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If you've ever dreamed of going to the ends of the earth for love, **White Desert**—a company that guides luxury treks through the Antarctic interior—makes the once-in-a-lifetime journey possible. A private plane jets you from Cape Town across the Southern Ocean to Wilkesby Camp, a solar-and-wind-powered base of six fiberglass sleeping pods and three living-and-dining tents connected by sheltered passageways. Founder and modern-day explorer Patrick Woodhead (who first made the trek a century after Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated

1904 attempt) will guide you through all manner of Antarctic experiences, from kite sailing and ice climbing to visiting the 8,000 emperor penguins that colonize the nearby Bratzen ice shelf. The trip caters to a variety of interests and activity levels; one couple recently spent their time photographing ice waves, massive breakers frozen in a permanent swirl. Still, there's no shame in simply curling up in your pod, study outfitted with cowhide rugs as well as heaters trimmed in leather and brass. —E.O.S. www.white-desert.com; November through January, from \$25,450 per person, all-inclusive.

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Ski mask-inspired sunglasses, \$290, by **Prada** (prada.com).

BEHIND THE SCENES

White Desert's Patrick Woodhead is also a best-selling author of adventure thrillers; his latest, **The Secret Chamber** (Random House) \$16, is based on his recent expedition in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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