

Kinnes Cove

Possible anchorage:
63°19'9" S, 56°30'18" W

Located in Suspiros Bay
on Joinville Island

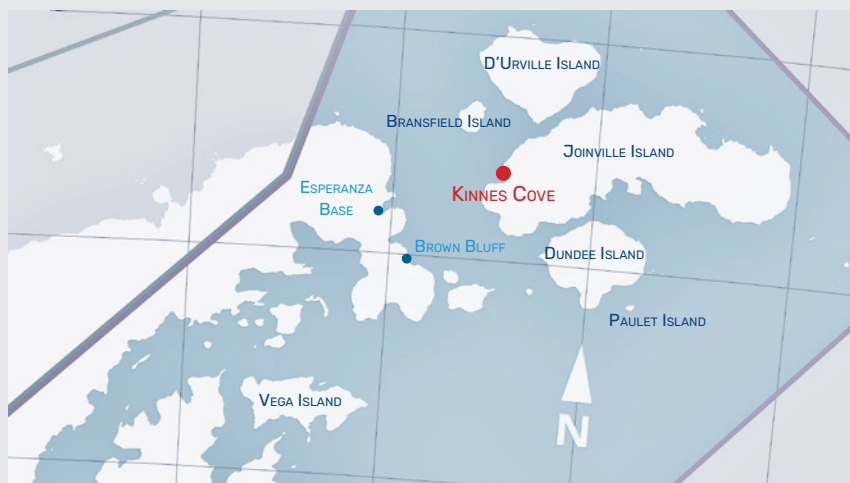
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visitor site guide



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 becomes more level and visitors are able to 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 (1000ft) high cliff rising steeply from the sea and forming the northern side of Kinnes Cove.

FAUNA

Confirmed breeders: Adelie penguins, Gentoo penguins.

Visitors: Snowy sheathbills, Kelp gulls, Weddell seals, Southern Elephant seals.

Landing Requirements

SHIPS*

Maximum passengers onboard: 200

Ships per day: 2

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

VISITOR NUMBERS

Maximum of 20 visitors onshore at one time (excluding guides).

LANDING AREA

Areas north and south have large, submerged boulders. Maneuvering small boats to landing perpendicular to beach will prevent issues.

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

High concentration of Adelies.

Steep climb of 100m from landing to plateau.

Ice will dictate access. Late season moulting could make landing not possible.

CLOSED AREA

Joinville Ice Cap, which is past initial valleys with penguin colonies, has a high risk of crevasses.

GUIDED WALKING AREA

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

Ratio of 10:1 pax to staff on shore.

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 (325ft) 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.

