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Summary

This paper presents statistical data on Antarctic vessel tourism for the 2025-26 season, based on Post Visit Reports submitted by IAATO Operators, along with preliminary projections for the 2026-27 season. It also includes a historical overview intended to support ongoing discussions on the growth and diversification of tourist activities.

Introduction

IAATO is pleased to provide statistical data compiled from vessel Post Visit Reports (PVRs) for the 2025-26 season, as well as preliminary estimates for the 2026-27 season.

We also take this opportunity to build on discussions with different Treaty Parties on growth and the diversification of activities, by including a historical perspective that may aid ongoing considerations. The data presented throughout this paper is based on information provided to IAATO by its operators in PVRs. Visitor numbers reflect only those travelling with IAATO Operator companies/vessels and do not include information from any non-IAATO operators. The visitor numbers also do not include observers, government officials, or individuals participating in research projects supported by IAATO Operators.

IAATO's membership continues to encompass most private-sector tour operators, and IAATO Operator activities account for 98% of all tourism to Antarctica. All IAATO Operator activities in Antarctica are permitted or authorised by Competent Authorities through Environmental Impact Assessments (or equivalent), Advance Notifications and, where relevant, Waste Management Permits, submitted in advance of the season. IAATO Operators strive for safe and responsible operations in the Antarctic Treaty area and plan activities that will have no more than a minor or transitory environmental impact. For further information on IAATO activities, see ATCM 46 (2024) IP107 *A Catalogue of IAATO Operator Activities*.

1.0 Historical Overview on Managing for Growth

1.1 IAATO Member Activities and Managing for Growth

Over the past 35 years, IAATO has experienced several periods of growth in Antarctic tourism. During each of these periods, and in the intervening breaks, IAATO has implemented a series of tourism management measures, many of which were subsequently adopted by the ATCPs. Building on lessons learned and advancements in technology, reporting, and communications, IAATO has been able to accurately forecast and monitor growth, make informed decisions and implement management measures to properly position the organization as changes occur, and respond promptly as needed.

As forecast in ATCM 47 (2025) IP032 rev 1 *IAATO Overview of Antarctic Vessel Tourism: The 2024-25 Season, and Preliminary Estimates for 2025-26*, the 2025-26 passenger levels were approximately 4.2% lower than the 2024-25 season, primarily due to one Cruise Only operator not operating. The number of landed passengers increased approximately 6% from the 2024-25

season, from 80,455 to 85,195. The preliminary forecast for the 2026-27 season indicates a slight decline in passenger numbers.

With a proactive approach, IAATO continues to strengthen, test, and refine its suite of tools to ensure the continued successful management of activities, as listed in ATCM 48 (2026) IP194 rev 1. *Report of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators 2025-26.*

Incremental changes to existing tools over the past ten years have addressed the continued increase in participation in activities. *Figure 1* provides an overview of landed and cruise-only passenger numbers from 1993-94 to 2025-26. *Table 1* provides an overview of the key growth management tools introduced by IAATO during the period from 1993 to the present.

Figure 1: Overview of Landed and Cruise Only Passenger Numbers 1993 to Present

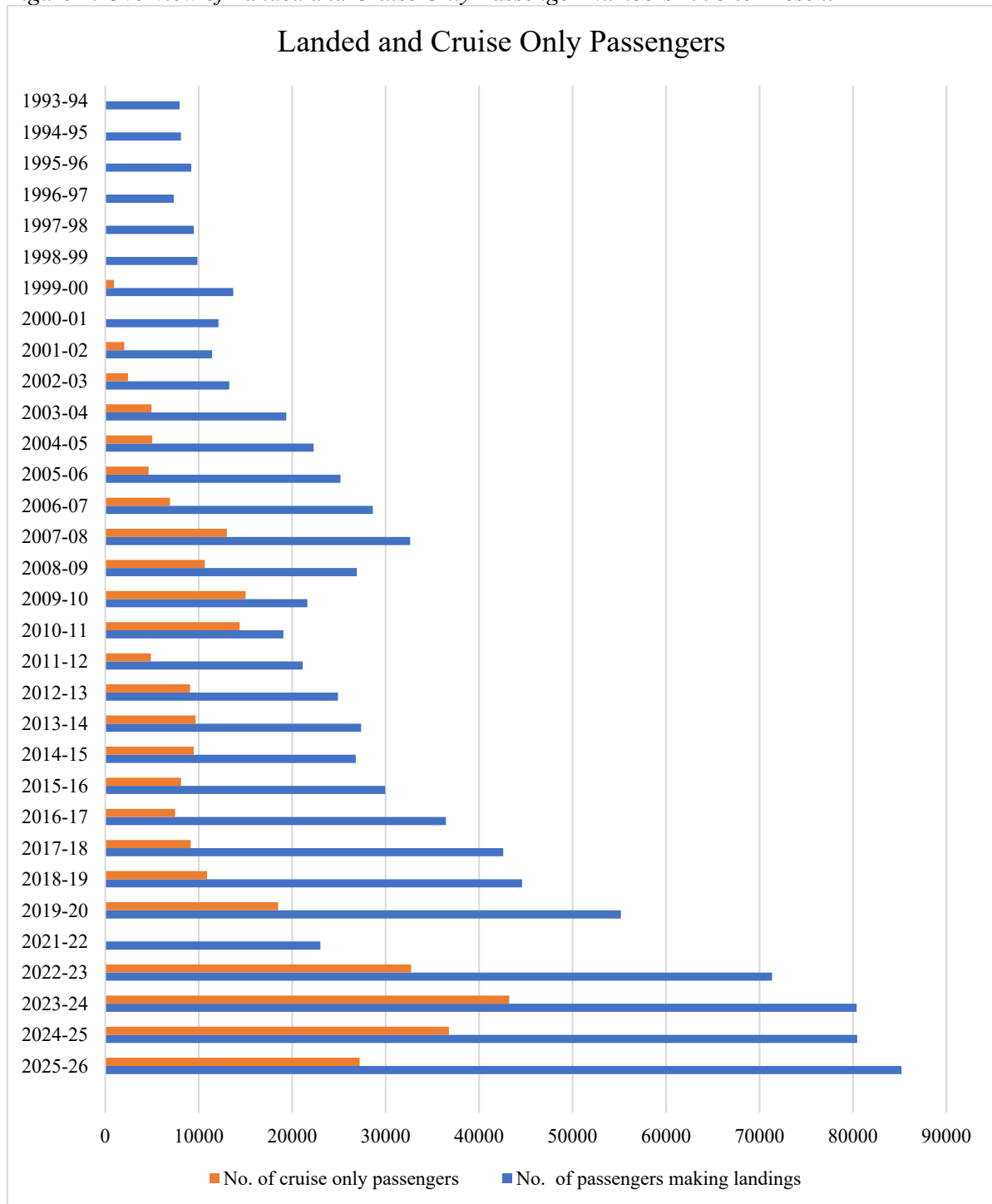


Table 1: Overview of the key growth management tools introduced by IAATO during periods of growth between 1993 and the present

Years	Key Growth Management Measures
1993-2001	Tour Operator Guidelines
	Visitor Guidelines
	Conservation Guidelines
	100 Passengers Ashore Bylaw
	20:1 Guide / Passenger Ratio
	One ship at one site at one time
	Guide Experience requirement
	Tourism Statistics & Reporting
	New Operator Observer scheme
	Emergency and Contingency Plan
	Site Management Categorisations
	Cruise Only Bylaw
	Biosecurity Procedures
2001-2011	IAATO Marine Notices
	Site Guidelines Development
	Site Monitoring and Reporting Scheme
	IAATO Vessel Tracking (RedPort)
	Wilderness Etiquette
	Yacht Outreach Program
	Voluntary Field Staff Assessments
	Various Activity Specific Guidelines
	Species Specific Guidelines
	Enhanced Observer Scheme
	Ship Scheduler Development
	2012-2019
Live Ship Scheduler & New Database	
Mandatory Observer Scheme	
Code of Conduct in Bylaws	
Expansion & Strengthened Operational Procedures for Activities, Biosecurity, etc	
Polar Guide App (v1)	
Increased Educational & Operational	
Communications Across a Variety of Platforms	
2021-2025	Climate Change Pledge, Policy, and Carbon Tracking Procedures
	Enhanced Field Staff Experience Requirements and Ratio
	New 5-Year Strategic Plan
	Helicopter Restricted Activity Zones
	Suite of IAATO Site Guidelines
	Antarctic Ambassadorship Strategy
	Mandatory Officer Assessments

	Mandatory Field Staff Assessments
	Enhancement & Expansion of Mandatory Whale Avoidance Requirements
	Mandatory Acoustic Awareness Zone
	Expansion & Enhancement of Mandatory Observer Scheme
	IAATO Antarctic Expedition App (v2)
	Site Stewardship Program
	Voluntary Cetacean and Pinniped Sighting Program (V-CaPS)
	Marketing, Social Media and Influencer Guidance
	New IAATO Vision Pillars
	Non-Member Ship Scheduler Access

1.2 IAATO Member Nationalities

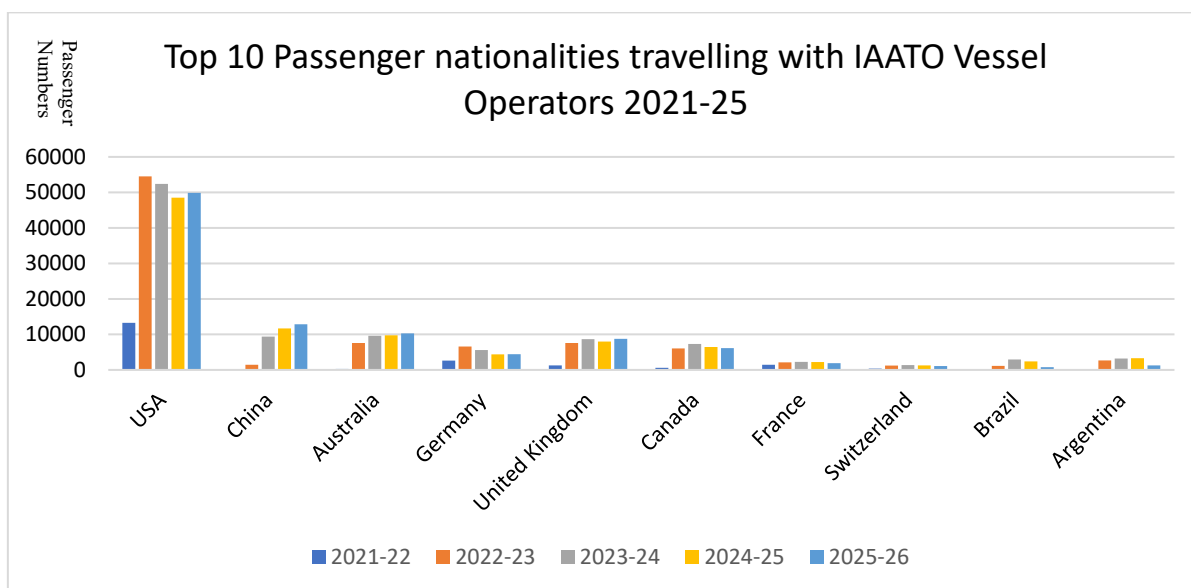
The PVRs submitted to IAATO indicate that 127 nationalities were represented among tourists who visited the Antarctic during the 2025-26 season. *Table 2* offers a summary of the top 10 nationalities by percentage between 2021 and 25.

Table 2: Percentage of Passenger Nationalities 2021-25 (Deep Field and Vessel Passengers)

Nationality	Percentage of Total, 2021-25
USA	45.9%
Australia	7.8%
China	7.3%
United Kingdom	7.2%
Canada	5.5%
Germany	4.9%
Argentina	2.2%
France	2.1%
Brazil	1.5%
Switzerland	1.1%

Reflecting on the last five years of active expeditions (2021-25), the Post Visit Reports submitted to IAATO indicate that the top 10 nationalities of passengers visiting Antarctica have remained relatively consistent, though China has seen the greatest increase in travellers to Antarctica since the COVID-19 pandemic. A visual representation of the top 10 nationalities of the past five years is presented in *Figure 2*.

Figure 2: Top 10 Passenger nationalities travelling with IAATO operators between 2021-25



2.0 IAATO Vessel Operations Overview

This section focuses on IAATO Vessel Operations and includes yacht activities.

For Deep Field and Air Operator information, please refer to ATCM 48 (2026) IPXXX *IAATO Deep Field and Air Overview of Antarctic Tourism: 2025-26 Season and Preliminary Estimates for 2026-27 Season*.

2.1 IAATO Vessel Activities

For the last 35 years, shipborne tourism on the Peninsula has been the dominant vector of travel. Most tourism voyages (98%) operate in the Antarctic Peninsula region during the seven-month austral summer season (from October to April), and depart from Ushuaia, Argentina or, to a lesser extent, from other ports north of the Antarctic Treaty Area.

IAATO Operators continue to conduct the vast majority of tourism operations. During the 2025-26 season, of the 59 commercial SOLAS passenger ships conducting tourism activities in the Antarctic Treaty Area, only one was not an IAATO Member. This non-IAATO vessel was a cruise-only vessel and was permitted by a National Competent Authority.

Based on IAATO Vessel Operator PVRs, *Table 3* provides a summary of the last decade of both IAATO SOLAS and non-SOLAS vessel tourism, including yachts and cruise-only. Data covers 2015-25, excluding 2020-21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Table 3. 10-Year Statistics of Seaborne Tourism (including Yachts and Cruise Only)

Season	No. of operators	No. of ships & yachts	No. of voyages	No. of passengers making landings	No. of cruise only passengers
2015-16	38	48	290	30,369	8,109
2016-17	38	47	308	36,938	7,475
2017-18	44	50	354	42,711	9,131
2018-19	44	56	406	44,619	10,889
2019-20	47	62	414	55,875	18,506
2021-22	40	48	243	23,508	0
2022-23	50	70	542	71,362	32,730
2023-24	55	77	564	80,407	43,224
2024-25	52	77	562	80,455	36,769
2025-26	51	68	579	85,195	27,217

In accordance with [IAATO Bylaws](#) Article X – Section B, all operators and provisional operators are to comply with operational conditions pursuant to the Antarctic Treaty System,

including the Antarctic Treaty and the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, along with IMO Conventions and similar international and national laws and agreements.

2.2 Scope of IAATO Vessel Activities

Commercial tourist activities include the operation of small inflatable boats (such as Zodiacs, R.I.Bs. and Naiad), shore landings, and, to a lesser extent, activities such as kayaking, climbing, and short overnight stays.

Over the years, the descriptions and types of activities in the Post Visit Reports have been expanded to facilitate greater accuracy in reporting and planning. For instance, RPAS Flights, although banned recreationally in coastal waters by IAATO, have been expanded to differentiate between commercial, scientific, and operational/navigation flights. Likewise, what was once described as swimming has now been expanded to appropriately reflect two separate activities: swimming – distance and polar plunge.

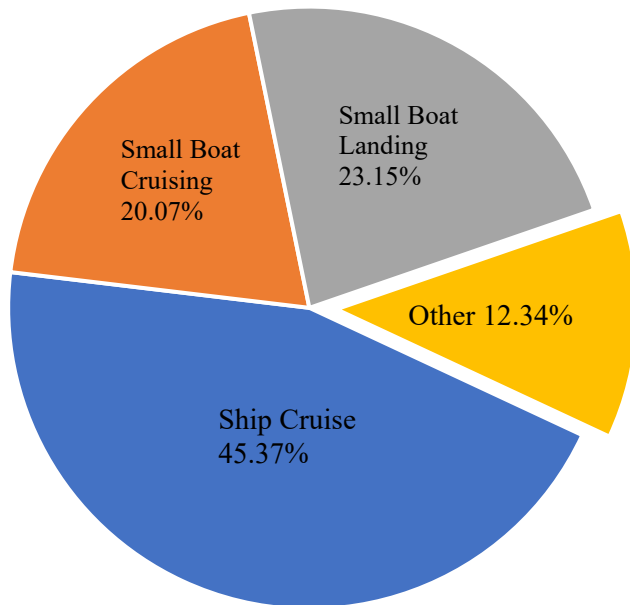
Figure 3 illustrates activities offered by IAATO vessels, including yachts, during the 2025-26 season. Small boat cruising and landings remain the most popular activities (approx. 43% of all activities) for vessels, while scenic ship cruising also remains a key activity (45%). A range of other off-vessel activities (e.g., kayaking and short overnight stays) account for a much smaller share (approx. 12%) of off-ship activities. It is anticipated that ship cruising, small boat cruising, and small boat landings will continue to be the dominant activities, and “other” activities will remain a small proportion. All activities listed in *Figure 3* occurred, however, in some very small proportions <0.005%.

Figure 4 illustrates the top 10 “other” off-vessel activities between 2021 and 2025. *Figure 5* demonstrates how human immersion activities have been differentiated and expanded to improve reporting accuracy.

For more information on IAATO Operator activities, see ATCM 46 (2024) IP107 A Catalogue of IAATO Operator Activities.

Figure 3: Commercial Operated Activities Conducted from Expedition Vessels and Yachts for 2025-26

IAATO Vessel Operator Activities
2025-26



- Ship Cruise (45.372%)
- Small Boat Cruising (20.072%)
- Small Boat Landing (23.150%)
- Other (12.340%)

- Avian Influenza Pre-Activity Assessment (0.037%)
- Citizen Science (0.343%)
- Climbing (0.017%)
- Cross-Country Skiing (0.076%)
- Downhill Skiing (0.011%)
- Extended Walk (0.738%)
- Filming (0.013%)
- Helicopter Assisted Trekking (0.014%)
- Helicopter Flight Seeing (0.276%)
- Helicopter Landing (0.068%)
- Ice Landing (0.416%)
- Ice Walk (0.207%)
- Kayaking (2.409%)
- Marathons (0.020%)
- Multi-Night Coastal Camping (0.006%)
- Music Event Onboard (0.024%)
- Other (0.582%)
- Polar Plunge (1.937%)
- Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) (0.004%)
- RPAS Commercial Flight (UAV-C) (0.030%)
- RPAS Operational / Navigation Flight (UAV-O) (0.000%)
- RPAS Scientific Flight (UAV-S) (0.002%)
- Science Support (0.271%)
- Scuba Diving (0.050%)
- Short Overnight Stays (0.346%)
- Snorkeling (0.103%)
- Snowshoeing (0.209%)
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding (0.059%)
- Station Visit (0.274%)
- Submersible - Human Occupied Vehicle (HOV) (0.325%)
- Swimming -Distance (0.001%)
- Wildlife Watching On-Vessel (2.516%)

Figure 4: Top 10 “other” off-vessel activities between 2021-25

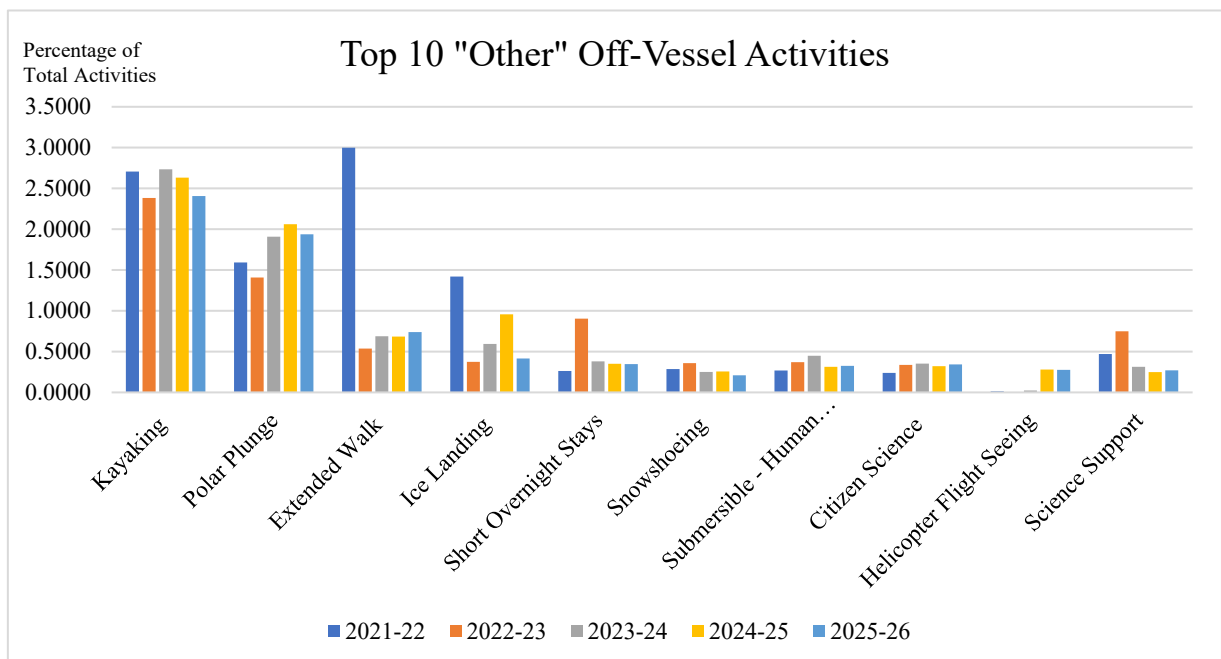
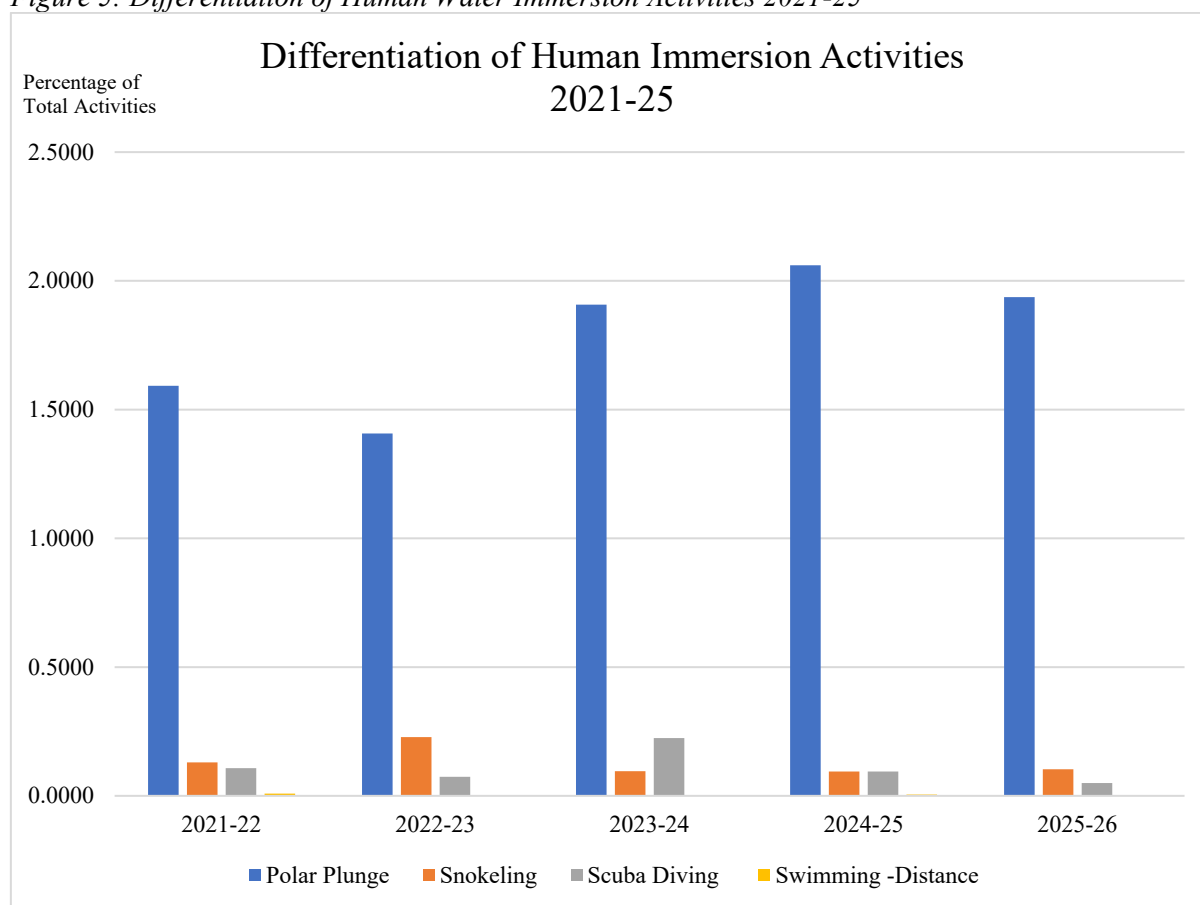


Figure 5: Differentiation of Human Water Immersion Activities 2021-25



3.0 Preliminary Estimate of Planned Vessel Activities for the 2026-27 Season

Preliminary estimates for Vessels, found in Appendix 2, for the 2026-27 season are as of April 10, 2026. These estimates do not include those from the new provisional operators voted in at the 2026 IAATO Annual Meeting (April 21-23, 2026). These operators comprise two new Category 1 operators (Oceanwide Sail Expeditions and Terra Nova Expeditions) and one new yacht operator (Paganel Studios).

4.0 Tourism Statistics

IAATO has been collating data from its operators regarding visits to Antarctica for three decades. During that time, changes have been made to how these data are collected, categorised, and stored, with a database that now encompasses more detailed activity categories and updates to site-region details. In the past year, IAATO has expanded upon the previous site regions (Antarctic Peninsula, Ross Sea, etc) to provide more accurate and detailed information on IAATO Operator site usage in Antarctica.

The expanded site region list is now:

1. Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Peninsula Region
2. Air-Cruise Tourism - Peninsula Region
3. Yacht Tourism - Peninsula Region
4. Cruise Only Tourism - Peninsula Region
5. Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Ross Sea Only
6. Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - East Antarctica Only
7. Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - East Antarctica and Ross Sea
8. Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Ross Sea and Peninsula

Until recently, data collation was done manually. Advances in technology and data analysis capability have allowed large data sets to be analysed more effectively and quickly than previously possible. This, along with comprehensive reviews of historical datasets, has identified and resolved certain inaccuracies (e.g., terrestrial landings at marine-only sites). IAATO therefore strongly recommends that all data users contact IAATO directly to obtain the most recent information available prior to conducting analyses, rather than relying on previously downloaded data

To request IAATO data, please visit: <https://iaato.org/news-room/data-statistics>

Appendices:

- Appendix 1: Overview of IAATO Operator Antarctic Vessel Tourism 2025-26 (As of 10 April 2026)
 - **Note:** The data includes a non-IAATO Operator (Oceanwide Sail Expeditions) who utilised an IAATO Operator vessel and the IAATO Live Ship Scheduler Non-Member Access. At the IAATO 2026 Annual Meeting, Oceanwide Sail Expeditions has been accepted as an IAATO Provisional Operator and will be observed during the 2026-27 season.
- Appendix 2: Preliminary Estimate of IAATO Operator Antarctic Vessel Tourism 2026-27 (As of 10 April 2026)
 - **Note:** Preliminary Estimates for IAATO’s new provisional operators have not been included as of April 10, 2026. New provisional operators include:
 - Oceanwide Sail Expeditions (Category 1)
 - Paganel Studios (Yacht)
 - Terra Nova Expeditions (Category 1)

Appendix 1: Overview of IAATO Operator Antarctic Tourism 2025-26 (As of 10 April 2026, subject to change)

SUMMARY OF ACTUALS for 2025-26 SEASON (All Tourist Types)

Types of Tourism	Number of Vessels	Number of Voyages	Total Number of Passengers
Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Peninsula Region	46	401	71530
Air-Cruise Tourism - Peninsula Region	18	126	11764
Yacht Tourism - Peninsula Region	5	9	59
Cruise Only Tourism - Peninsula Region	6	15	27217
Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Ross Sea Only	3	5	834
Traditional Seaborne Tourism - East Antarctica Only	3	3	490
Traditional Seaborne Tourism - East Antarctica and Ross Sea	1	1	123
Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Ross Sea and Peninsula	2	2	311

**Note all numbers and company status are subject to change and are based on reports as of 10 April 2026*

Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Peninsula Region - 2025-2026

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Competent Authority	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
Bark Europa	Rederij Bark EUROPA B.V.	Netherlands	4	160
Douglas Mawson Expedition	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	1	86
Fram	G Adventures	Canada	14	1764
Greg Mortimer	HX Expeditions	United Kingdom	8	933
Hamburg	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	9	982
HANSEATIC inspiration	Plantours Kreuzfahrten	Germany	1	318
HANSEATIC spirit	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises	Germany	3	588
Hondius	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises	Germany	3	591
L'Austral	Oceanwide Expeditions	Netherlands	10	1655
Le Boreal	Ponant	France	11	2001
Le Commandant Charcot	Ponant	France	10	1754
Le Lyréal	Ponant	France	6	1108
Le Lyréal	Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC	United States	2	296
Magellan Explorer	Ponant	France	6	1144
MS Fridtjof Nansen	Antarctica21	Chile	2	188
MS Roald Amundsen	HX Expeditions	United Kingdom	15	5753
National Geographic Endurance	HX Expeditions	United Kingdom	11	3568
	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	9	1235

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Competent Authority	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
National Geographic Explorer	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	1	126
National Geographic Orion	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	1	0
National Geographic Resolution	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	11	1490
Ocean Albatros	Albatros Expeditions	United States	15	2527
Ocean Explorer	Quark Expeditions	United States	8	1022
Ocean Nova	Grands Espaces	France	1	62
Ocean Nova	Ocean Nova Expeditions	United States	1	72
Ocean Nova	Polar Latitudes	United States	3	229
Ocean Victory	Albatros Expeditions	United States	14	2448
Ortelius	Oceanwide Expeditions	Netherlands	7	732
Ortelius (Non-Member Access to Ship Scheduler)	Oceanwide Sail Expeditions Inc.	United States	4	388
Plancius	Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris	United States	1	68
Plancius	Oceanwide Expeditions	Netherlands	4	409
Scenic Eclipse	Scenic Tours (USA) Inc	United States	10	1879
Sea Spirit	Poseidon Expeditions	United States	9	977
Seabourn Pursuit	Seabourn Cruise Line Ltd.	United States	11	2789
Seabourn Venture	Seabourn Cruise Line Ltd.	United States	11	2801
Seaventure	Polar Latitudes	United States	13	1753
SH Diana	Swan Hellenic	United States	10	1505
SH Minerva	Swan Hellenic	United States	11	1382
SH Vega	Swan Hellenic	United States	11	1549
Silver Cloud	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	5	1105
Silver Endeavour	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	9	1848
Silver Wind	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	9	2069
Sylvia Earle	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	6	659
Ultramarine	Quark Expeditions	United States	11	1913
Ushuaia	Antarpply Expeditions	Argentina	16	1410
Viking Octantis	Viking	Norway	9	3294
Viking Polaris	Viking	Norway	11	4010
World Explorer	Quark Expeditions	United States	11	1793
World Navigator	Atlas Ocean Voyages	United States	8	1284
World Traveller	Atlas Ocean Voyages	United States	13	2037
World Voyager	Atlas Ocean Voyages	United States	11	1776
		Totals:	401	71530

IAATO Members Air-Cruise Tourism - Peninsula Region - 2025-2026

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Country	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
Aqua Lares	EYOS Expeditions Ltd.	United States	5	60
Greg Mortimer	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	3	319

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Country	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
Magellan Explorer	Antarctica21	Chile	22	1615
MY Hans Hansson	Quixote Expeditions	United States	5	51
MY Hanse Explorer	EYOS Expeditions Ltd.	United States	9	86
National Geographic Explorer	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	18	2631
National Geographic Orion	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	13	1270
Ocean Explorer	Quark Expeditions	United States	7	909
Ocean Nova	Antarctica21	Chile	12	768
S/V Australis	Ocean Expeditions LLC	Australia	2	11
S/V Ocean Tramp	Quixote Expeditions	United States	6	41
Silver Cloud	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	5	1068
Silver Endeavour	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	1	207
Silver Wind	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	4	987
Sylvia Earle	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	5	558
World Explorer	Quark Expeditions	United States	4	485
World Navigator	Atlas Ocean Voyages	United States	2	267
World Voyager	Atlas Ocean Voyages	United States	3	431
		Totals:	126	11764

*There were 170 Southbound Flights into Teniente Rodolfo Marsh Airstrip to support the 126 voyages

IAATO Members Yacht Tourism - Peninsula Region - 2025-2026

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Country	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
S/V Selma Expeditions	Selma Expeditions	Poland	3	24
S/Y Amundsen	Pelagic Expeditions LTD	United Kingdom	1	8
S/Y Firebird	Spirit of Sydney Expeditions	Australia	2	6
Ugly Betty	EYOS Expeditions Ltd.	United States	1	5
Vinson of Antarctica	Pelagic Expeditions LTD	United Kingdom	2	16
		Totals:	9	59

IAATO Cruise Only Tourism - Peninsula Region - 2025-2026

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Country	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
Azamara Quest	Azamara	United States	1	662
Celebrity Equinox	Celebrity Cruise Lines/Royal Caribbean Group	United States	3	8371
MS Marina	Norwegian Cruise Lines Holdings	United States	3	3536
Oosterdam	Holland America Line	United States	3	5639
Sapphire Princess	Princess Cruises	United States	3	7715

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Country	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
Seven Seas Splendor	Norwegian Cruise Lines Holdings	United States	2	1294
		Totals:	15	27217

IAATO Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Ross Sea Only - 2025-2026

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Country	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
Heritage Adventurer	Heritage Expeditions	New Zealand	2	281
Le Soleal	Ponant	France	1	203
Scenic Eclipse II	Scenic Tours (USA) Inc	United States	2	350
		Totals:	5	834

IAATO Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - East Antarctica Only - 2025-2026

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Country	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
Douglas Mawson	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	1	122
Le Commandant Charcot	Ponant	France	1	191
Scenic Eclipse II	Scenic Tours (USA) Inc	United States	1	177
		Totals:	3	490

IAATO Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - East Antarctica and Ross Sea - 2025-2026

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Country	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
Douglas Mawson	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	1	123
		Totals:	1	123

IAATO Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Ross Sea and Peninsula - 2025-2026

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Country	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
Le Commandant Charcot	Ponant	France	1	197
The World	ROW Management, LTD	United States	1	114
		Totals:	2	311

IAATO Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Peninsula, Ross Sea and East Antarctica - 2025-2026

Vessel	Operator / Charterer	Country	Actual # Voyages	Actual # of Passengers
Douglas Mawson	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	1	84
		Totals:	1	84

Appendix 2: Preliminary Estimate of IAATO Operator Antarctic Vessel Tourism 2026-27
(As of 10 April 2026, subject to change)

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES for 2026-27 SEASON (All Tourist Types)

Types of Tourism	Number of Vessels	Number of Voyages	Total Number of Passengers
Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Peninsula Region	45	408	65055
Air-Cruise Tourism - Peninsula Region	19	124	13498
Yacht Tourism - Peninsula Region	9	28	235
Cruise Only Tourism - Peninsula Region	7	14	26238
Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Ross Sea Only	2	3	385
Traditional Seaborne Tourism - East Antarctica Only	1	1	98
Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Ross Sea and Peninsula	2	2	295
Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Peninsula, Ross Sea and East Antarctica	1	1	98

**Note all numbers and company status are subject to change and are preliminary estimates only*

IAATO Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Peninsula Region - 2026-2027

Vessel	Operator/Charterer	Country	Est. # Voyages	Est. # of Passengers
Bark Europa	Rederij Bark EUROPA B.V.	Netherlands	4	152
Douglas Mawson Expedition	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	9	900
Fram	G Adventures	Canada	14	1792
Greg Mortimer	HX Expeditions	United Kingdom	8	1400
HANSEATIC inspiration	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	3	294
HANSEATIC spirit	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises	Germany	4	720
Hondius	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises	Germany	2	360
Island Sky	Oceanwide Expeditions	Netherlands	11	1650
L'Austral	Noble Caledonia	United Kingdom	2	200
Le Boreal	Ponant	France	11	1375
Le Lyrial	Ponant	France	10	1250
Le Lyrial	Ponant	France	2	260
Le Lyrial	Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC	United States	8	1000
Magellan Discoverer	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	8	1000
Magellan Explorer	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	2	270
Magellan Resolution	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	9	1125
MS Fridtjof Nansen	Antarctica21	Chile	4	292
MS Roald Amundsen	Antarctica21	Chile	3	213
MS Fridtjof Nansen	HX Expeditions	United Kingdom	15	6000
MS Roald Amundsen	HX Expeditions	United Kingdom	12	4320
National Geographic Endurance	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	8	1000
National Geographic Explorer	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	2	270
National Geographic Resolution	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	9	1125
Ocean Albatros	Polar Latitudes	United States	14	2380
Ocean Explorer	Quark Expeditions	United States	11	803

Vessel	Operator/Charterer	Country	Est. # Voyages	Est. # of Passengers
Ocean Nova	Polar Latitudes	United States	18	1404
Ocean Victory	Polar Latitudes	United States	13	2210
Ortelius	Oceanwide Expeditions	Netherlands	10	1000
Plancius	Oceanwide Expeditions	Netherlands	12	1200
Scenic Eclipse	Scenic Tours (USA) Inc	United States	9	1620
Scenic Eclipse II	Scenic Tours (USA) Inc	United States	9	1620
Sea Spirit	Poseidon Expeditions	United States	11	1078
Seabourn Pursuit	Seabourn Cruise Line Ltd.	United States	11	2695
Seabourn Venture	Seabourn Cruise Line Ltd.	United States	10	2450
Seaventure	66° Expeditions	Argentina	5	625
SH Diana	Swan Hellenic	United States	14	2016
SH Minerva	Swan Hellenic	United States	7	805
SH Vega	Swan Hellenic	United States	12	1380
Silver Cloud	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	9	1728
Silver Endeavour	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	2	356
Silver Wind	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	6	1296
Sylvia Earle	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	8	840
Ultramarine	Quark Expeditions	United States	12	1800
Ushuaia	Antarply Expeditions	Australia	16	1040
Viking Octantis	Viking	Norway	9	3330
Viking Polaris	Viking	Norway	9	3330
World Navigator	Atlas Ocean Voyages	United States	14	1540
World Traveller	Atlas Ocean Voyages	United States	8	880
World Voyager	Quark Expeditions	United States	8	1056
			408	65055

IAATO Members Air-Cruise Tourism - Peninsula Region - 2026-2027

Vessel	Operator/Charterer	Country	Est. # Voyages	Est. # of Passengers
Douglas Mawson	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	3	300
La Datcha	EYOS Expeditions Ltd.	United States	2	24
Magellan Discoverer	Antarctica21	Chile	16	1168
Magellan Explorer	Antarctica21	Chile	22	1562
MY Hanse Explorer	EYOS Expeditions Ltd.	United States	3	36
MY Sherakhan	EYOS Expeditions Ltd.	United States	2	36
National Geographic Explorer	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	15	2025
National Geographic Orion	Lindblad Expeditions	United States	12	1260
Ocean Explorer	Quark Expeditions	United States	4	292
Octopus	EYOS Expeditions Ltd.	United States	1	12
S/V Australis	Ocean Expeditions LLC	Australia	1	9
Seaventure	66° Expeditions	Argentina	1	125
Silver Cloud	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	4	768
Silver Endeavour	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	13	2314
Silver Wind	Silversea Cruises Ltd.	United States	7	1512
SOLA	Ocean Expeditions LLC	Australia	1	12
Sylvia Earle	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	5	525
World Traveller	Atlas Ocean Voyages	United States	3	330
World Voyager	Quark Expeditions	United States	9	1188
			124	13498

IAATO Members Yacht Tourism - Peninsula Region - 2026-2027

Vessel	Operator/Charterer	Country	Est. # Voyages	Est. # of Passengers
Hortense	Spirit of Sydney Expeditions	Australia	1	6
MEREDIAN	Quixote Expeditions	United States	5	55
MY Hans Hansson	Quixote Expeditions	United States	5	55
S/V Ocean Tramp	Quixote Expeditions	United States	6	42
S/V Selma Expeditions	Selma Expeditions	Poland	2	16
S/Y Firebird	Spirit of Sydney Expeditions	Australia	1	5
S/Y Amundsen	Pelagic Expeditions LTD	United Kingdom	2	16
Tecla	Tecla Sailing	Netherlands	4	24
Vinson of Antarctica	Pelagic Expeditions LTD	United Kingdom	2	16
			27	230

IAATO Cruise Only Tourism - Peninsula Region - 2026-2027

Vessel	Operator/Charterer	Country	Est. # Voyages	Est. # of Passengers
Azamara Journey	Azamara	United States	1	680
Celebrity Equinox	Celebrity Cruise Lines/Royal Caribbean Group	United States	3	8556
M/V Oceania Insignia	Norwegian Cruise Lines Holdings	United States	2	1224
Majestic Princess	Princess Cruises	United States	2	7120
Oosterdam	Holland America Line	United States	3	5892
Seven Seas Mariner	Norwegian Cruise Lines Holdings	United States	2	1334
Zaandam	Holland America Line	United States	1	1432
			14	26238

IAATO Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Ross Sea Only - 2026-2027

Vessel	Operator/Charterer	Country	Est. # Voyages	Est. # of Passengers
Heritage Adventurer	Heritage Expeditions	New Zealand	2	260
Le Soleal	Ponant	France	1	125
			3	385

IAATO Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - East Antarctica Only - 2026-2027

Vessel	Operator/Charterer	Country	Est. # Voyages	Est. # of Passengers
Greg Mortimer	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	1	98
			1	98

IAATO Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Ross Sea and Peninsula - 2026-2027

Vessel	Operator/Charterer	Country	Est. # Voyages	Est. # of Passengers
HANSEATIC spirit	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises	Germany	1	180
SH Minerva	Swan Hellenic	United States	1	115
			2	295

IAATO Members Traditional Seaborne Tourism - Peninsula, Ross Sea and East Antarctica - 2026-2027

Vessel	Operator/Charterer	Country	Est. # Voyages	Est. # of Passengers
Greg Mortimer	Aurora Expeditions	Australia	1	98
			1	98