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Antarctica

White Desert, a private camp on the Antarctic mainland, has been given a lavish refurbishment in time for the start of its 10th summer season in November. The camp, whose previous guests have included Prince Harry and Bear Grylls, now features comforts that belie its extreme location — a dining tent with a round oak table and fur-lined chairs, a library and bar with plush sofas and deep rugs, and the six spherical sleeping pods, each for two guests, have en-suite bathrooms. Guests travel by plane from Cape Town (a five-and-a-half-hour flight on an Ilyushin 76). Trips on offer include an eight-day itinerary with visits to a 6,000-strong emperor penguin colony and a flight onwards to the geographic South Pole. It costs €64,000 per person; the next departure is November 18. white-desert.com