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## New safaris to the South Pole with The Explorations Company

Retrace the steps of Roald Amundsen in fully customised Toyota Hiluxes

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One of the Toyota Hilux trucks used in The Explorations Company's Antarctic expeditions

Roald Amundsen sledged to the South Pole, reaching it on December 14, 1911, five weeks ahead of Captain Robert Scott. In December this year, you can retrace the Norwegian's steps using neither dogs (Amundsen's preference) nor horses (one of Scott's mistakes) but three fully customised Toyota Hiluxes.

The vehicles (two clients per truck) drive the route in convoy from the Ross Ice Shelf, going up and over the Transantarctic Mountains, before crossing the inland plateau to arrive at the South Pole. Supporting the team are a guide/driver with extensive medical and mechanical skills and full logistical back-up to allow for camping on the ice at -30°.

The departure on November 29 is one of four eight- to 10-day, 1,000km-long trips (running back to back) that start or finish at Union Glacier Camp in Antarctica's remote southern Ellsworth Mountains. The trip can be booked through The Explorations Company ([www.explorationscompany.com](http://www.explorationscompany.com)), with prices from £110,000 per person for 10 days, including flights in and out of Punta Arenas in Chile.