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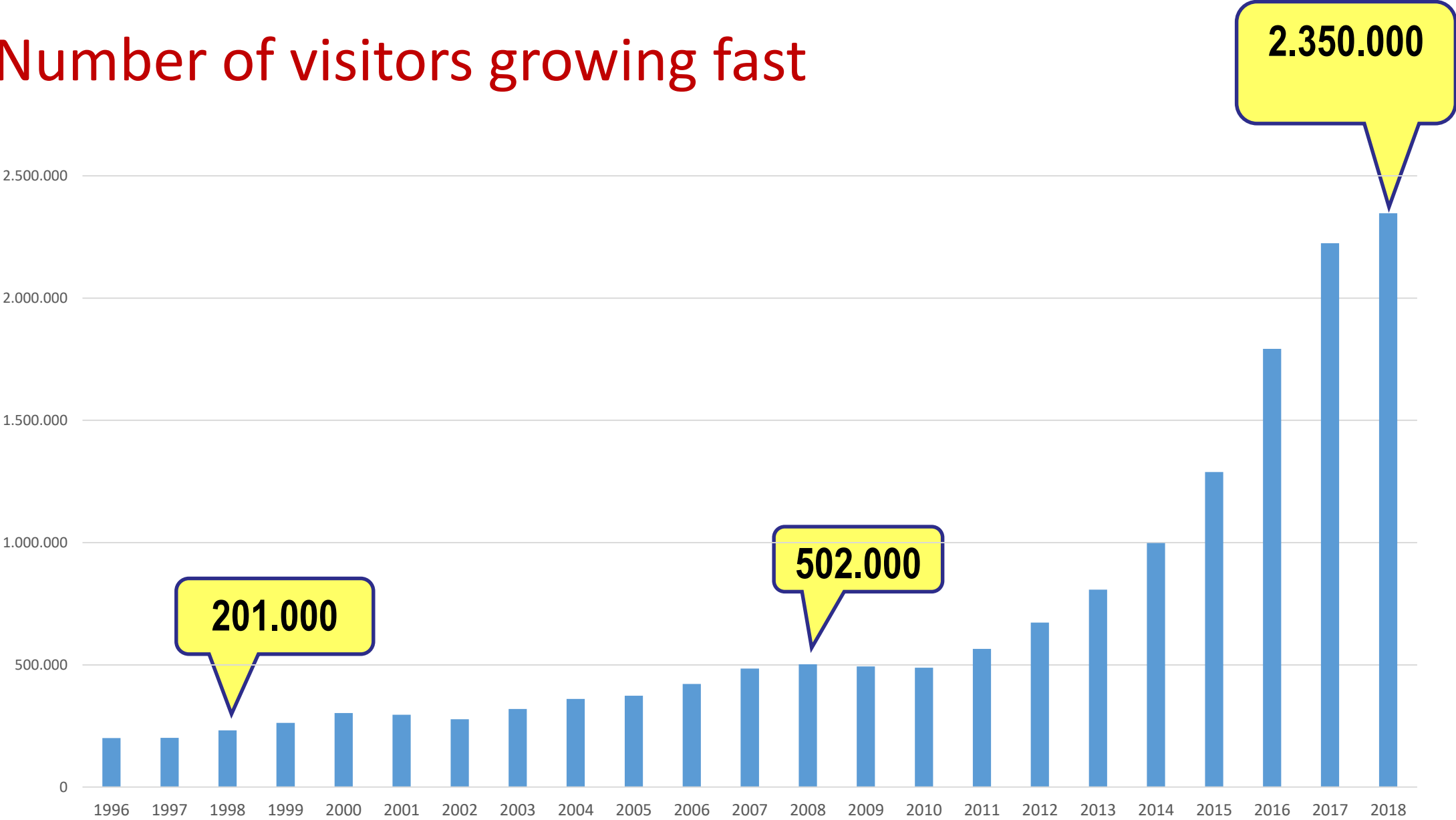
Cruise tourism in Iceland

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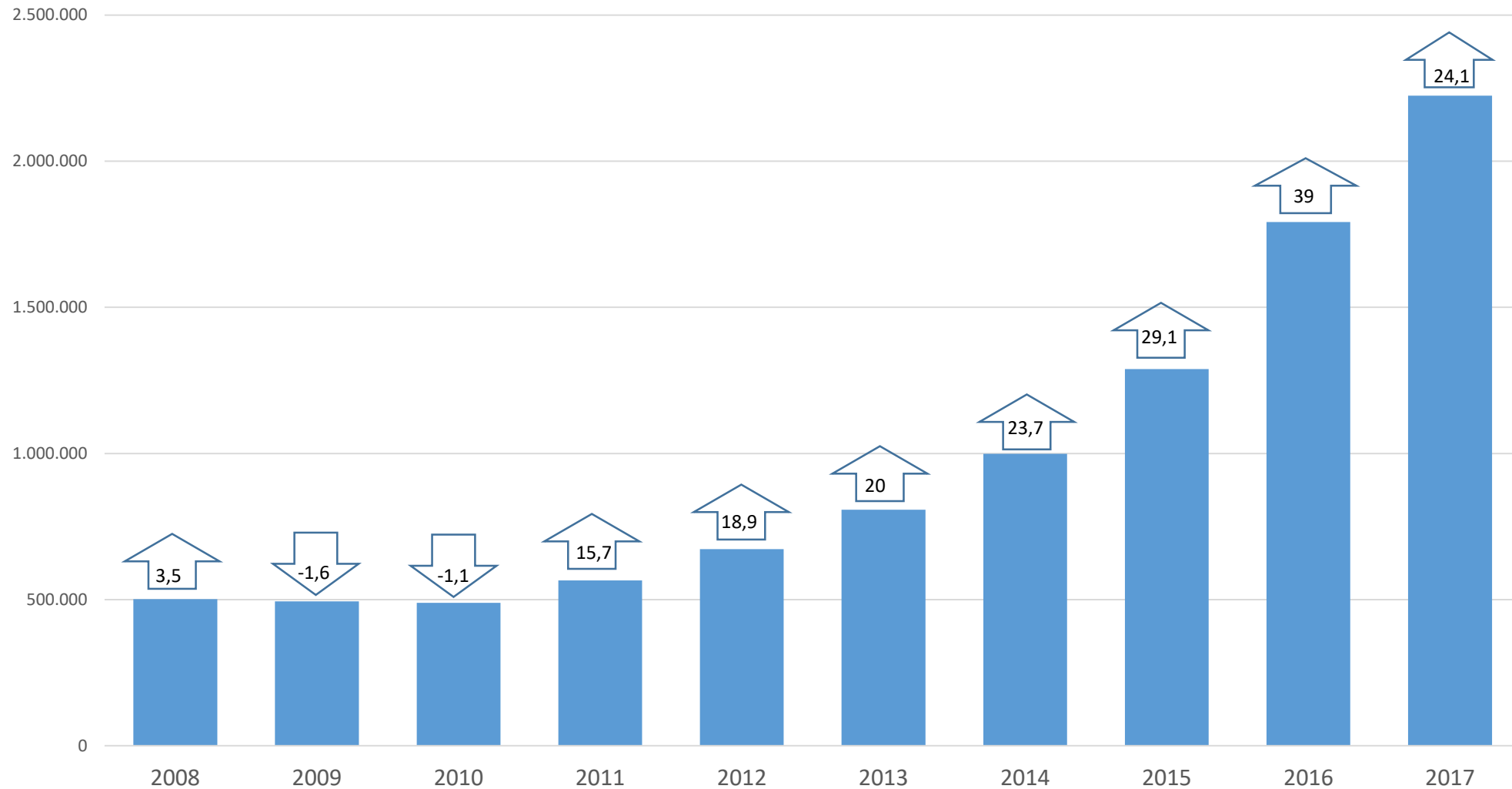
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Number of visitors growing fast



Visitors and % change from previous year





Statistics for Iceland

Harbors	2016		2017		2018	
	Ships	Passengers	Ships	Passengers	Ships	Passengers
Port of Akranes	0	0	1	181	12	792
Port of Akureyri	93	82.516	124	109.365	138	121.196
Port of Djúpvogur	17	4.905	25	9.365	28	8.457
Port of Eskifjörður	4	2.188	7	4.121	5	3.609
Port of Grímsey	11	1.887	31	6.200	29	4.672
Port of Grundarfjörður	27	10.861	26	11.142	28	10.585
Port of Hafnarfjörður	10	3.912	15	7.635	15	4.592
Port of Hrísey	1	203	0	0	12	2.050
Port of Húsavík	20	4.755	33	6.971	40	7.306
Port of Höfn	0	0	3	382	3	320
Port of Ísafjörður	81	85.108	95	78.732	110	80.000
Port of Raufarhöfn	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port of Reykjavík	114	98.676	134	128.094	140	143.866
Port of Sauðárkrúkur	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port of Seyðisfjörður	32	16.139	42	19.973	56	29.146
Port of Siglufjörður	13	3.150	22	4.610	40	7.006
Port of Stykkishólmur	12	2.003	15	2.471	20	3.360
Port of Vestmannaeyjar	41	11.374	50	12.138	53	12.730
Port of Vesturbyggð	0	0	0	0	20	1.128
Port of Þorlákshöfn	0	0	0	0	1	182
Total*	476	326.850	623	401.380	750	441.789



Work in progres

- ITB is currently working on a project that is funded in part by NORA (Nordic Atlantic Cooperation) for mapping of best practices for on-shore value adding and job creation in Cruise Tourism in Iceland, Greenland and Faroe island.
- We have been looking in to what AECO is doing and are impressed.
- The mapping project and the heatmap that PAME is working on is going to be helpful in this work.



AECO guidelines



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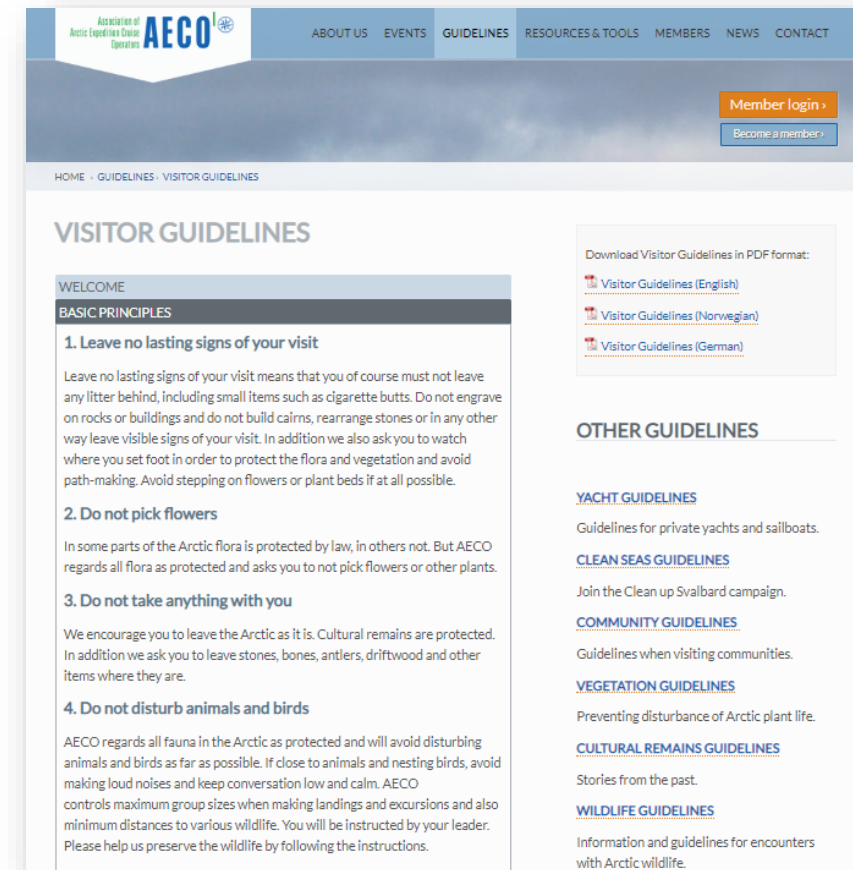
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Online exams for guides and expedition leaders.



AECO visitor guidelines

1. Leave no lasting signs of your visit
2. Do not pick flowers
3. Do not take anything with you
4. Do not disturb animals og birds
5. Leave cultural remains alone
6. Take the polar bear danger seriuasly
7. Respect local culture and local people
8. Be safe



The screenshot shows the AECO website's 'VISITOR GUIDELINES' page. The header includes the AECO logo (Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators) and navigation links: ABOUT US, EVENTS, GUIDELINES, RESOURCES & TOOLS, MEMBERS, NEWS, CONTACT. There are also buttons for 'Member login' and 'Become a member'. The breadcrumb trail is HOME > GUIDELINES > VISITOR GUIDELINES. The main content area is titled 'VISITOR GUIDELINES' and includes a 'WELCOME' section, a 'BASIC PRINCIPLES' section with eight numbered guidelines, and a 'WELCOME' section. The 'BASIC PRINCIPLES' section lists: 1. Leave no lasting signs of your visit, 2. Do not pick flowers, 3. Do not take anything with you, 4. Do not disturb animals and birds. The right sidebar contains a 'Download Visitor Guidelines in PDF format' section with links for English, Norwegian, and German, and an 'OTHER GUIDELINES' section with links for Yacht, Clean Seas, Community, Vegetation, Cultural Remains, and Wildlife guidelines.

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WELCOME

BASIC PRINCIPLES

- 1. Leave no lasting signs of your visit**
Leave no lasting signs of your visit means that you of course must not leave any litter behind, including small items such as cigarette butts. Do not engrave on rocks or buildings and do not build cairns, rearrange stones or in any other way leave visible signs of your visit. In addition we also ask you to watch where you set foot in order to protect the flora and vegetation and avoid path-making. Avoid stepping on flowers or plant beds if at all possible.
- 2. Do not pick flowers**
In some parts of the Arctic flora is protected by law, in others not. But AECO regards all flora as protected and asks you to not pick flowers or other plants.
- 3. Do not take anything with you**
We encourage you to leave the Arctic as it is. Cultural remains are protected. In addition we ask you to leave stones, bones, antlers, driftwood and other items where they are.
- 4. Do not disturb animals and birds**
AECO regards all fauna in the Arctic as protected and will avoid disturbing animals and birds as far as possible. If close to animals and nesting birds, avoid making loud noises and keep conversation low and calm. AECO controls maximum group sizes when making landings and excursions and also minimum distances to various wildlife. You will be instructed by your leader. Please help us preserve the wildlife by following the instructions.

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Reykjarfjörður Best practice case?



Reykjarfjörður terms

- One ship a day
- Only in May and June
- Fixed price for all pax
- Max 250 pax size ship
- Full price if cancelled call











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