

Kinnes Cove (Draft)

Anchorage:
63°19'9" S, 56°30'18" W

Located in Suspiros Bay
on Joinville Island

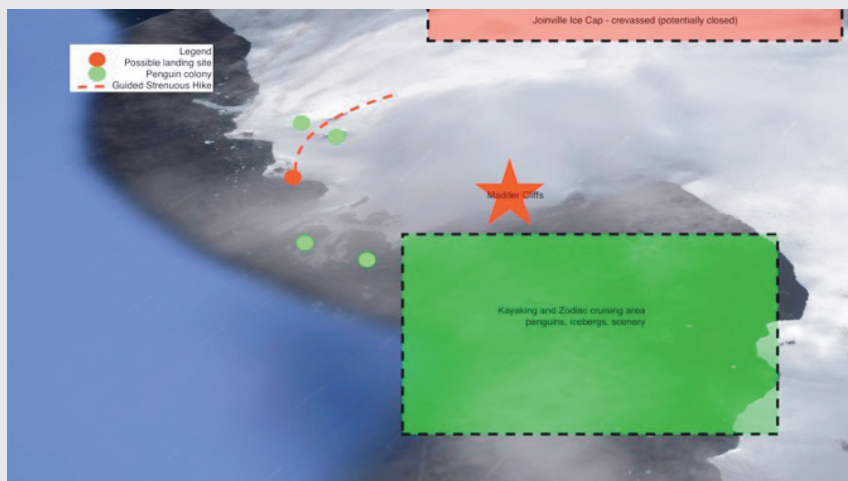
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visitor site guide



Key Features

- Beautiful scenery.
- Tabular icebergs.
- Red cliffs.
- Adelie penguins.



Description

TOPOGRAPHY

Recommended for water sports, as the landing area is fairly small, and the subsequent hike is strenuous.

After an abrupt start, the terrain eases down for a pass by flat areas on top of hills with Adelie colonies. From there, an open valley leads gently to the Joinville ice cap and to the top of the 305m high cliff rising steeply from the sea and forming the northern side of the entrance to Kinnes cove.

Small, gravelly cove with submerged boulders to the north and south

FAUNA

Adelie penguins, Gentoo penguins, Snowy sheathbills, Kelp gulls, Weddell seals, Southern elephant seals

Landing Requirements

SHIPS*

2 ships per day, Category 1 only.

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

VISITOR NUMBERS

Fairly small landing area, recommended less than 20 on shore at a time.

LANDING AREA

Areas north and south with large, submerged boulders, entering perpendicular to beach will prevent issues.

Possible secondary landing site adjacent to the glacier northwest of the cliffs if ice is blocking primary landing.

High concentration of Adelies. Due to HPAI landing may not be possible.

Steep climb of 100m from landing to plateau.

Extent of Weddell Sea ice will dictate access. Late season moulting will potentially make landing not possible.

CLOSED AREA

Joinville ice cap – crevasse risk

Past initial valleys with penguin colonies on flattened hilltops.

Mount Flora, Hope Bay ASPA 148 is across Antarctic Sound.

GUIDED WALKING AREA

After climb from landing to plateau, free roaming area between penguin colonies with appropriate supervision.

Suggest 10:1 pax to staff ratio due to concentration of birds.

Visitor code of conduct

BEHAVIOUR ASHORE

Due to small size of landing area, ensure passengers on shore can hike up a steep slope of 100m to plateau to avoid congestion around low elevation Adelie colonies.

This landing is very small and due to number of penguins landing may not be possible. Recommended as a Zodiac Cruise not a landing.

