



**Government of South Georgia
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Vessel Application

to visit South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands

This form is to be used to apply for a permit for a vessel to visit South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands. It is an offence to enter South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands without an appropriate permit.

Note that yachts with load line length up to 24m must complete the separate Yacht Application Form.

The operators or owners of all commercial tourism, private vessels and other vessels intending to visit South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands must complete this form. On successful completion of this process, a visit permit will be issued to the 'Permit Holder', who will normally be the Expedition Leader on cruise ships.

- Please read the accompanying 'Visiting South Georgia' booklet before completing this form.
- All sections must be completed and requested paperwork submitted at the time of application.
- If handwritten, please complete in block capitals.
- Additional information must be provided where indicated.
- If a question is not applicable, enter 'N/A'.

Submission of an application is taken to mean that the applicant has read and understood the provisions in the 'Visiting South Georgia' document and agrees to abide by them. This responsibility extends to ensuring that visit permit holders and all staff are fully briefed and adhere at all times to current visit permit conditions, including Codes of Conduct and Visitor Management Plans. Failure to comply with GSGSSI requirements could result in a permit being immediately revoked, suspended or alterations made to the conditions of a permit (including the itinerary of a visit) and may preclude the possibility of, or place restrictions on, future permitting.

The Vessel Visit Application is in two parts which may be submitted together or at different times, but both parts must be received in full before a permit will be issued.



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PART 1 – Vessel Details

COMPANY AND VESSEL SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

Section A: VESSEL OPERATOR, POINTS OF CONTACT AND INVOICING

A1: Details of the vessel operator, charterer or owner

Operator / name of owner	
Company email address	
Company telephone number (including dialing code)	
Applicant contact name	
Applicant contact email address	
Applicant contact telephone number	
Address (line 1) Address (line 2) City State / Province / Region Postal Code	
Country	
IAATO membership type	No IAATO Membership <input type="checkbox"/> IAATO Full member <input type="checkbox"/> IAATO Provisional member <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this the first time the company has operated in South Georgia?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

A2: 24 hour Emergency contact (other than vessel) - Please provide additional emergency contact details

Name	
Telephone numbers	
Email address	

A3: Invoicing Arrangements – Please provide details for invoicing

Name	
Postal address	
Email address	



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Section B: VESSEL DETAILS

B1: Vessel – General details

Registered name			
Shipping agent in Falkland Islands (if applicable)			
Flag State			
Classification society			
Registration number			
Call sign			
IMO number			
MMSI number			
Ice class/rating			
Gross tonnage			
Net tonnage			
Load line length or LOA (specify which)			
Fuel type (detail all types carried)			
Fuel capacity			
Passenger capacity, (excluding all tour & expedition staff and observers)			
Number of crew (excluding tour / expedition staff & observers)			
Vessel type	Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	
IAATO Category	CAT 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	CAT 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	CAT CR <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this the first time the ship has operated in South Georgia?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input type="checkbox"/>

Please note: A manifest of all persons on board must be communicated to King Edward Point 72 hours prior to arrival in the South Georgia Marine Zone.

B2: Vessel – Master, officers, crew

Name of Master		
Does the Master have experience in Polar or South Georgia waters in the previous five seasons?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>



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B3: Vessel - Contact and communication details

Telephone number	
Fax number	
Inmarsat C	
General ship email address	
Master's email address	
Expedition Leader's email address	

Section C: INSURANCE, MEDICAL CAPABILITY, INCIDENT RESPONSE AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING

All visit applicants must have adequate vessel and liability insurance arrangements (including medical insurance) to cover any incident occurring in SGSSI. The medical policies must either cover all passengers, expedition staff and crew members, or, if covered separately from crew and staff, applicants must ensure that all passengers have adequate insurance arrangements to cover the cost of medical evacuation and repatriation.

Noting that all persons on board should be made aware of the limitations involved in affecting a medical evacuation from SGSSI and the importance of ensuring the insurance policy coverage explicitly extends to South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands as necessary.

C1: SOLAS & Emergency Equipment

Government Officers may ask to inspect equipment and check condition & valid in-date certificates

Please provide details below of life-saving equipment carried on board the vessel.	
Type	Number
Survival craft	
Life rafts & marine evacuation systems	
Survival suits	
Life jackets	
EPIRB	
SART	
Pyrotechnics	
Details of any personal / group survival kits	
Other	
...	...



C2: Safety & Environmental Management

Last ISM Audit	Date: dd/month/yyyy
Safety Management Certificate No.	Cert No.:

Please attach the following documentation:	Expiry Date	Attached
Ship's Sanitation Certificate	dd/month/yyyy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Wreck Removal Certificate	dd/month/yyyy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

Medical Capability

The limited medical facilities at King Edward Point provide medical cover for station personnel only. All vessels must be self-sufficient in every respect, including medical cover. In an emergency it may be possible to access some degree of medical assistance from KEP, but this must never be relied upon.

A medical review commissioned by GSGSSI provides guidelines developed for the Provision of Medical Care in South Georgia (and Antarctic Marine Areas). It can be found at: www.gov.gs/docsarchive/visitors/

C4: Contingency & incident response planning

SGSSI is a remote environment, which can only be reached by sea. The Territory is 3 to 5 days by ship from the Falkland Islands or South America. Visiting vessels must be self-sufficient in every respect and contingency planning must reflect this and take into account sudden and severe deterioration in weather conditions, remote location with no emergency response or search and rescue (SAR) capability, and no airstrip and no facilities for evacuation of passengers and crew.

Please attach Risk Assessments, contingency and incident response plans:

Confirm you have the following plans, documents and contingencies (we may request copies):	
Major maritime incidents (fire, flood, grounding, collision)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Medical emergency response and passenger medical evacuation (medical response plan for serious trauma injuries ashore)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental fuel spillage management plan	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency repatriation of persons from SGSSI (noting there is no medivac by air)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Bird strike prevention and response	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Biosecurity plan	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>



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If you intend to visit South Georgia outside of the main visitor season - **before 20th October or later than 20th March** OR if you intend to visit the **South Sandwich Islands**, you must ensure that you have adequate emergency incident response arrangements and recommend support from a comparable sized vessel.

Confirm you have the following plans, documents and contingencies (we may request copies):

Yes

C5: Insurance type of insurance cover (detail all policies)

Insurance: Hull & Machinery	Expiry: dd/month/yyyy	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance: Protection & Indemnity	Expiry: dd/month/yyyy	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance: Tour Operator Public/Product Liability & Professional Indemnity	Expiry: dd/month/yyyy	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance: Crew Insurance	Expiry: dd/month/yyyy	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance: Other (please detail)	Expiry: dd/month/yyyy	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

Section D: Additional Activities & Permissions

D1: Surface, airborne, and submarine craft and equipment

NOTE: Do not include details of Zodiacs, Tenders, or Life rafts/Lifeboats. This section seeks to understand which additional activities you will undertake beyond zodiac cruising or making landings at approved landing sites.

Please provide details of small boats and other waterborne craft		
Type e.g. kayak, jet ski etc.	Number	Will be used in SGSSI?
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide details of airborne craft		
Type e.g. drones (UAVs)	Number	Will be used in SGSSI?
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

IF you have answered yes to the above, ensure you have a valid [Regulated Activity Permit](#)



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Please provide details below of any submarine craft or equipment carried on board the vessel.		
Type e.g. Human Occupied Vehicle (HOV) or Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)	Number	Will be used in SGSSI?
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
IF you have answered yes to the above, fill out HOV Application or ROV Application .		

Note:

- The operation of civil aircraft including helicopters paragliders, and microlights is not permitted.
- A Regulated Activity Permit may be sought for drone (UAV) use in support of approved scientific or media projects.

D2: Intended activities

Ship-based tourism Including landings at approved landing sites and zodiac cruising.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Kayaking:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Attach risk assessment and emergency procedures.	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Scuba diving:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Attach risk assessment and emergency procedures.	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Amateur Radio:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> This will require a Regulated Activity Permit .	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Other	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (Provide details)	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Details:		
Any activities requiring a Regulated Activity Permit (RAP)* For example: Expedition that involves overnight stay on South Georgia /Science / media projects that involve interactions with wildlife and collection of biological material, operation of UAV, landings at non-approved site access.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (Provide details)	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Details:		

* If in any doubt about Regulated Activity Permit requirements applicants should refer to <http://www.gov.gs/visitors/regulated-activity-permit/> and contact the GSGSSI Environment Officer permits@gov.gs



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Any other information



PART 2 – Visit Details

Part 2 may be submitted separately from Part 1 once the IAATO ship scheduler has been set.

Section F: VISIT SPECIFIC DETAILS

F1: General details about the proposed visit

Cruise Number or Name (This will be your reference)	
Expedition Leader (Permit Holder)	
Estimated number of passengers	
Maximum number of passengers which may be carried	
Estimate number of expedition staff	

Date of Arrival to Stanley (if travelling via Falklands)	dd/month/yyyy
Date of Arrival to South Georgia	dd/month/yyyy
Date of Arrival to GRYPVIKEN THIS DATE MUST NOT CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR AGREEMENT	dd/month/yyyy
Date of Departure from South Georgia	dd/month/yyyy

Port of passenger embarkation	
Date of embarkation	dd/month/yyyy
Last landing site before arrival at SGSSI	
Date of last landing before arrival at SGSSI	dd/month/yyyy
First landing site following departure from SGSSI	
Date of first landing following departure from SGSSI	dd/month/yyyy
Port of passenger disembarkation	
Date of passenger disembarkation	dd/month/yyyy



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F2: FINAL CHECKLIST

Please check the following documentation has been submitted with your application. Your application will not be processed until all documentation is received.	
Document check-list	Attached?
Copies of insurance certificates	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Safety management certificate	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Ship sanitation certificate	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Wreck removal certificate	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
GSGSSI 2022/23 Permit Holder Briefing Certificate	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you read and understood the current version of the Visiting South Georgia booklet?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

Declaration

I understand that submission of false information could result in a permit being immediately revoked and may lead to future applications for permits being refused, or restrictions being imposed. In some cases, prosecutions may be brought.

IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE –

- The applicant must ensure that the permit holder (if different from the applicant) all crew, staff and visitors to all sites are aware of all potential risks, in particular those associated with specific landing sites, boardwalks, activities to be undertaken and the wider conditions of the visit permit; and are reminded that the GSGSSI will not accept any liability whatsoever for injury to, or damage sustained by, any individual, howsoever arising.
- The applicant must ensure that the permit holder (if different from the applicant) completes the Permit Holder Landing Declaration Form prior to landing on South Georgia.

Signature (applicant):

Date: dd/month/yyyy

Completed visit application forms and any accompanying information should be emailed to allison.kean@gov.gs and admin@gov.gs