

IAATO General Booking Guidelines

The following guidelines should be taken into consideration when preparing your itinerary for the IAATO Ship Scheduler.

General Guidelines:

- All Antarctic Treaty and IAATO Site Guidelines will be observed when booking sites.
- No vessel shall book a landing site for the entire day (midnight to midnight inclusive)
- When possible, vessels running activities such as helicopters or submersibles should do so in areas of low traffic in order to keep other landing sites available for general landing purposes. Please see additional activity specific guidelines for helicopters and submersibles in the FOM (Section 07 – Activity Guidelines).
- All IAATO SOLAS vessels or yachts with lengths greater than 50m and/or over 300GT should utilize the ship scheduler platform for coordination of activities.
- It is the Operator's responsibility to manage users who have access via their login to the IAATO Ship Scheduler; only those who work for an IAATO Operator may have access to the Ship Scheduler.
- Use of an IAATO Operator's access to the Ship Scheduler, while working for a non-IAATO Operator, is prohibited.

Vessel Category Specific Guidelines

Category 1¹ Vessels

Category 1 vessels should make every effort to book only one landing slot. If booking more than one time slot, the second time slot should be a shoulder (early AM or late PM) landing slot, not a primary landing slot.

Category 2² Vessels

Category 2 vessels should make every effort to only book two landing slots, one if appropriate. If there is a need to book a third time slot, the third time slot shall only be booked four (4) days in advance.

Cruise-Only³ Vessels

Cruise-Only vessels may only book a site in a non-landing capacity. As cruise-only vessels do not land, another vessel may utilize the same site for a landing opportunity at the same time.

Yachts⁴

When possible, yachts should not book more than one time slot. If booking more than one time slot, the second time slot should be a shoulder (early AM or late PM) landing slot, not a prime landing slot.

¹Category 1 vessels are those which carry 13 – 200 passengers.

²Category 2 vessels are those which carry 201 – 500 passengers.

³Cruise-Only vessels are those which carry over 500 passengers

⁴Yachts are vessels which carry 12 passengers or less. For ship scheduling purposes, the IMO Polar Code 2 definition of yacht will also be applied: Yachts over 300GT and/or 50m in length.

Time Slots

The site visit time slots are as follows:
22:01 – 04:00
04:01 – 07:30
07:31 – 13:00
13:01 – 18:30
18:31 – 22:00