

## Inside the luxury hotel in Antarctica where guests can chill for £54,000 a week

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The hotel is only open for five weeks a year where guests are offered meals created by Lewis Hamilton's personal chef

Situated in one of the most desolate locations in the world, The White Desert hotel in Antarctica is one of a kind.

Having just completed a **five-star renovation**, the hotel offers guests the chance to get cozy in its 'sleeping pods' with fur-covered beds, designer furniture and swish ensuite bathrooms.

It will cost a guest £54,000 for a one week stay, but the hotel is designed with the elite in mind.

Counting **Prince Harry** as a former guest, the all inclusive hotel is only open for five weeks a year across the summer months of November and December.



A fibre glass pod at the White Desert hotel camp in Antarctica



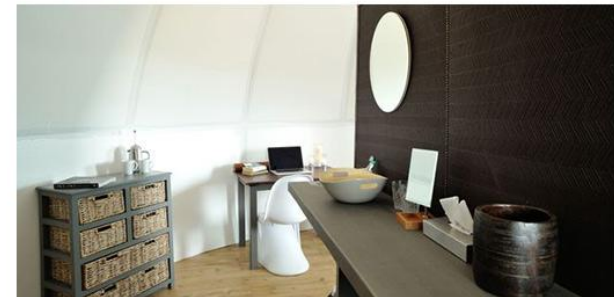
A lounge room pictured at the White Desert hotel in Antarctica



A living room area pictured at the White Desert hotel in Antarctica



A lounge room pictured at the White Desert hotel in Antarctica



The wash area and toilet inside the sleeping pods at the White Desert hotel in Antarctica

There is 24-hour sunlight, so guests will have to bear that in mind or bring along a sleeping mask, but it won't be very warm with the average temperatures are around -5C – which the White Desert hotel considers 'mild'.

Included in the hefty price tag are day excursions, which can see guests visit the South Pole after a seven-hour flight as well as taking another flight to see a colony of emperor penguins. The hotel also offers the opportunities for adrenalin junkies from kite-skiing around camp to ice climbing up virgin peaks.

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A sleeping pod pictured at the White Desert hotel in Antarctica

But if there's a blizzard, it can see guests out of action for around three days. Even if you're forced to stay indoors, guests can expect just a handful of others to mingle with, with the hotel only accepting 12 guests at one time.

Revealing why the opulent hotel carries such a hefty bill, its founder Patrick Woodhead told The Times that the upgrade has been extremely expensive due to the remote location.

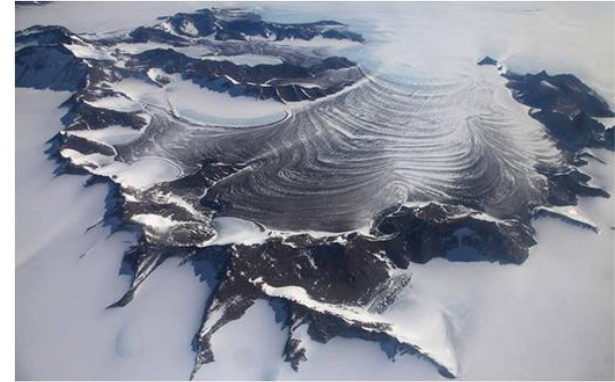


An aerial view of ice floes in Antarctica



Food served at the White Desert hotel in Antarctica

"All the materials, fixtures and fittings had to be flown in at a cost of £12.50 a kilo and then transported across a crevasse-ridden route on a specialised 4x4," he said, with each of the sleep pods weighing three tones.



An aerial view of a glacier in Antarctica

Speaking about her stay at the White Desert hotel, Jane Loginova said: "Blue ice caves, mountains to climb, ice waves etc, throw in penguins and a monumental trip to the South Pole, any other place in the world will be underwhelming."