

## Journey Idea to The Falkland Islands

8 Days



King Penguins

Prepared for  
Steppes Travel Clients

## QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

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# DETAILED TRIP ITINERARY

## Day 1

### Santiago/Carcass Island



Depart Santiago on a flight to Mount Pleasant.

You will be met upon arrival by the Steppes Travel representative at the airport and transferred to your hotel. All transfers are private (unless stated otherwise) and included in your trip, however it will not detail every transfer on this itinerary.

Transfer by small aircraft to Carcass Island.



Carcass Island offers stunning scenery with views to West Falklands, Saunders and Jason Islands. It is a very good place for hill walking and exploring the white sandy beaches. Magellanic and Gentoo penguins nest all around the island, even under the farmhouses. A growing colony of elephant seals can be found to the North of the island. The island itself is famous for its food which is delicious and plentiful, made using organically produced meat, dairy products and vegetables.



*Carcass Island is located in the far west of the Falklands. The Island has beautiful hills and stunning white sandy beaches. Carcass Lodge comprises of good standard accommodation, with six rooms with en-suite facilities, a dining room and cosy sitting room. Carcass Lodge is a working farm, where you can appreciate fresh milk and delicious lamb; the owners offer a very personal service. From Carcass Island it is possible to take a boat trip across to West Point, subject to weather and sea conditions, to see this remote island and the nesting black browed albatross on the cliffs.*

*Overnight at Carcass Lodge in a twin/double room on a full board basis.*

## Day 2

### Carcass Island



Full day trip by boat on board the Condor to West Point Island.

West Point is only accessible by boat from Carcass Island. Subject to weather conditions, the journey from Carcass Island, round West Point to the settlement at West Point is approximately 2 hours. You will sail past tall sheer cliffs, (the highest in The Falklands) where the black browed Albatross nest in large colonies.



West Point offers total isolation. Drive over the island to the black browed albatross colony. Enjoy a picnic amongst the birds before a moderate 30 minute walk back to West Point Lodge for delicious cakes for tea.

Return by boat to Carcass Island late afternoon.

*Overnight at Carcass Lodge in a twin/double room on a full board basis.*

### Day 3

#### Carcass Island/Sea Lion Island



Transfer by small aircraft to Sea Lion Island.

Sea Lion Island is the most southerly inhabited island of the Falklands Group and has an amazing assortment of flora and fauna to be explored. The island is often circled by killer whales looking out for a chance elephant seal meal.



Sea Lion Island has one of the largest selection of animals to see on all the Falklands, including; Rock Hooper, Gentoo and Magellanic penguins, king cormorant, southern sea lions, elephant seals, Peale's dolphin, Orca's, striated and crested Carcara, southern giant petrel and many other types of bird life. The island is quite flat, with the most stunning white sandy beaches.



In addition, there is a memorial to HMS Sheffield on Bull Hill on the southern part of the Island. The Island was originally a sheep farm and it has now given over to ecotourism.

*Sea Lion Lodge is a purpose-built lodge offering modern accommodation. There are 9 rooms in total, all with en-suite shower and central heating.*

*Overnight at Sea Lion Lodge in a twin/double room on a full board basis.*

### Day 4

#### Sea Lion Island

Day at leisure to explore this beautiful Island, amazing wildlife and stunning beaches.

*Overnight at Sea Lion Lodge in a twin/double room on a full board basis.*

### Day 5

#### Sea Lion Island/Port Howard



Transfer by small aircraft to Port Howard.

Port Howard is the largest settlement on West Falklands. Beautifully situated and protected on the Falkland Sound, from where a weekly ferry departs to the East Falklands. Port Howard's population is approx 20 permanent residents; however this doubles during the annual sheep shearing period.



Activities from Port Howard include trout fishing on the Warrah and Chartes Rivers, visit to the war museum or venture further a field to a number of airplane wreckage sites. Sheep shearing demonstrations (during season) and there is even a golf course, however you need to be accurate to avoid the parallel mine field!

*Port Howard Lodge is situated on a 200,000 acre sheep farm on West Falklands. The Lodge has a total of 8 bedrooms and until recently the Lodge was home to the farm manager. The Lodge offers homely public rooms and a cosy bar as well as an opportunity to participate in fly-fishing along the Warrah River. The area is excellent for walking, mountain*

*biking, horse riding or even canoeing.*

*Overnight at Port Howard Lodge in a twin/double room on a full board basis.*

## Day 6

### Port Howard/Stanley



Transfer by small aircraft to Stanley.

Stanley is the capital of the Falkland Islands and the HQ of the British Antarctic Survey. Stanley is a colourful seaside town nestled around the waters of Stanley Harbour. The town boasts many reminders of its British heritage, such as red phone boxes and eight distinctly English pubs. If you like walking, you might wish to explore the sand dunes en route to Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, or stroll along the white sand beach of Surf Bay, watching the South Atlantic rollers caress the shoreline, often bringing with them, seals, dolphins and a penguin or two, playing in the surf close to the water's edge.



*The Malvina House Hotel is conveniently situated in a commanding position overlooking the sea and just a few minutes walk from the centre of Stanley. The Malvina House Hotel has 18 rooms in total, all with en-suite facilities. There is central heating throughout, a delightful restaurant and bar, laundry service and a spa/sauna for total relaxation.*

*Overnight at Malvina House Hotel in a twin/double room on a bed & breakfast basis.*

## Day 7

### Stanley



A full day trip from Stanley to Volunteer Point, to see the King Penguins, is a must on anybody's itinerary to the Falklands.

The King Penguin a large majestic character, nesting in an isolated spot, above a stunning white sandy beach. The trip involves a 3 to 4 hour drive by 4x4 vehicles from Stanley; the long journey is certainly worth the site of these beautiful penguins.

*Overnight at Malvina House Hotel in a twin/double room on a bed & breakfast basis.*

## Day 8

### Stanley/Santiago

Depart Mount Pleasant on a flight to Santiago.

## TRIP PRICE

**Price from £3,350 per person + flight taxes.**

The rates quoted are subject to the availability of all services, currency fluctuations, written confirmation and Steppes Travels terms and conditions.

The price includes return flight from Santiago in Chile (please ask for quote from Brize Norton in UK), internal flights, local transport, airport-hotel transfers and tours on a shared basis (or can be organised on a private basis), accommodation (twin/double with private facilities) and board. Accommodation is normally on a bed and breakfast basis, unless staying in a remote lodge when normally this will be on a full board basis (in most cases in the Falklands).

Extras include entrance charges to sites, parks and museums, extra local excursions and guided tours, international and domestic airport taxes. Travel insurance, visas, single supplements (if applicable) and items of a personal nature, such as laundry, drinks, etc.

**Please note** that the above is only a suggested journey, allowing in-depth visits to the highlights of the country and the chance to explore the wide range of possibilities this fascinating country has to offer. We have a separate list of escorted tours and specialise in tailoring individual itineraries to your particular interests and requirements. This journey idea serves more as a general guide on what there is to see and do, as well as a guide on price.

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