

Tourism in Antarctica

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Why do people like to visit Antarctica?
- 2) What are the main tourist attractions?
- 3) How do tourists get to Antarctica?
- 4) What would tour operators need to consider regarding their impact on the environment?



People travel to Antarctica on organised tours. Cruise ships, like this one, bring limited numbers of tourists. You can see people in red suits boarding small boats. Guides accompany the tourists as they tour around the continent.



These tourists are observing a colony of gentoo penguins.



Tourists enjoy seeing whales in the oceans around Antarctica. Tour boats have rules that they must follow regarding their proximity to whales in the ocean. Care must be taken to not alarm or endanger the whale.



These Emperor penguins have few natural predators. They are unconcerned by the presence of humans in their environment. Visitors are not allowed to feed or touch the wildlife. They are not allowed to get too close to the animals. However, if the animals happened to approach the photographer they would certainly get a wonderful photograph!



Leave: only footprints



Take: only photographs

What regulations would tour operators need to consider?

Write a list of rules that would:

- * keep tourists safe
- * keep wildlife safe
- * protect the Antarctic environment

