



# Antarctica



1. Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth. It is also one of the driest and windiest places on the planet. The lowest temperature ever recorded there was 128.6° F (-89.2° C) and the highest temperature was 18.3°C.
2. It is the fifth largest continent in the world. It is twice the size of Australia!
3. There are no polar bears in Antarctica. Polar bears can only be found in the Arctic.
4. 90% of the world's ice is located in Antarctica. It also contains about 70% of the world's freshwater.
5. Antarctica does not have an official time zone. If you travel to Antarctica you may have to stay in the time zone of the country you came from.
6. There are active volcanoes in Antarctica. The second highest volcano in Antarctica, Mount Erebus, is very active. The highest, Mount Sidley, is dormant and does not erupt.
7. Over 70,000 tourists visit Antarctica yearly. There are about 5,000 scientists and researchers living on the continent.
8. More Meteorites from space can be found in Antarctica than anywhere else in the world.
9. Emila Marcos Palma was the first person to be born in Antarctica. He was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, 1978.
10. Antarctica is the only continent on Earth that is not colonized by Ants.

