

Continents

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Antarctica	The ice surface dramatically grows in size from about 3 million square kilometers (1.2 million square miles) at the end of summer to about 19 million square kilometers (7.3 million square miles) by winter	There are about 4,000 people through the summer months and about 1,000 overwinter each year	Antarctica has an extremely cold, dry climate. Winter temperatures along Antarctica's coast generally range from -10° Celsius to -30° Celsius
Livelihood (What do people do for a living?) The people who travel to or live in Antarctica fall into two main groups, those who live and work on scientific research stations or bases, and tourists. No-one lives in Antarctica indefinitely in the way that they do in the rest of the world. It has no commercial industries, no towns or cities, no permanent residents.	Natural Resources The main known mineral resource on the continent is coal. It was first recorded near the Beardmore Glacier by Frank Wild on the Nimrod Expedition, and now low-grade coal is known across many parts of the Transantarctic Mountains. The Prince Charles Mountains contain significant deposits of iron ore.	Tourism There is a whole host of activities that tourists can do in Antarctica including water sports, wildlife excursions and mountain climbing, but there are also activities that help ongoing scientific research	Additional Information (Animal) It is the only continent on Earth which has no terrestrial mammals, but is home to a range of marine wildlife and birds, including penguins

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