International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO)

Founded in 1991 to advocate and promote the practice of safe, environmentally responsible private-sector travel to the Antarctic.
Safe, environmentally responsible private sector travel

• Operate within the Antarctic Treaty System

• No more than a minor or transitory impact

• A corps of ambassadors for Antarctica’s continued protection
IAATO Areas of Operation

IAATO estimated % of visitors travelling to Antarctica by sector 2022/2023. Number of vessels is not absolute for each sector. Some vessels may fall under air/cruise and traditional tourism in the same season, for example.

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Deep Field Operators
Types of Vessel Operations

Cruise Only: 501 Pax or more
Types of Vessel Operations

Category 1: 13 - 200 Pax

Category 2: 201 - 500 Pax
Types of Vessel Operations

Yachts: 12 Pax or Less
Activities from Vessels
Activities from Vessels
Antarctic Peninsula Patterns
Semi-Circumnavigation and Ross Sea Patterns
Thank You.

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