

## Hidden Bay – Marine Only (Draft)

Possible Ship Location:  
65.02.0"S 063.45.2"W

Zodiac Cruising:  
The entire Bay and Cape Renard

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visitor site guide



### Key Features

- Shelter for Southerly winds protected also if current is coming strong from the Lemaire Chanel during increasing tides.
- Watersports.
- Small boat cruising amongst whales, penguins, seals, and ice and the possibility of looking at Cape Renard from the water.
- Hidden Bay has a narrow entrance of 0.8nm and 3nm deep, lying between Cape Renard and Aguda Point on the W coast of Graham Land. First charted by the Belgian Antarctic Expedition under Gerlache 1897-99. So named by the UK Antarctic Place-names Committee in 1958 because from the north of the bay is hidden by the Screen Islands.



## Description

### TOPOGRAPHY

After passing Cape Renard the Bay narrows down to less than 1 nm wide with shallows on the W side of the Bay.

The bay itself provides good shelter from most winds except NE and E. If wind has been blowing from that direction within 48 hours, accumulation of ice is possible. NO LANDING. Marine site only.

Small bay 0.8 nm wide and approx. 3.0 nm deep. Glaciers cover the entire shoreline of the bay.

The entire bay, except for Cape Renard, is part of the mainland of the Antarctic Peninsula (Graham Land).

### FAUNA

**Visiting species:** Adelie penguins, Gentoo penguins, Chinstrap penguins, Humpback whales, Minke whales, Weddell seals, Crabeater seals.

### FLORA

Some lichens and mosses.

## Visitor Impact

### VISITOR SAFETY

Overhangs of ice can fall and create waves – maintain safe distances from ice overhangs and shorelines

Be aware of large ice and bergy bits blocking the entrance of the Lemaire at Cape Renard when tide goes down making the current of the Chanel a lot less intense.

## Landing Requirements

### SHIPS\*

**Ships per day:** Maximum 3 ships per day, water operations only. Cat 1 or Cat 2 acceptable.

Only 1 ship at a time due to small size. Common marine traffic due to the vicinity of Lemaire Channel. Be aware of traffic if small boat cruising into the Lemaire Channel.

\*A ship is defined as a vessel which carries more than 12 passengers.

### RESTRICTED ZONES

Do not enter with zodiacs in between False Cape Renard and Cape Renard due to potential risk of overhanging ice collapsing, and shallow rocks with potential swell.



**Closed area A:** Closed due to overhanging icefalls. In yellow zodiac cruising and kayaking.