

Booking Guidance

IAATO Ship Scheduler

1. Communication is key to a successful Antarctic season.
2. **07:31-13:00** & **13:01-18:00** are considered the **PRIME** time slots for booking sites.
3. Booking both time slots in a day at one site is **not permitted for any category of vessel prior to the start of the trip**.
 - a. Booking a second prime time slot is permitted opportunistically **only within 48 hours**.
4. **Lemaire Channel** now has 1-hour time slots available for booking coordinated scenic cruising in the IAATO Live Ship Scheduler (LSS). Book the 1-hour time slot containing to your intended transit start, with the appropriate direction indicated.
 - a. Lemaire Channel is still a transit waterway; these bookings are **non-exclusive** and all vessels in the area **must communicate appropriately**.
5. **New filters** are available for viewing Protected Areas on the LSS including ASPAs & ASMAs
6. **Geofenced Whale Slow Down** areas in the Gerlache Strait, South Shetland Islands, and Elephant Island require slowing down to **10.0kt starting on November 1st**. Exceptions are for safety or emergency, and contacting IAATO about these exceptions is for information only.
7. New **landed / non-landed filter** is available on the LSS.
 - a. **Landing Available** refers to sites with landed activities allotted.
 - b. **Non-landed / Marine-Only Activities** refers to sites that are closed to landed activities.
8. Please contact the fleet and/or IAATO with any helpful information or environmental updates via the **2024-25 Distribution List (Fleet)** in the LSS Broadcast System.
 - a. Broadcasts can now be searched for content (e.g. ice conditions, crevasses, HPAI).
9. All vessels using Frei Station for passenger turnaround or medical evacuations must contact the King George Island Stakeholders ahead of time to coordinate. There is a pre-populated list within the LSS Broadcasts – **KGI Stakeholders** – for this purpose.
10. **Snow Hill Island** bookings
 - a. **Ice Edge Landing** can be booked by multiple vessels at once and refers to off-ship activities intended to view the emperor penguin highway.
 - b. **Emperor Penguin Colony** can generally only be visited by icebreaker or helicopter and refers to off-ship activities at the full colony on the island.
 - c. **Nordenskjöld's Hut** refers to off-ship activities at the HSM and requires coordination with Argentine CEP contact points ahead of visit.
11. Site icon locations in the LSS **do not** reflect anchorages or ship locations.
12. **IAATO Frequently Used Sites – Site Summary** has been updated to also include activities that have been conducted at the sites.
13. Main Visitor Sites for **South Georgia** Island are the only sites that may be booked.



Main (Bookable) Sites for South Georgia Island

Cape Rosa - KIN01	Moltke Harbour - ROY02
Cobblers Cove - COB01	Nordenskjöld Glacier - NOR01
Cooper Bay Macaronis - C0003	Ocean Harbour - OCE01
Drygalski Fjord - DRG01	Peggotty Bluff - KIN02
Elsehul Inner Bay - ELS01	Possession Bay Brighton Beach - POS01
Fortuna Bay Whistle Cove Kings - FOR02	Prince Olav Harbour - POH01
Godthul - GOD01	Prion Island - PRI01
Godthul Walk - GOD02	Right Whale Bay - RIG01
Gold Harbour - GOL01	Rookery Point Walk - R0001
Grytviken - GRY01	Rosita Harbour - ROS01
Hercules Bay Macaronis - HER01	Royal Bay Kings - ROY04
Husvik - HUS01	Salisbury Plain - SAL01
Jason Harbour - JAS01	Sandebugten Walk - GOD03
Larsen Harbour - LAR01	Shackleton Walk (Fortuna/Stromness) - FOR03
Leith Harbour - LEI02	St. Andrews Bay - STA01
Leith Harbour Walk - LEI01	Stromness - STR01
Maiviken - MAI01	Welcome Islands - WEL01

Official Visitor Sites that are not in the Main Visitor Sites List may still be utilised, SG permits and/or authorizations permitting, as long as the Main Site is booked by the vessel at that time.

Where to find more information on anything highlighted in this document:

Field Staff Webinar Library ([IAATO.org](https://iaato.org) > Field Staff Resources)

Field Operations Manual (FOM)

- Section 01 – IAATO Vessel Code of Conduct
- Section 02 – 2024-25 Operational Instructions
- Section 07 – Area & Site Specific Guidelines > Peninsula Guidelines – IAATO Frequently Used Sites – Site Summary, IAATO Snow Hill Emperor Penguin Guidelines, ATCM Snow Hill Nordenskjöld's Hut
- Section 08 – IAATO General Vessel Booking Protocols, IAATO Live Ship Scheduler Guide, IAATO Ship Scheduler Booking Instructions
- Section 13 – Important Seasonal Information – GSGSSI Visiting South Georgia 2024-25

The IAATO Operations Team monitors the Ship Scheduler email inbox 7 days a week.

If you have any questions, please email shipscheduler@iaato.org.