Claim / Data Point Supported	Citation	Link
Flight 571, a Fairchild FH-227D, crashed in the Andes on October 13, 1972, with 45 people aboard (Old Christians rugby team, friends, family, crew)	Britannica	https://www.britannica.com/event/Uruguayan-Air-Force-flight-571
The pilots misjudged their position, began descent too early, and struck a mountain ridge; both wings and tail sheared off	TIME	https://time.com/6551709/society-of-the-snow-true-story-netflix/
Crash site was at ~3,660 meters (12,020 ft) in remote Andes; white fuselage camouflaged in snow, hindering rescue	El Pais	https://english.elpais.com/international/2022-10-14/the-andes-flight-disaster-50-years-later.html
12 people died in the initial crash, several more soon after from injuries and cold	Simple Flying	https://simpleflying.com/extreme-survival-the-story-of-uruguayan-air-force-flight-571/
Search and rescue teams from Uruguay, Argentina, and Chile searched for 8 days but called off the search due to harsh conditions and inability to spot the wreckage	Onlingam	https://onlingam.com/the-miracle-of-flight-571-survival-and-resilience/
Survivors faced extreme cold, starvation, avalanches, and ultimately resorted to cannibalism to survive	BBC Culture	https://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20231213-society-of-the-snow-the-horrifying-story-of-the-1972-andes-plane-crash-is-also-one-of-survival-and-generosity
The group made a pact to use the bodies of the deceased for survival, after food ran out	Ary News	https://arynews.tv/the-miracle-of-the-andes-uruguayan-air-force-flight-571/
An avalanche on October 29 buried the fuselage, killing 8 more survivors	ItsBlossom	https://itsblossom.com/true-story/miracle-of-the-andes/
After 72 days, only 16 survived; Nando Parrado and Roberto Canessa trekked for 10 days across the Andes to find help	Alpine Expeditions	https://alpineexpeditions.net/andes-survivors/
Parrado and Canessa encountered a Chilean shepherd across a river, communicated by note, and triggered the rescue	ComingSoon.net	https://www.comingsoon.net/true-crime/news/1424177-1972-andes-plane-crash-what-happened-how-many-survivors
The Chilean Air Force used helicopters to rescue the remaining 14 survivors over December 22–23, 1972	Wikipedia	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uruguayan_Air_Force_Flight_571
The ordeal became known as "The Miracle of the Andes" and inspired books, documentaries, and films	Devdiscourse	https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/international/2344677-the-kohinoor-diamond-a-journey-through-time-and-empires