

Tourism in Antarctica

Be able to identify why tourists are attracted to Antarctica

Be able to describe what holidays are like in Antarctica

Be able to explain the potential problems tourists might create



WHY ANTARCTICA?

Antarctica's first tourists arrived in 1958. In those days, visitor numbers were very small. But today, thanks to an increase in cruise ships, about 28,000 tourists visit the continent every year.

Antarctica is no place to get a suntan, and temperatures are freezing all year round. What's more, there are no restaurants, shops, theatres or nightclubs.

So why do people go there?



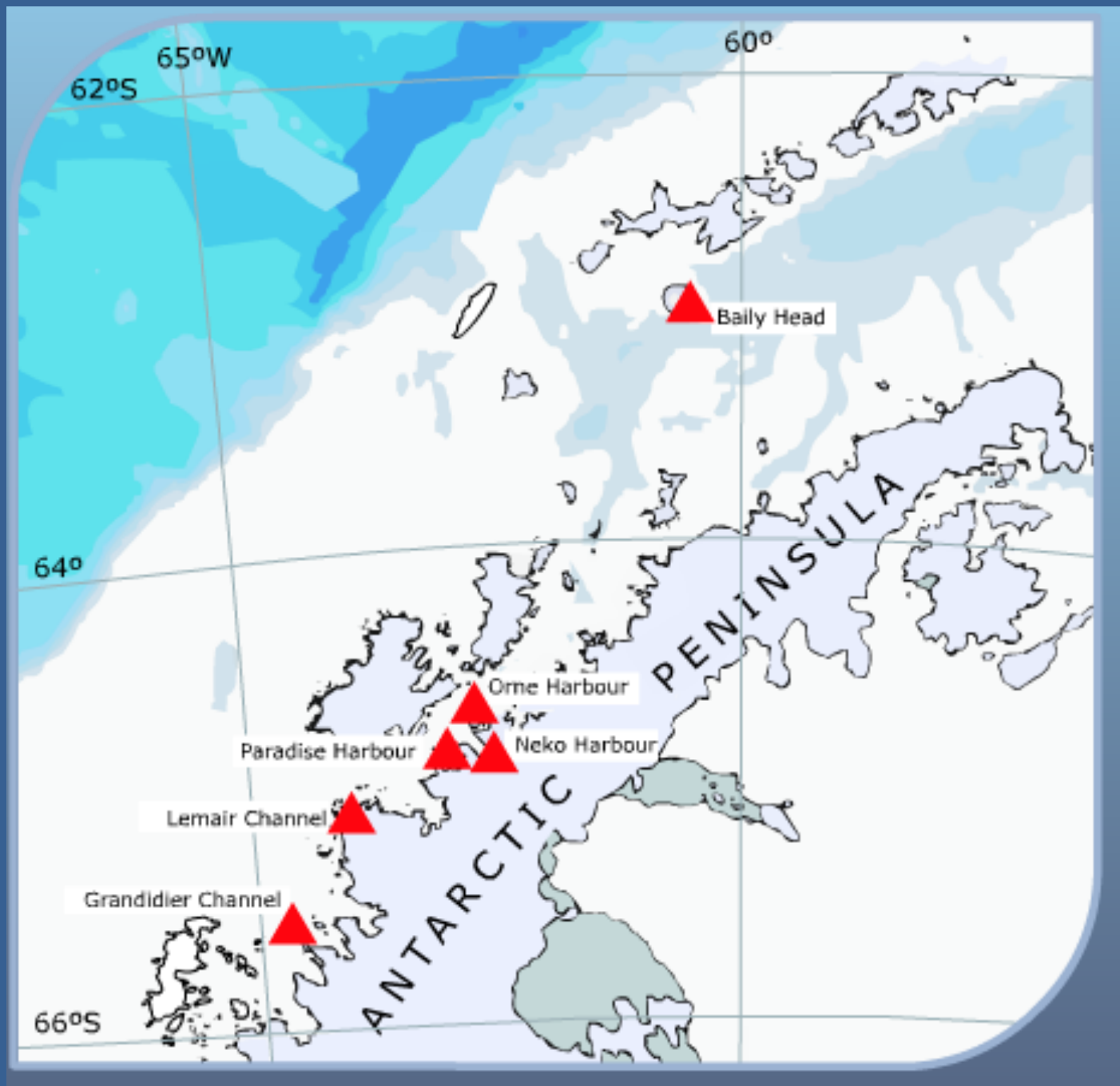
Why would you want to visit Antarctica?





How many people go to Antarctica as tourists and where do they come from?

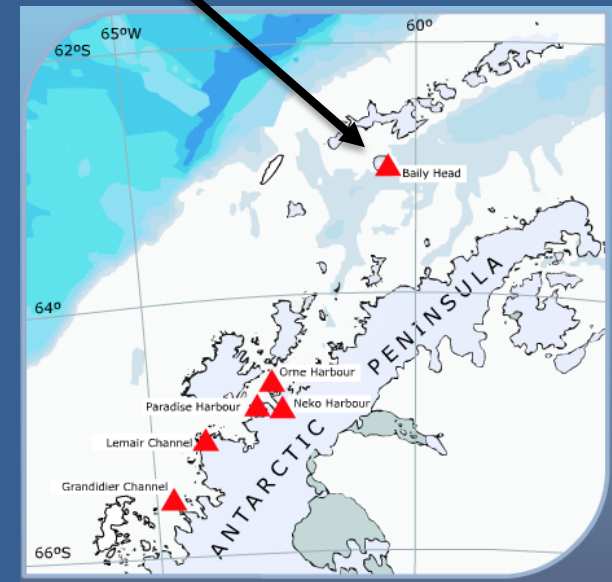
Trip to Antarctica





Baily Head has the largest accessible Chinstrap penguin population in the Antarctic peninsula region

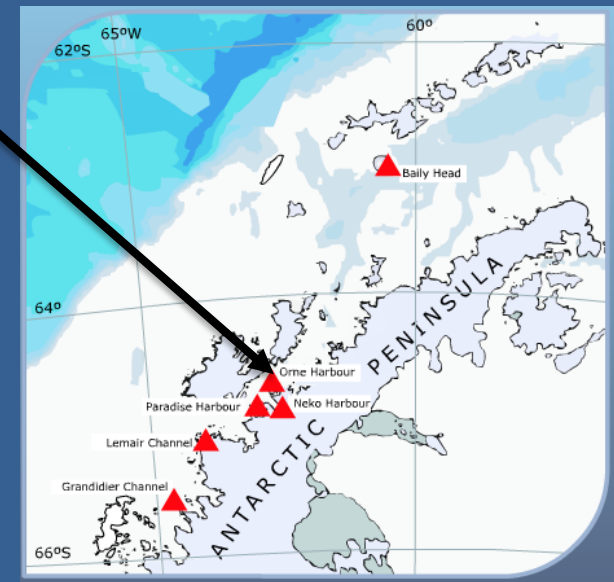
Large rugged headland, steep black sand beach and rolling green slopes makes it one of the most physically stunning locations





Offers some excellent views of mountains and glaciers

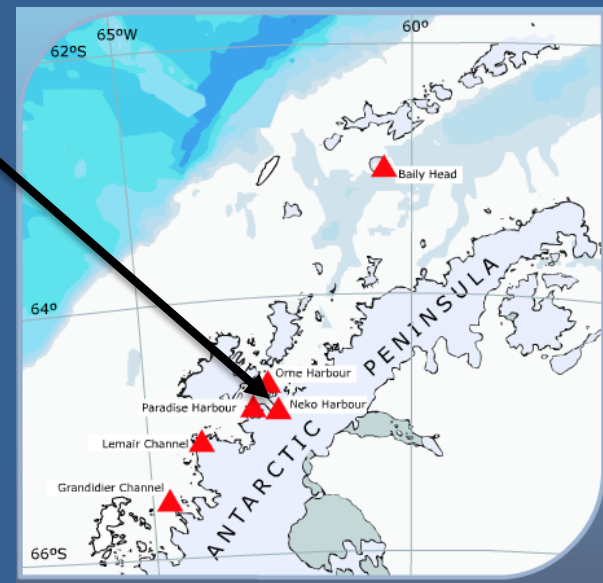
Access to a short but energetic climb for a view over the Errera Channel and beyond.





Able to see the small
gentoo penguin
chicks huddling
together for warmth,
it's an other-worldly
destination

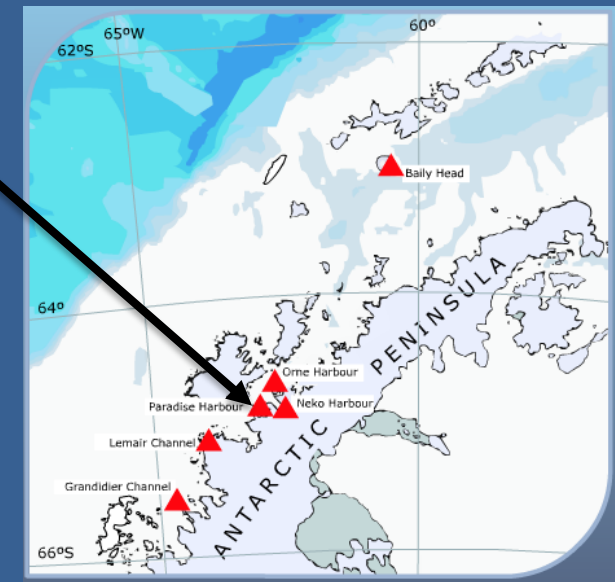
Sparkling scenery and
enormous glaciers on show.





Home to abundant populations of terns, petrels, cormorants, seals, penguins, and whales

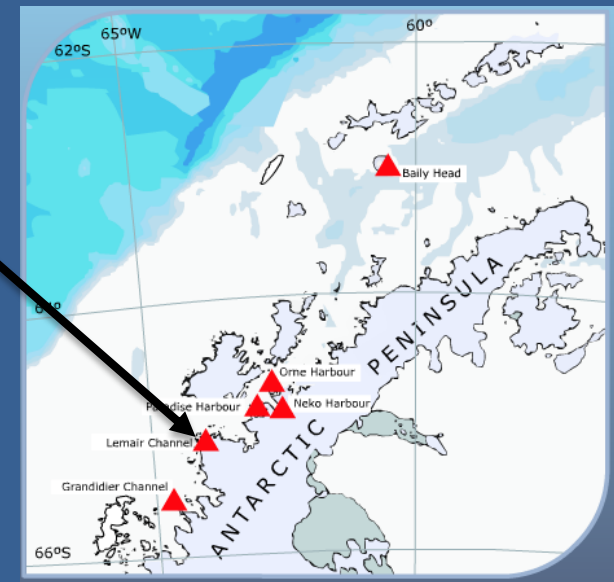
One of Antarctica's most visited areas





Renowned as one of the most spectacular locations of a stunningly beautiful part of the world

Orca, Minke, and Humpback whales and Weddell, Leopard and Crabeater seals pass through





Grandidier Channel

Another popular destination for tourists due to the beautiful scenery

