

Fiennes quits last great Antarctic challenge

British adventurer Ranulph Fiennes has been forced to pull out of the first expedition across Antarctica in winter due to severe frostbite. His five team-mates still plan to embark on the trek, in which they will endure permanent darkness and extremely low temperatures



Fiennes, 68, was injured at a base camp while trying to fix a ski binding with his bare hands in temperatures of -30°C

Crossing to be made in temperatures as low as -90°C , with no option of rescue

Cabooses: Two converted shipping containers house living quarters, supplies and science lab

Caterpillar tractors: Two D6N track-type tractors modified to cope with extreme environment

Front men: Two skiers lead convoy

Ground-penetrating radar: Helps detect crevasses

Sledges: 14 sleds transport fuel

