HISTORIC HUTS in the ANTARCTIC from the HEROIC AGE

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Existing Huts (7)

1. **Location**: Cape Adare.
   **Winter year**: 1899 **Personnel**: 10. **Winter leader**: Carsten Borchgrevink.
   *Maintained by*: New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust.

2. **Location**: Hut Point, Ross Island.
   **Winter year**: 1902 **Personnel**: 45; **Winter year**: 1903 **Personnel**: 37. **Winter leader**: Robert Scott.
   *Expedition*: Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. **Year**: 1914-17. **Vessel**: Aurora.
   **Winter year**: 1916 **Personnel**: 3. **Winter leader**: Not designated.
   *Maintained by*: New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust.

3. **Location**: Snow Hill Island.
   *Expedition*: Swedish South Polar Expedition. **Year**: 1901-03. **Vessel**: Antarctic.
   **Winter year**: 1902 **Personnel**: 6; 1903 **Personnel**: 6. **Winter leader**: Otto Nordenskjöld.
   *Maintained by*: Instituto Antártico Argentino.

4. **Location**: Laurie Island, South Orkney Islands.
   *Expedition*: Oficina Meteorológica Argentina. **Year**: 1905-06. **Vessel**: Austral.
   **Winter year**: 1906-present. **Personnel**: 5 (1906). **Winter leader**: Albin Lind and subsequent leaders.
   *Maintained by*: Instituto Antártico Argentino.

5. **Location**: Cape Royds, Ross Island.
   *Expedition*: British Antarctic Expedition. **Year**: 1907-09. **Vessel**: Nimrod.
   **Winter year**: 1908 **Personnel**: 15. **Winter leader**: Ernest Shackleton.
   *Maintained by*: New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust.

6. **Location**: Cape Evans, Ross Island.
   **Winter year**: 1911 **Personnel**: 25. **Winter leader**: Robert Scott.
   **Winter year**: 1912 **Personnel**: 13. **Winter leader**: Edward Atkinson.
   *Expedition*: Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. **Year**: 1914-17. **Vessel**: Aurora.
   **Winter year**: 1915 **Personnel**: 10. **Winter leader**: Æneas Mackintosh.
   **Winter year**: 1916 **Personnel**: 4. **Winter leader**: Not designated.
   *Maintained by*: New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust.
7. **Location:** Commonwealth Bay.  
**Expedition:** Australasian Antarctic Expedition.  
**Year:** 1911-14.  
**Vessel:** Aurora.  
**Winter year:** 1912  
**Personnel:** 18.  
**Winter leader:** Douglas Mawson.  
**Maintained by:** Mawson’s Hut Foundation and Australian Antarctic Division

### Ruins (roofless) (5)

1. **Location:** Paulet Island.  
**Expedition:** Swedish South Polar Expedition.  
**Year:** 1901-03.  
**Vessel:** Antarctic.  
**Winter year:** 1903  
**Personnel:** 20.  
**Winter leader:** Carl Anton Larsen.  
**Maintained by:** Instituto Antártico Argentino.

2. **Location:** Hope Bay.  
**Expedition:** Swedish South Polar Expedition.  
**Year:** 1901-03.  
**Vessel:** Antarctic.  
**Winter year:** 1903  
**Personnel:** 3.  
**Winter leader:** Gunnar Andersson.  
**Maintained by:** Instituto Antártico Argentino.

3. **Location:** Laurie Island, South Orkney Islands.  
**Expedition:** Scottish National Antarctic Expedition.  
**Year:** 1902-04.  
**Vessel:** Scotia.  
**Winter year:** 1903  
**Personnel:** 33.  
**Winter leader:** William Bruce.  
**Expedition:** Oficina Meteorológica Argentina.  
**Year:** 1904-05.  
**Vessel:** Scotia.  
**Winter year:** 1904  
**Personnel:** 5.  
**Winter leader:** Robert Mossman.  
**Maintained by:** Instituto Antártico Argentino.

4. **Location:** Booth Island.  
**Expedition:** French Antarctic Expedition.  
**Year:** 1905-05.  
**Vessel:** Français.  
**Winter year:** 1904  
**Personnel:** 20 in 1904.  
**Winter leader:** Jean-Baptiste Charcot.  
**Maintained by:** Apparently not maintained.

5. **Location:** Cape Adare.  
**Expedition:** British Antarctic Expedition.  
**Year:** 1910-13.  
**Vessel:** Terra Nova.  
**Winter year:** 1911  
**Personnel:** 6.  
**Winter leader:** Victor Campbell.  
**Maintained by:** New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust.

### Sites where huts were deployed but where they no longer exist (9)

1. **Location:** Iles Kerguelen.  
**Expedition:** German South Polar Expedition.  
**Year:** 1901-03.  
**Vessel:** Gauss.  
**Winter year:** 1902  
**Personnel:** 5.  
**Winter leader:** Emil Werth.  
**Reason for Loss:** Dilapidation.

2. **Location:** King Edward Point, South Georgia.  
**Expedition:** Norwegian whalers (Grytviken transport vessels).


3. Location: Petermann Island.
Reason for Loss: Removal at end of expedition.

4. Location: Bay of Whales.
Reason for Loss: Calving of the Ice Shelf.

5. Location: Inexpressible Island.
Reason for Loss: Ablation and melting.

6. Location: Shackleton Ice Shelf.
Reason for Loss: Calving of the Ice Shelf.

7. Location: Macquarie Island.

8. Location: Point Wild, Elephant Island.
Reason for Loss: Overwhelmed by sea.

9. Location: Waterboat Point.
Reason for Loss: Dilapidation.

Winter personnel numbers for huts are given where they were independent, or as complements of vessels where one wintered in the vicinity of a hut.

Huts, castaway depots, and similar structures, which were built by whalers, sealers, and others during this period, were also on South Georgia, South Shetland Islands, South Orkney Islands, Prince Edward Islands, Iles Crozet, Iles Kerguelen, Macquarie Island, Campbell Island, and Auckland Islands. Several of these islands also had sealers’ refuges and abandoned observatories from earlier expeditions.
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