

Antarctic

Antarctica is located in the southernmost part of the planet. According to size, Antarctica is the fifth largest continent of our planet. The South Pole is near the middle of Antarctica.

Antarctica is the driest continent of the seven continents. Antarctica is an icy desert with very little rainfall throughout the year.

Antarctica is an ice covered continent surrounded by the Southern Ocean. Almost all of the continent's land is covered by a thick layer of ice.

Antarctica is the windiest place on the earth where windspeeds of more than 350 kilometres per hour/218 miles per hour have been measured.

Antarctica is the least populated continent. There are no residents living permanently here. Only around 1,000 people (in winter) and 10,000 people (in summer) live on the continent. These people are mainly based there for one year to live and work in the research stations. The research stations are scattered all around the continent.

The few areas where there is no or only little ice throughout the year are located in the most northern parts of the continent. There one will find also the typical **tundra** vegetation.

There are not many species living on the Antarctic continent. Whales, and seals live in the Southern Ocean surrounding Antarctica. The Emperor penguins are the only penguin species breeding on Antarctica.



Shackleton and some of his team in Antarctica



South Pole



Emperor penguins



Ernest Shackleton

An explorer who in 1914, chartered an expedition to Antarctica. Disaster struck when his ship, the *Endurance*, was crushed by ice. He and his crew drifted on sheets of ice for months until they reached Elephant Island.

Shackleton eventually rescued his crew, all of whom survived the ordeal. He later died while setting out on another Antarctic expedition.



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