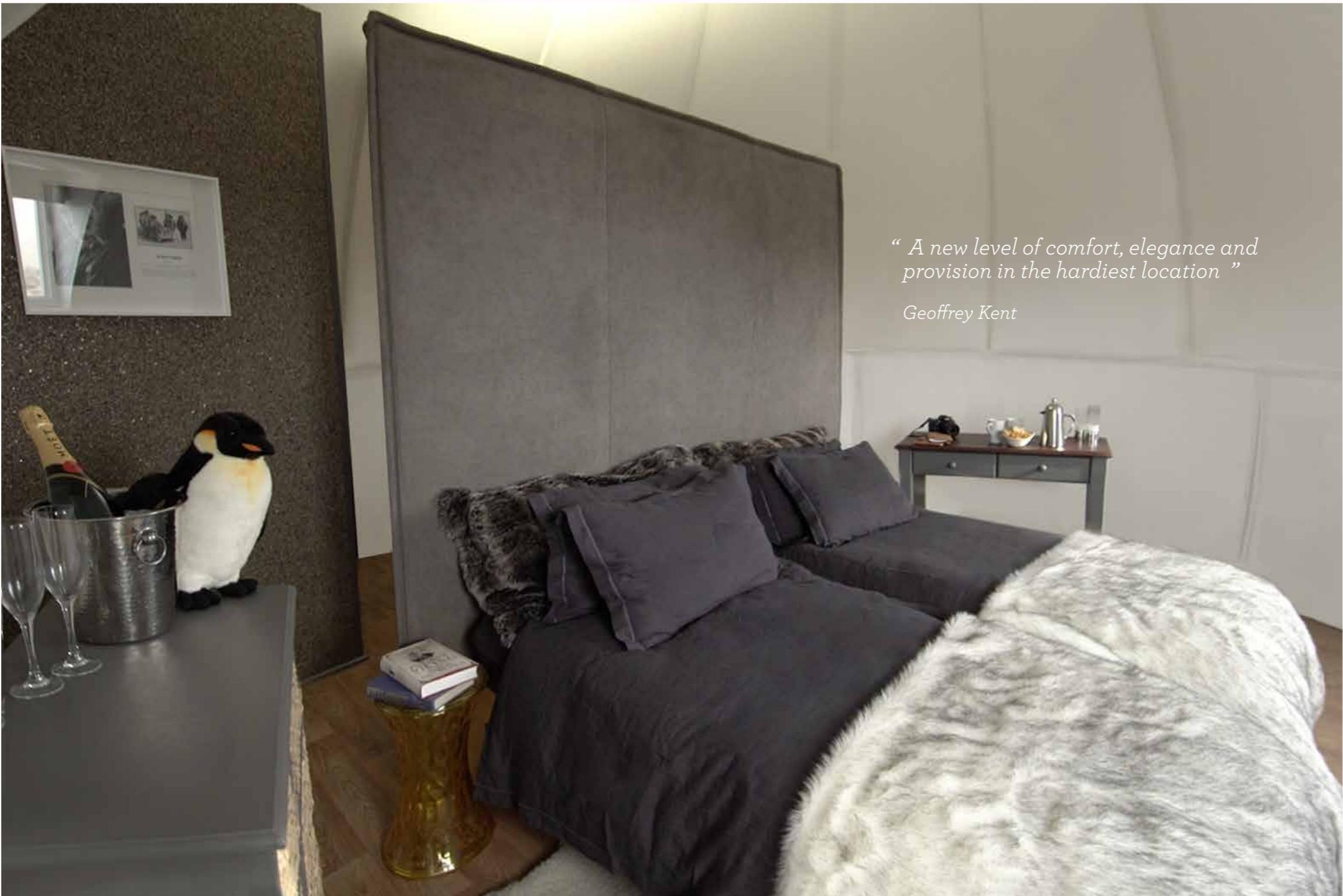
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WHICHAWAY CAMP

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● Bedroom Pod En Suite



● Guest Shower Pod

15TH DECEMBER 2018

Your base is made up of six state-of-the-art sleeping pods. This unique camp stands in stark contrast to the immense 200ft icefall and frozen lake that dominates your view. Each pod is just over 20ft in diameter, complete with en-suite facilities and writing desk.



Whichaway Camp Reception



Guest Sitting Room



The rest of the camp comprises a 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. After a day's exploring, it will be here stories are shared as you feast over food prepared by award-winning chefs.

● Guest Dining Room





*“It is not down in any map; true places never are.”
Herman Melville*

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Each day the certified high mountain guides will offer a variety of activities that can be as hard or relaxed as you wish – do as much or as little as you like to suit your mood and be in awe of your surroundings.



15TH DECEMBER 2018 Cont.

On your first day, we will head to the 650ft long ice caves. The tunnels are made of iridescent blue ice that is as surreal as it is unique. You are able to walk through them and experience the still air and bizarre ice formations that are carved by meltwater. On the way back, we'll use our specialist 4x4s to drive to the nearby science base to meet some of the scientists that have been there undertaking research throughout the winter.





16TH DECEMBER 2018*

You will leave early in the morning in a BT-67 Turbo prop plane and fly five hours across the High Polar Plateau. Landing at 83 degrees south to refuel, you will have the chance to walk around and experience for yourself this daunting environment, before we continue on for another two hours to reach the South Pole itself. This is the lowest point on earth, the holy grail of the old explorer. Here you will be standing at a place that has no more East, South, or West – the only direction on the planet is North.

At the South Pole marker, you can walk around the planet in just a few steps. After a special ceremony, you'll be taken into the Amundsen-Scott American science station for an exclusive tour to witness firsthand their often ground-breaking research. We will then camp for the night near to the South Pole itself. The camp site consists of modern full-height tents with camp beds, mattresses and specialist sleeping bags.

17TH DECEMBER 2018**

After a hearty breakfast, you'll board the plane once again for the flight back to camp. The flight is the perfect chance to truly appreciate the immense scale of Antarctica.



18TH DECEMBER 2018

Today, we use the 4x4s to drive to a vast rock cliff that overlooks the ice waves. Our guides have established a 'via cordita' or 'rope walk' where you follow a path that winds over the cliff edge. It is technically easy, but more than a little exciting.

Then there may be time for lessons in skiing, or snow mobiling, or under expert tutelage you may choose to do a giant abseil off the nearby Nunatak mountain.



70° 38' 16" S 8° 15' 45" W

EMPEROR PENGUIN COLONY



19TH DECEMBER 2018

We fly two hours across Antarctica, skimming across the spectacular coastline before landing at the Emperor Penguin colony. We are the only group to visit this specific colony and surrounded by approximately 6,000 emperor penguins and their newly hatched chicks, you will be able to get up close and personal to these real life stars of "March of the Penguins".

At this time of year, the chicks are still covered in their grey down feathers and we spend the day photographing them and their doting parents. There are occasionally Weddell seals in the area as well, and they lie next to their breathing holes cut from the ice by their own teeth, entirely unafraid of their proximity to humans.

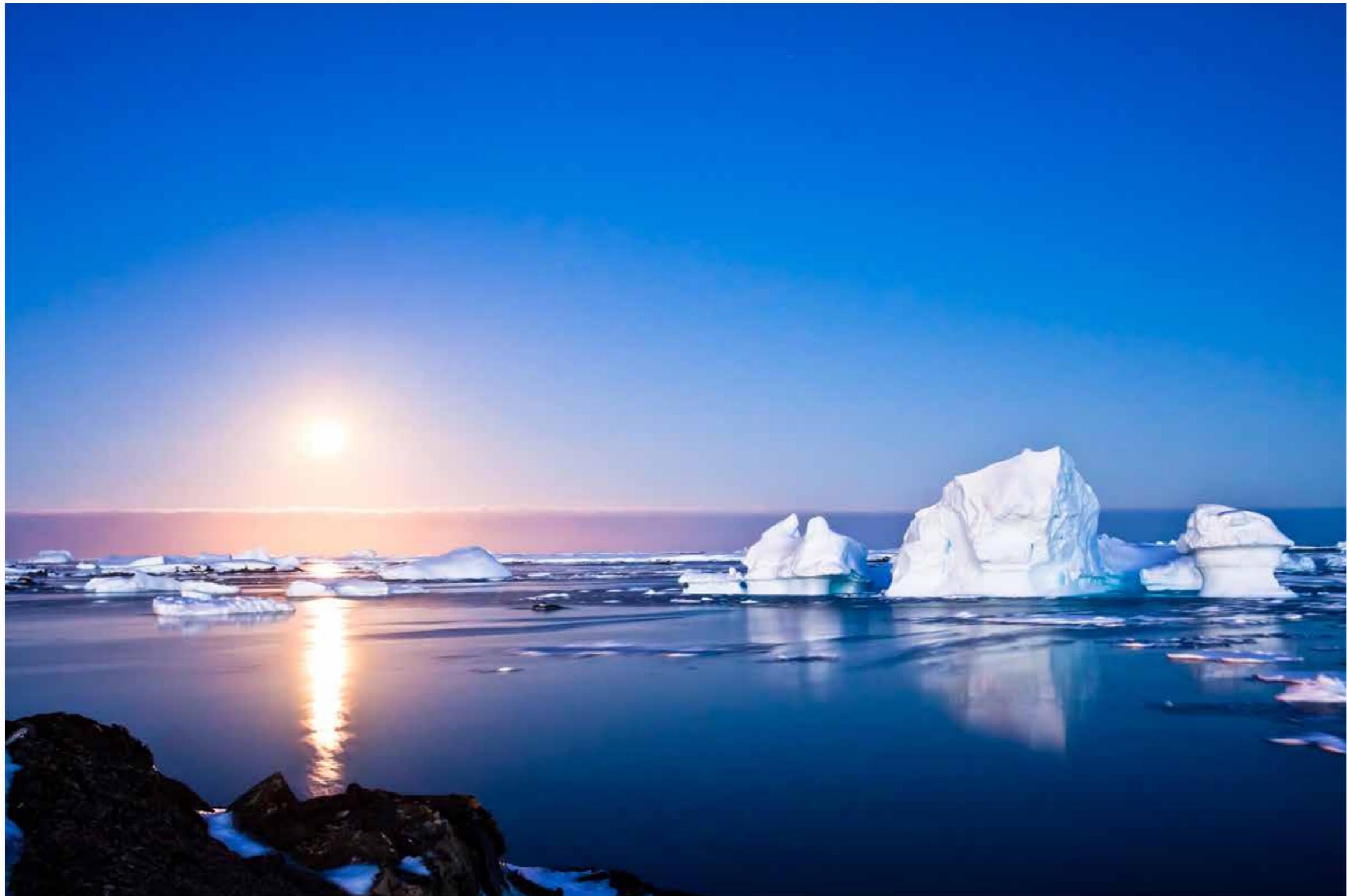
In the late afternoon, we'll fly back to our camp.



20TH December 2018

A short 45-minute flight brings us to the Drygalski mountain range, an area that consists of huge monoliths of rock rising vertically out of the ice and often reaching to over 3,200ft in height.

With our expert guides leading the way, you will have the chance to do something truly memorable - to climb a virgin summit in Antarctica. Building a rock mound (or 'cairn') on the highest point to prove that you were there, you will have the right to name the mountain for the history books.



21TH DECEMBER 2018

We'll improvise a diet of adventures each day according to conditions, but you'll also have wonderful guest speakers to compliment your activities. One such talk would be a presentation by one of our record-breaking polar guides about the history of the race to the South Pole. Told in the most evocative setting imaginable, you will be transported back to the time of Scott and Amundsen as they pitted everything to be the first to reach the lowest point on earth. The tale reads like a Hollywood script and culminates in the death of Scott and his four companions.

Today may well be a great day to picnic on the summit of a small ridge a way from camp. The location offers the most spectacular views out across the frozen icebergs on the coast.

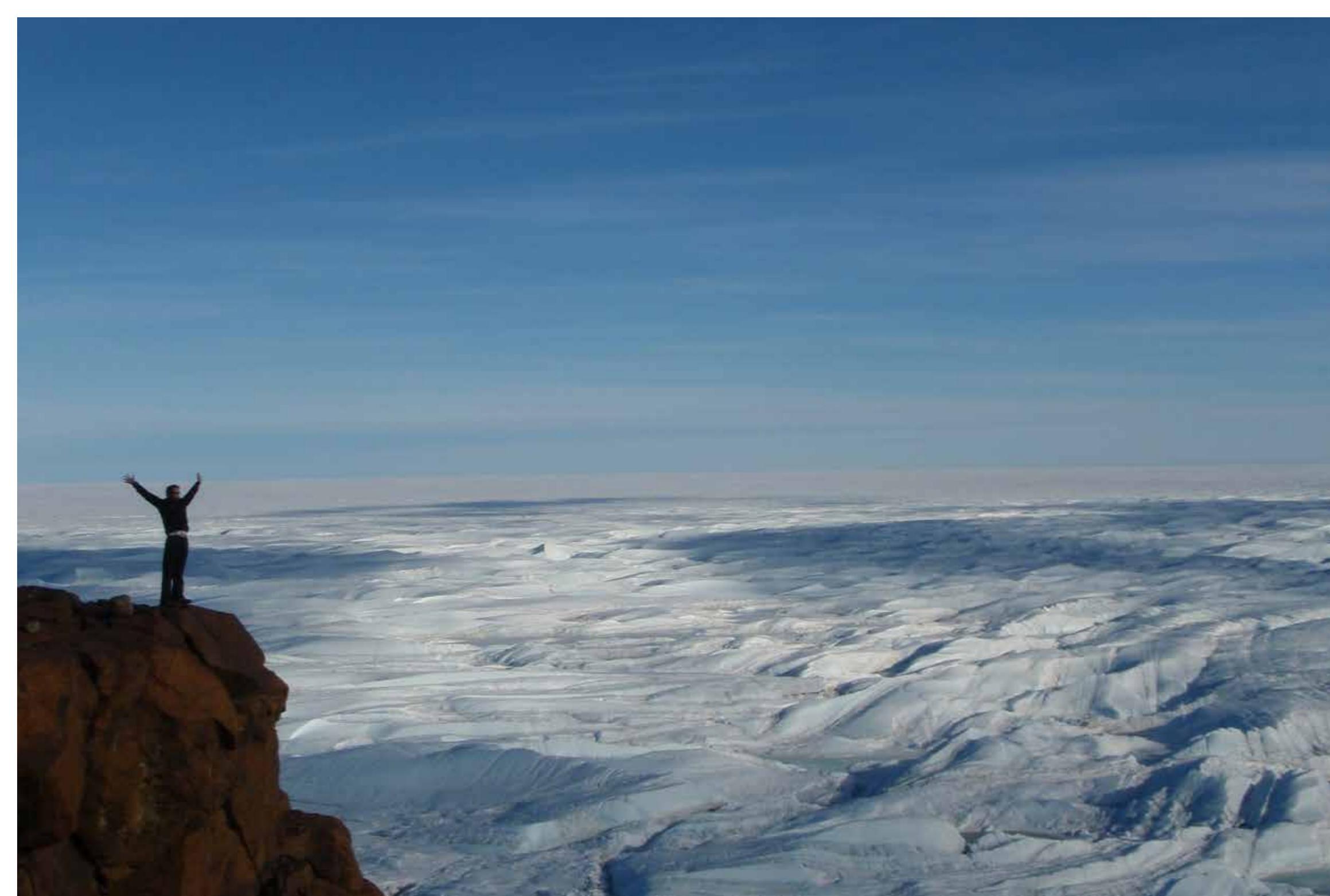


22TH DECEMBER 2018

In the morning, we will be prepared for your flight back to Cape Town. You'll transfer back to Wolfs Fang runway for the five and a half hour flight to Cape Town. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel, The Silo, where you will have a chance to relax in a hot bath while reminiscing on once in a lifetime memories.

23RD DECEMBER 2018

After a good night's rest, we'll help you with your onward journey plans to make it home in time for Christmas.



PRICE : \$185,000 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

GUESTS : 10 MAXIMUM

FITNESS : NO SPECIFIC LEVEL REQUIRED

FLIGHT TO ANTARCTICA : 5.5HRS

FLIGHT TO SOUTH POLE : 7HRS EACH WAY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* 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 can vary.

** Please bear in mind that the South Pole is situated at an apparent altitude of 13,123ft with an approximate ambient temperature of -13 F. Those with pre-conditions for altitudes sickness should not choose this option. If you are unsure in anyway, please contact Abercrombie & Kent for any advice or further information

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