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# Take Away English 随身英语 Should tourists go to Antarctica?





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# Vocabulary: tourism 词汇: 旅游业

Where should an **adventurous** tourist go? After you've done **sightseeing** in London, shopping in New York, **savoured** the local food in Paris, and danced **to your heart's content** at the Brazilian carnival, where else can you go? What **exotic tourist destination** awaits you?

Well, Antarctica sounds like the **holiday of a lifetime**! It's considered the last great **wilderness** on Earth. Just a few scientists in research stations share the icy **landscape** with penguins and other animals which can cope with the low temperatures.



Antarctica is a place of breath-taking views

Tourism began in Antarctica in the 1950s and it's still small scale. About 37,000 tourists are expected there this season, but many won't even leave the boat.

The BBC's Juliet Rix visited the frozen continent and asked herself if she should be there at all, causing potential problems to such a **sensitive** environment. Her **tour guide** admitted that all visitors leave a **footprint** and they all go to the same places, the accessible **coastline**, which is also where the penguins and seals go to breed.

But some people believe that if carefully controlled, tourism can be good for Antarctica. It has no native population and it needs **advocates**. Visitors to the icy continent might be ready to support and even to fund its preservation. And they're likely to engage in the discussion about global warming, which has led to the melting of **glaciers**.

According to Rix, **guidelines** are followed when you're about **to set foot** in Antarctica and tourists have to **disinfect** their boots to make sure no alien species are introduced.

And once on land, there's no eating or smoking. Rocks, bone fragments – nothing should be taken as a **souvenir** and nothing should be left behind.

Tourists fortunate enough to visit the Antarctic must be aware that this is not their home and keep their fingers crossed that future generations will also be able to enjoy such **breathtaking** views.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

### Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

- I. Who lives in Antarctica?
- 2. When did it become a tourist destination?
- 3. Why could tourism be good for Antarctica?
- 4. What are the guidelines when you go ashore?
- 5. Which verb means the transformation of ice from a solid into a liquid?

## Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

I. It's been raining heavily this year and farmers are afraid some will be lost.					
tropical conditions	confectionaries	pests	crops		
2. There's a strong	for cocoa due	to an increase in	chocolate consumption.		
demand	supply	crop	variety		
3. I'm living with my grandmother now. She likes cooking and I am getting a for her homemade walnut cookies. They are delicious!					
supply	taste	demand	safeguard		
4. Alan grows beautiful roses in his garden. All his neighbours say he has					
green fingers	blue eyes	red hands	a pink nose		
5. The milk has a strange smell. It has been out of the fridge for days and might not be to drink.					
safeguard	safe	clear	in quarantine		

## Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

#### Quiz 小测验

- 1. Who lives in Antarctica? A few scientists and animals adapted to low temperatures.
- 2. When did it become a tourist destination? In the 1950s.
- 3. Why could tourism be good for Antarctica? **Some people believe visitors will take** interest in the continent and support initiatives for its preservation.
- 4. What are the guidelines when you go ashore? **Don't smoke or eat; don't take** anything as a souvenir and don't leave anything behind.
- 5. Which verb means the transformation of ice from a solid into a liquid? **To melt.**

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# Glossary 词汇表

adventurous	有探险精神的
sightseeing	观光
to savour	品尝,欣赏
to your heart's content	没有限量的
exotic	异国情调
tourist destination	旅游目的地
holiday of a lifetime	一辈子都不会忘记的一次度假
wilderness	荒无人迹的地方
landscape	景观
sensitive	敏感的
tour guide	导游
footprint	足迹
coastline	海岸线
advocate	倡导者
glaciers	冰川
guidelines	指导规则
to set foot	踏上
to disinfect	消毒
souvenir	纪念品
breathtaking	惊人的