The Bermuda Triangle

Ships and airplanes disappear into the ocean every year. This is normal and may simply occur because of people’s mistakes or nature’s accidents. These incidents could happen anywhere. But there is one place that they are said to happen much more often than anywhere else—so often that it has become legendary as a mysterious place of disappearances. That place is called the Bermuda Triangle.

The Bermuda Triangle is an area in the Atlantic Ocean just east of the Gulf of Mexico. This area is named after one of its corners, the island of Bermuda, possibly because Bermuda was once known as the “Isle of Devils.” The triangle’s other two corners are found on the coasts of Miami, Florida, and San Juan, Puerto Rico. It covers about 500,000 square miles (804,672 square kilometers) of ocean.

It is said that this triangle holds a great mystery. Not only do ships and planes disappear, but odd magnetic forces seem to be at work in this particular location. Christopher Columbus is said to be the first man to have noticed odd things happening in the Bermuda Triangle. He said he saw “dancing lights.” He also said that his compass did not work properly when he was in this region. Once, five American Navy boats disappeared there all at once. People have made predictions about what could have caused these strange occurrences. However, no one knows for sure.

There are dozens of theories that try to explain the things that take place in the Bermuda Triangle. Many of these theories are quite eccentric. For example, some people believe that ships have disappeared because of creatures from another planet. Others say that the triangle is a door to other planets. Some people believe that ships and planes are transported into a different place in time. Still others blame the advanced society of the “lost city” of Atlantis. Because of the unusual things that have happened in the Bermuda Triangle, this part of the ocean has been nicknamed the “Devil’s Triangle.”

Today, scientists say that there is nothing really unusual about the Bermuda Triangle. Many say that natural disasters may cause ships and aircraft to disappear. There are waves and hurricanes that can sink ships in this area. The Gulf Stream, a big current in the ocean, can carry ships away. Some think that there is an underwater volcano in the triangle, which may be the cause of disappearing boats. Others blame underwater earthquakes. Still others have found bubbles of gas that may come to the water’s surface and cause boats to sink.

It is also possible that there are reasonable explanations beyond nature for these disappearances. Planes crash in the Bermuda Triangle just as they would in any other place, but the ocean bottom underneath the triangle is full of very deep trenches that may prevent people from finding lost planes and boats. Some even say that there are modern-day pirates in this region who are to blame for the many disappearances there. There are many other rational reasons that have been used to explain lost vehicles in the Bermuda Triangle.

Of course, there are many who say that the stories we hear about the Bermuda Triangle are just made up or imaginary. They blame many disappearances on human mistakes, just like disappearances in other parts of the world. Because some people are superstitious, they might report things they see as strange and blame the mysterious triangle for something that could have been explained otherwise.

Many people do not want to believe the Bermuda Triangle can be so easily explained. They like the idea of a mystery. There have been books and movies about things that are not easily explained. This makes the Bermuda Triangle a perfect subject for these kinds of stories. Maybe it is for this reason that so many people still believe that there is such a thing as the “Devil’s Triangle.”

Fact or Fiction?

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