

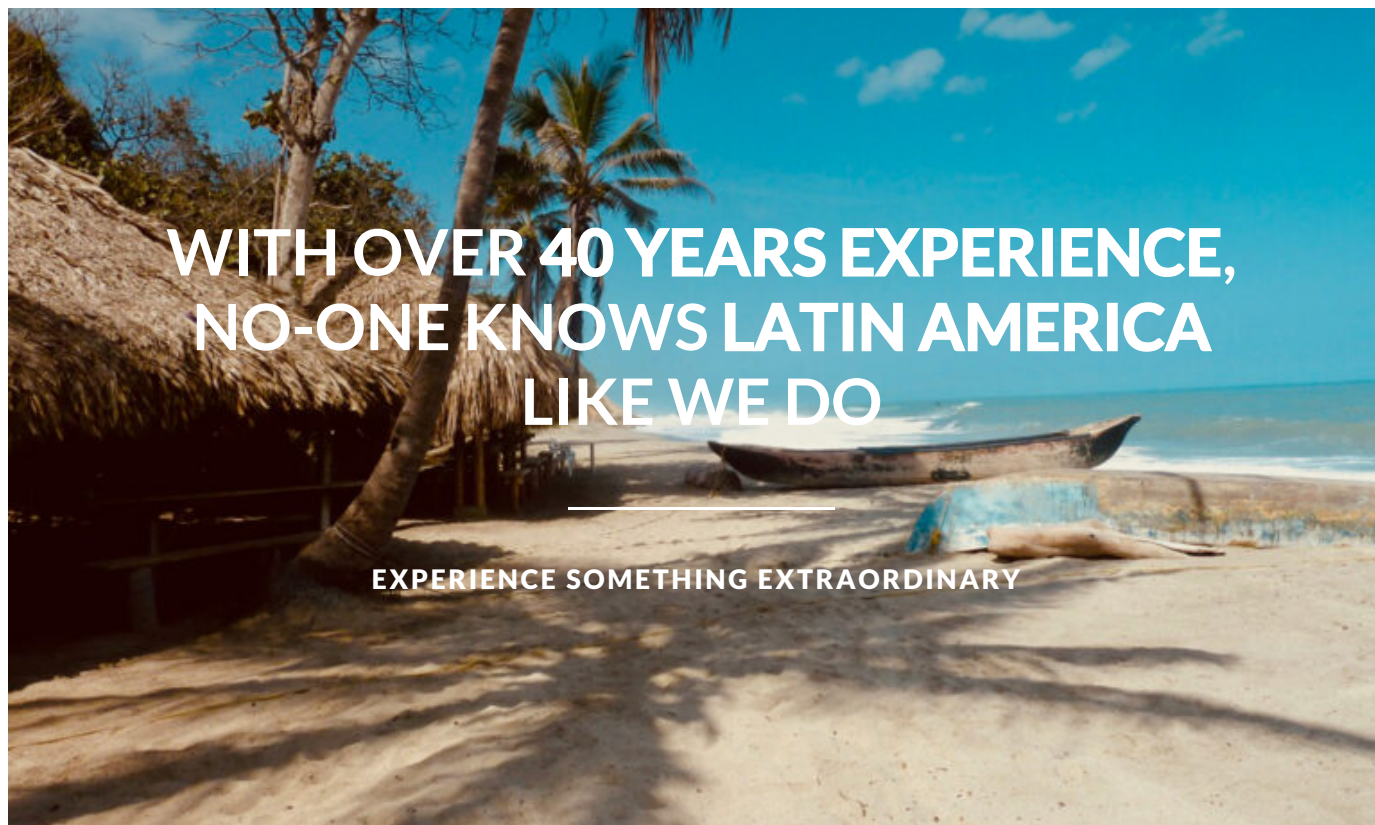


PRIVATE JOURNEYS WITH JOURNEY LATIN

FALKLANDS EXPERIENCE

from £2,900pp

FALKLAND ISLANDS



WHY US

We are the UK's No.1 specialist in travel to Latin America and have been creating award-winning holidays to every corner of the region for over four decades; we pride ourselves on being the most knowledgeable people there are when it comes to travel to Central and South America and passionate about it too.

OUR JOURNEY

As our name suggests, we are single-minded about Latin America. This is what sets us apart from other travel companies – and what allows us to offer you not just a holiday but the opportunity to experience something extraordinary on inspiring journeys throughout Mexico, Central and South America.

WE LOVE LATIN AMERICA

A passion for the region runs through all we do

All our Consultants have lived or travelled extensively in Latin America

Up-to-the-minute knowledge underpinned by 40 years' experience

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

Fully bonded and licensed

ATOL-protected

On your side when it matters

Book with confidence, knowing every penny is secure

THE REAL LATIN AMERICA

Our insider knowledge helps you go beyond the guidebooks

We hand-pick hotels with character and the most rewarding excursions

Let us show you the Latin America we know and love



OVERVIEW & OUTLINE ITINERARY

A seven-night island hopping wildlife adventure, seeing penguins, sea lions, elephant seals and seabirds in a crowd free environment.

DAY 1	Fly to the Falklands
DAYS 2-3	Sea Lion Island
DAYS 4-5	Bleaker Island
DAY 6	Stanley (East Falkland)
DAY 7	Volunteer Point
DAY 8	Fly back to the UK or Punta Arenas

ITINERARY

Most travellers to the Falklands visit for only a day or two as part of an expedition cruise towards Antarctica. While this method allows for a great introduction to the islands, a longer, land-based stay offers a far more personal experience. One that gives you time to fully connect with the extraordinary wildlife without being rushed back onboard and without the distraction of other passengers accidentally wandering into your photos. This seven-night island hop stays on two of the archipelago's most extraordinary islands, in small, homely isolated, lodges run by the only permanent inhabitants. You are in the thick of the action amongst penguins, sea lions, elephant seals and seabirds, with often only a handful of other humans for company. The trip ends with a visit to Stanley, the quaint capital with a distinctly British feel, and a day trip to Volunteer Point – home to the second largest "accessible" colony of king penguins on Earth.

The vast majority of visitors arrive by plane from Punta Arenas in southern Chile, making this the perfect addition to a longer trip that includes Patagonia, the Lake District, the wine region, the Atacama Desert or even Easter Island, but the Falklands are also served by twice weekly flights from RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire. Although these are officially military airlifts (with a refuelling stop in Cape Verde), civilian passengers can book seats when available, though departures are more susceptible to change than traditional passenger aircraft. Once in the Falklands, transfers between islands will be on light aircraft, mostly using grass airstrips.

DAY 1

Fly to the Falklands

Fly to Mount Pleasant (on East Falkland Island) from either Chile or the UK, before transferring to Stanley and hopping aboard a Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS) flight to Sea Lion Island, the southernmost inhabited island on the archipelago.

DAYS 2-3

Sea Lion Island

Enjoy two full days observing Sea Lion Island's incredible eco-system, with residents including elephant seals, Magellanic, rockhopper and gentoo penguins, sea lions and a host of migratory sea birds. Animal encounters here are among the most impressive anywhere in the world, so the island's accommodation is often one of the first to fill up.

DAYS 4-5

Bleaker Island

Board another scenic FIGAS flight, this time landing on nearby Bleaker Island. Despite its name, Bleaker is one of the Falkland's most beautiful islands, with sweeping white sand beaches playing host to an abundance of spectacular wildlife.

Bleaker has its own very sizeable population of penguins, but if you are after something a little different, you can visit its colony of over 8,000 imperial cormorants. One of the island's most eye-catching events is the battle waged between predators like snowy sheathbills, dolphin gulls and skuas, and the penguin and cormorant parents, desperately trying to protect their eggs and chicks from the constant and persistent threats from above. While harrowing and heart wrenching to watch, it is an impelling spectacle that cannot help but draw the eye.

DAY 6

Stanley (East Falkland)

Head back to East Falkland and take a tour of Stanley, before continuing to your hotel. Stanley is by far the most heavily occupied settlement in the Falklands, but with a population of only around 2,500 people, it is still smaller than many UK villages and shares many distinguishing features with them.

DAY 7

Volunteer Point

Set off in a 4x4 vehicle across bumpy terrain to Volunteer Point. It is a rickety, bone rattling, 2.5 hour journey each way, but few scenes could be more worth the effort. Huddled around one main nesting area, with others surfing the waves or marching their way along a striking white sand beach, are over 4,000 king penguins – the largest “accessible” collection of the species on Earth.

DAY 8

Fly back to the UK or Punta Arenas

Transfer back to Mount Pleasant Airport in time for your flight back to the UK or Chile – where you can continue your adventure.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Services of our team of experts in our London office

Services of Journey Latin America local representatives and guides

All land and air transport within Latin America

Accommodation as specified

Meals as specified

Excursions as specified, including entrance fees

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Tips and gratuities

Meals other than specified

International flights to Latin America

Airport taxes, when not included in the ticket

Optional excursions

ESSENTIALS

TRANSPORT

Short light aircraft journeys between islands and land vehicle transfers within islands.

ACCOMMODATION

Cosy family-run guest houses or small hotels.

MEALS

Full board on Sea Lion and Bleaker Island, breakfast basis on East Falkland (Stanley).

GUIDES

We carefully select our local partners, some of whom we have worked with for over 30 years. Their English-speaking guides understand the expectations of our clients very well, and are consistently singled out for praise by the latter on their return.

SUMMARY OF NIGHTS

8 days, 7 nights: Sea Lion Island 3 nights, Bleaker Island 2 nights, East Falkland (Stanley) 2 nights.

CURRENCY

The currency is the Falkland Islands pound. The pound sterling is accepted throughout the islands.

DAILY SPEND

Most of your meals are included and there are very few places to spend money on the islands. It is very difficult to give a guideline for essential expenses but a budget of around £40 per day should cover the cost of meals not included in the holiday itinerary, drinks and the odd souvenir.

TIPPING

The Falklands have a very traditional British character and tipping is not generally expected, except when dining in Stanley where 10-15% is common for good service.

INSURANCE

Travel insurance is essential.

Details of our recommended policy can be found at [Travel Insurance page](#).

AIRPORT TAXES

A departure tax of £25 is payable in cash by all passengers on flights departing Port Stanley to South America (amount subject to change).

TRIP SUITABILITY

This is a fully comprehensive holiday with travel or excursions on most days but none are especially arduous.

This holiday is suitable for all able-bodied, reasonably fit visitors. In other cases, e.g. if you have a disability or other special requirements, please call us.

CLIMATE

The Falkland Islands have a chilly climate characterised by strong winds, particularly in the spring (Sep-Oct). Rain falls on approximately 180 days per year, but totals are small. Expect daytime highs of around 10°C in Sep-Oct and Mar-Apr, whilst the islands are at their warmest in Jan, the mid-point of the southern summer, when daytime temperatures hover in the range of 15-20°C. A little-known fact is that the islands are bathed in the same number of sunshine hours as southern England. Visitors benefit from long hours of daylight October to March.

CLOTHING AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

For day-to-day wear you should go prepared to encounter all seasons. Warm clothing, a sun hat and a hat to protect against cold and wind are essential. A wind proof fleece jacket and a Gore-Tex (or similar) outer shell make a good combination. Trousers, skirt or shorts made from light, quick-drying synthetic materials work well. Strong, comfortable footwear is essential.

Please get in touch with the office before departure if you have any doubts. Good equipment is very important and hard to come by in either in the Falklands or South America.

VACCINATIONS

Preventative vaccinations are recommended against the following: typhoid; polio; tetanus; hepatitis A. You should consult your GP for specific requirements.

You can also find helpful information on the Masta Travel Health website.

VISAS

Holders of a full British passport do not require a visa, although passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the trip begins. Anyone with a different nationality should enquire with us or check with the relevant consulate.

If flying to the US, or via the US you will need to fill in your online ESTA application.

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GET IN TOUCH WITH US...

Our friendly, knowledgeable team of travel experts are always happy to chat about holiday ideas and share helpful advice. Give us a call today and begin planning your perfect trip to Latin America.

GIVE US A CALL

We'd love to chat

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