

# BEYOND ADVENTURE EXTREME

## THE SOUTH POLE



*Ready to become a part of a unique and inspiring driving expedition across Antarctica? Experience the Antarctic Plateau with some of the most unforgiving driving conditions our planet has to offer.*

*Why? Simply because it is possible!*







## Your next adventure level: Driving to the SOUTH POLE

Up until now, deep field Antarctica has largely been the exclusive domain of scientific researchers and multi-national expeditions. Now it is your turn!

An ice expedition needs to be well prepared and requires true experts, glacier-proven vehicles and equipment in a category of its own. We as proudly announce a cooperation with famous **ARCTIC TRUCKS** – a vastly expedition experienced crew comprised of a cast of extraordinary real-life characters. Arctic Trucks has pioneered new, faster and more efficient ways to travel on the Antarctic Plateau, giving you access to this extreme record breaking but thrilling continent.

## Who would believe this is possible?

The sensation of being in an “untouched” environment is magical. For the first 200 kilometers towards the South Pole, the mountain scenery is unlike any other place on earth. The top of the Antarctica Plateau looms at an altitude of 3,000 meters with the endless white desert visible in every direction. This enormous, mysterious continent is ever-changing, sculpted by high winds, extreme temperature and snow fall. As you are surrounded by the awe-inspiring elements, you can’t help but feel a sense of humility and admiration for tenacity and sheer bravery of the early explorers who first stepped upon Antarctica.





## DAY 0

You arrive in Punta Arenas in Chile. The land of Patagonia – the vast southernmost tip of the South American continent, shared by Chile and Argentina, yet divided by the Andes mountain pass. This varied terrain, of one of the world's longest mountain range will astonish you with it's landscapes. And this is just the beginning. Get some proper rest after the journey and prepare for more to come.



## DAY 1

After breakfast you will take part in obligatory pre-flight and pre-expedition briefing. You will learn all the safety measurements and general rules of the expedition and the drive through Antarctica. Later the day, you will get your luggage prepared – only essential personal items can be taken to Antarctica. The capacity is limited and nothing can be left behind.





## DAY 2

Today we depart from civilization and soil land. From Punta Arenas, an approximately 4-hour flight with a cargo plane Ilyushin 76 that takes you to the Union Glacier. This four engine plane with over-wing design is the most suitable to land and take-off from ice runways. The view of the plane impress many, and the flight itself is a threshold to the adventure awaiting. After landing, warm clothing is a must, together with sunglasses. Prepare for the amount of light and glare as never before.

At the Union Glacier you will spend the first night on the ice. But before that, meet the Arctic Truck – your best friend, home and transport all-in-one, for the next days. The trucks will get packed with all needed equipment. A short visit to spectacular 4 km wide Drake Ice fall will end the day.







## DAY 3

The day when the real expedition starts. We will drive to the Ronne Ice shelf - one of the biggest in the world. After Sir Vivian Fuchs's Trans-Atlantic Expedition in 1955 to 1958, only one other expedition has driven vehicles from the Ronne Ice shelf to South Pole. This mostly observed by scientists ice shelf has changed its structure for the decades now due to global warming and it endangered with a crack that will surely affect the climate change all over the world.

Depending on weather condition and expedition pace, from the Ronne Ice shelf the drive will continue south toward Patriot Hills.







## DAY 4

The expedition continues. Breakfast in the camp, packing and off we go toward Thiel Mountains. This 72 km long mountain range is mainly snow-capped. In this area, there is a ski-way and refueling spot, commonly used by small planes of scientists expeditions to move around Antarctica. We are 85° 3' S 90° 51'W. Not even 5° and you will step on the tip of the earth. By that time, enjoy the views around you.



## DAY 5 & DAY 6

As all is strongly weather dependent, the pace of the expedition and places where camp is based may differ. About 400 km into the expedition we will have ahead of us endless white desert. The condition will vary but you can expect impressive 150-200 km of "sastrugi" – wind drifted snow formations.





## DAY 7

Remember this date. Remember today. Many has climbed Mount Everest. But you are one of very few you has reached the South Pole. The magical 90° S is right here, waiting for you to stand there and feel the mix of adrenaline and euphoria.

This special geographical location presents various possibilities to do something interesting, i.e. a short walk will get you circumnavigating Earth crossing every time zone. Send greetings to loved ones. Make a perfect photo. Simply enjoy. You made it.



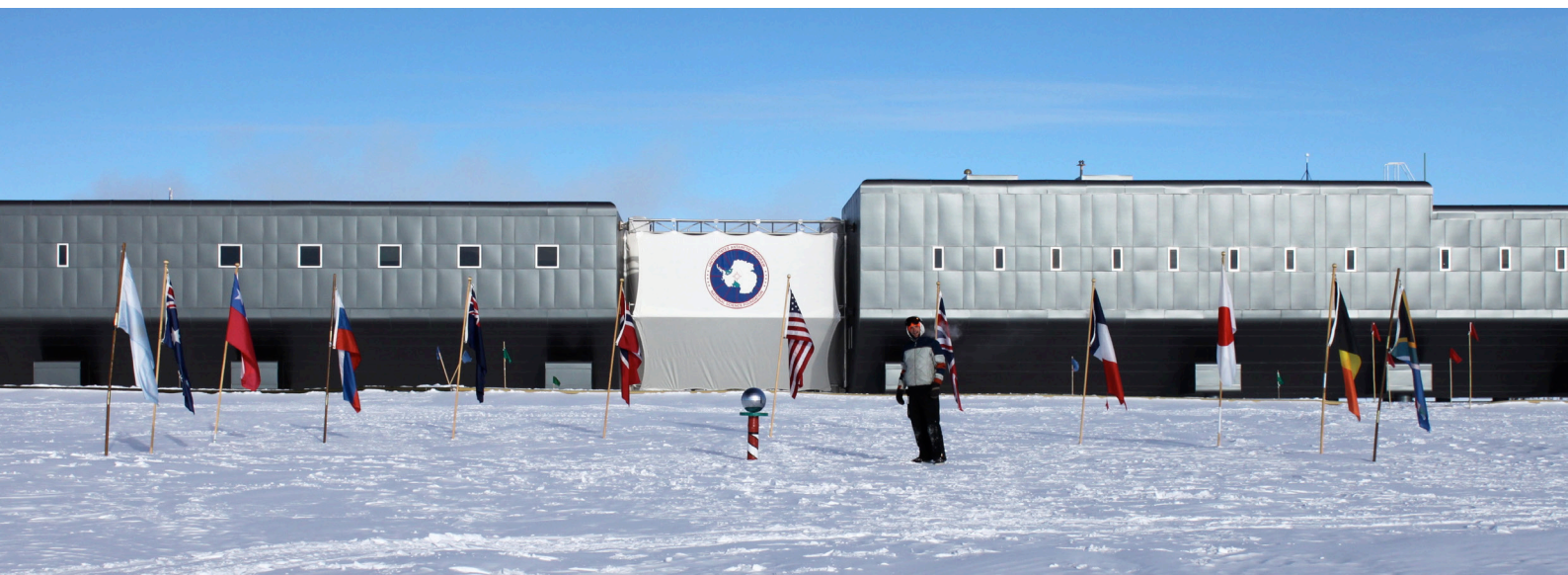


## DAY 8

Enjoy the day at the tip of the Earth and prepare for a return journey.

A short visit and tour to the National Science Foundation may be possible but since this is a working science station visitation cannot be confirmed until arrival.

At the National Science Foundation, a number of ground-breaking international scientific research projects are being conducted, e.g. how the 2.5 km thick ice allows sensors to be placed deep in the ice forming a 2.5 km long antenna facing down to detect neutrinos coming through earth from the North Pole.



Many explorers tried to reach the pole. Fewer returned. In the evening you will undertake the return journey buoyed by your memories of reaching the pole. Make a last photo and embrace the energy of this extraordinary place.





## DAY 9 to DAY 11

While driving toward Union Glacier you will also see the Criosferra Scientific Station – a standalone research module for atmospheric data collection. Even though it may seem that the route back is easier as you already know it, the paths are not the same. At times the terrain or conditions can be unforgiving, therefore you must be extremely carefull and humble toward Antarctica.







## DAY 12

This is it – you have driven on the continent many believe is not possible. Arrival to Union Glacier camp puts a perfect bracket on the whole expedition. It is time to unpack the trucks and spend the last day in a bed made of 4 km of ice.

Use the Union Glacier's conveniences such as showers, a good kitchen and other things that you will now appreciate as great luxuries after few days of camping and living in the car. Tomorrow you will fly out back to the land of soil.

Overnight in Union Glacier Camp.



## DAY 13

Depending on weather, in the morning or midday you will again board the Ilyushin 76 and fly back to Punta Arenas. There, you will be shuttle by our Arctic Trucks team to your hotel. This is the end of Beyond Adventure Extreme. Share your stories and experiences and come back for another expedition as there is still so much to discover.





## YOUR SPECIALLY PREPARED ARCTIC TRUCKS

The vehicles are specially built by Arctic Trucks in Iceland. These vehicles are unique with a long and excellent success record in the extremely challenging polar environment. The vehicles come both in 4x4 and 6x6 configuration. Cabin space is limited; whilst 5 people could fit in the cab we have only 2 participants and one experienced staff member per vehicle in total to have a bit more room for all.

The unique capabilities of Toyota Hilux. It is the AT44, 6x6 and 4x4 that make these Antarctica expedition possible. Arctic Trucks has developed these based on over 28 years of experience dealing with extreme condition. The vehicles are re-designed and re-built including the body, frame and drive line. Fuel, heating and electric system are all extensively modified, the load capacity is tripled of the original. Traction and floatation increased up to 20 times per tire, 20 gears forward including the crawler gear along with many other functional systems for expeditions.



Driving these vehicles is an experience in it self. Few people know how to drive in snow, it has some similarities to sand but some snow requires a very different technique that you will learn. Driving can be from very easy to very challenging depending on conditions, the driving can be very demanding but rewarding.





## SPECIAL FOODS

Main ingredients on the Expedition menu will be a properly varied selection of freeze dried items supplemented by dried fruit and assorted snacks. Preparation is straightforward and personal requirements and tastes can be accommodated. Some nights the team will “celebrate” and cook something special!

We will be driving but the conditions require a high energy diet and lots of water. We will be in high altitude and the cold, dry air means we must remind ourselves to stay hydrated and consume sufficient calories. Nevertheless we can expect most people lose weight during the expedition. Please inform us if there are special dietary requirements.







## THE CAMP AND EQUIPMENT

While en route, the plan is to make camp. You will sleep in expedition tents that are specially designed to capture the warmth from the sun and keep the cold at bay. Cooking, dining and conversation takes place in a larger tent with chairs and tables. Before leaving Union Glacier you will have a chance to practice setting up the tents.

2 or 3 people share an expedition sleeping tent. If specially requested larger sleeping tents are possible with beds but these do not get as warm and take considerable more time to setup. Our experience shows people much prefer to sleep in the expedition tents, it is warmer and is more “expeditionary”.

We dress in layers and it is important to have thinner gloves under and outer layer over, i.e. when taking photos or setting up camp. Luckily the sleeping tents are “intelligent” quick to setup and quickly get warm with few people inside. We plan 2 person per tent but each tent is made for 4 people.

Equipment is the main life saver so each will receive a mandatory equipment shopping list and a check list including all equipment that you must bring including suggestions/requirements i.e.: cameras, digital media, vitamins, sunglasses, flags etc.

This is a pristine environment and we will leave nothing behind in Antarctica except our tracks, which will be covered by the next blizzard. In each camp a toilet tent will be set up for our “convenience” and all waste is packed out.







## FURTHER INFORMATION

All participants have to be in good health and physical condition. You must have a pre-departure medical, which must be signed off. We also advise a dental check-up within the last few months of scheduled departure.

In Antarctica little can be promised but, we are likely to experience solar haloes, magical blue skies, high and low visibility, sastrugies and incredible views. Unique photographic opportunities are almost certain, illustrating the story of a lifetime. The temperature here in December averages between  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ , excluding wind chill. It may be warmer – or colder!

The vehicles have 12 volt and limited 220 volt electricity. Iridium sat. phones for emergency. Receiving and sending text and simple e-mails is included in the expedition cost.

The team can handle anticipated medical situations but a tactical plan is in place for serious emergency where all criteria are taken into account, including accessing advice from experienced polar doctors, to fulfill the most expedient evacuation and treatment path.







### **Duration and Dates:**

~14 days ( ~10 driving days ) | ~ 1,138 KM

5th to 18th December 2019

The dates and duration of the expedition is strongly weather dependant.

### **Cars:**

Toyota Hilux by Artic Trucks: best and roughest off-roaders in the world.

### **Price on application:**

Please contact us.

### **Misc:**

Group Size: Min. and max. 4 customers (2 per truck)

Antarctica's ever-shifting environment gives no weather guarantees. In the latter months of the year, the weather is mostly favorable but bad weather and/or low visibility may affect our schedule, especially the flights. With safety as a priority, Beyond Adventure Extreme together with Arctic Trucks and the Union Glacier operator (ALE) will do the utmost to keep to the schedule, but it is advised not to plan highly important events close to the planned return arrival. Information correct at time of publishing, due to the nature of the projects changes can occur.

### **Contact:**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our team at [jan@grc.as](mailto:jan@grc.as) or call: +45 31 12 11 01 (also available on WhatsApp).

Let the adventure begin,

Jan Kalmar, founder

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## EXCELLENCE PAIRED WITH PROFESSIONALISM, PASSION, ADVENTURE AND PRECISION

**Beyond Adventure Extreme** is all about exploring the world on passionate and unique driving adventures. Getting from A to B shall become your experience not just transport. We offer you the opportunity to explore some of your “bucket-list” destinations. All behind the steering wheel of the best suitable vehicle for the challenge.

We dare to motivate you to go where no-one normally goes and we want to exceed your expectations with our one-of-its-kind concepts. We redefine automotive adventures and target via a distinctive teamwork to also extend your network and to create friendships. With joining a Beyond Adventure Extreme you will become part of a passionate team and will immediately feel our uniqueness in how we do things.

Milius & Partners and its experience program Beyond Adventure Extreme was established by Jan Kalmar – an adventurer, petrol head and extreme driver who is constantly exploring the planet on four wheels. This lifelong passion has led to an extensive network. Jan has bent the limits for automotive challenges for over 20 years and even set World Records in the process.

### Individual Approach

For us the experience must be distinctive – we deliver the best service wherever we go and never lose the flexibility and our individual approach.

### Your Team

The passion for adventures is deep within our vastly experienced event team. We will ensure the best possible comfort and always make sure you never feel alone. In case of an emergency, break down or a simple puncture, there will be a solution assisted by the Beyond Adventure Extreme team. So, although you drive solitary, you are never alone, even in the most remote areas.

Behind the scenes, a team of travel experts is on stand-by from start to finish following you via GPS tracking for your safety and comfort – always ready to support.

The experience starts already when signing in, from that moment on you may always rely on our experience to assist you with all aspects of the entire project. Surely most wishes can be sorted. The true adventure starts at the arrival airport. From here all is taken care of all the way to the departure airport– get ready to explore the world you never knew existed... the extraordinary world!