

THE NECESSITY OF REGULATIONS

There is no doubt Antarctica is an incredible tourist destination. It is a magnificent and largely uninhabited wilderness with majestic mountains, glaciers, icebergs and abundant wildlife. Its remoteness, inaccessibility and severe climate add an element of adventure to a visit to Antarctica. Visitor numbers have increased rapidly over the last few decades. During the 1998–99 summer season, over 10000 tourists visited Antarctica compared with less than 2000 19 years ago.

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