

Perito Moreno Glacier

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Perito Moreno Glacier Latest News

The most famous glacier, the Perito Moreno glacier, which has a surface area of 250 sq km is crumbling.

About Perito Moreno Glacier

- It is also called **the 'White Giant'**, is located near the city of El Calafate in the Argentine province of Santa Cruz.
- It lies in the **Andes Mountains** in South America.
- It comes under the **Los Glaciares National Park — a UNESCO World Heritage Site.**
- It was **formed during the last Ice Age**, which occurred approximately 18,000 years ago. Estimates suggest that the glacier is 30 km long, and has a towering height of 60 m above the water level.
- Due to its enormous size, it is a major source of **freshwater for Argentina.**
- The Perito Moreno glacier is now part of the long list of glaciers around the globe which are disappearing faster than **ever due to rising temperatures.**

- Since at least 1917, the glacier has witnessed numerous large-scale **ice calving events** due to its forward movement.
- The event creates a thunderous sound as colossal blocks **of ice break from the glacier and submerge into the water**. The stunning visuals of calving have, over the years, attracted tourists from around the world.

Perito Moreno Glacier FAQs

Q1: Where is the Perito Moreno Glacier found?

Ans: Los Glaciares National Park

Q2: How old is the ice in the Perito Moreno Glacier?

Ans: Approximately 18,000 years ago

Q3: What is the biggest glacier in the world?

Ans: Lambert Glacier

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