

FALKLAND ISLANDS

DARWIN200 ADD ON TRIPS



Nature's Best Kept Secret

The Falkland Islands are home to vast albatross colonies, over a million penguins (king, gentoo, rockhopper, Magellanic and macaroni), sea lions, elephant seals, fur seals, and fifteen species of whales and dolphins!

Several birds of prey are also found here, including most of the world's striated caracara population, as well as 63 land birds, of which, 16 of which are found no where else on Earth.

Much of this wildlife can be seen very easily, not least, because many native marine mammal and seabird species are not habituated to mankind and so can be approached (carefully, quietly and at a responsible distance) to enable **incredible** photo opportunities and experiences!

This unique archipelago of nearly 800 islands harbours beautiful landscapes, fascinating history and friendly local culture. Many visitors leave agreeing that the Falkland Islands are among the world's top "undiscovered" wildlife destinations.

Add On Trips to the DARWIN200 2023-25 Global Voyage

The following add on trips have been organised for participants of **Legs 9 and 27** of the Darwin200 Global Voyage, so they can explore the Falkland Islands after their disembarkation in Stanley.

Add on trips have also been organised for participants of **Legs 10 and 28** to enable them to explore the amazing Falkland Islands before they embark in Stanley and commence their journeys aboard *Oosterschelde*.

These add on trips are operated independently of the Darwin200 Global Voyage by Redfern Adventures, please see www.redfernadventures.com

To reserve a place, please email: sales@redfernadventures.com

Falkland Islands - Darwin200 Add On Trips

The Falkland Islands are an amazing wildlife destination, but organising trips to these beautiful islands is complex, as it involves internal flights, reservations at lodges on key islands and coordinating logistics.

The following add on trips are organised for members of the Darwin200 Global Voyage to offer the opportunity for you to explore this fascinating archipelago.

The following add on trips offer many of the very best wildlife highlights that the Falkland Islands have to offer, and in the greatest levels of comfort and ease possible. The itineraries below have been specifically planned with naturalists and wildlife photographers in mind, allowing a few days at key wildlife islands, giving the opportunity to observe wildlife up close and personal, and really take time to absorb and appreciate the amazing species that call the Falkland Islands home!

Visiting the Falkland Islands is far less expensive than the long (and often uncomfortable) voyages across the rough Southern Ocean to Antarctica and South Georgia. Yet the Falklands are home to many of the same species observed at these destinations and sometimes in even greater numbers. This is especially true for several species of albatross, sea lions and even some species of penguins (e.g. rockhopper penguins).

PROMO VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/DzOIb4D8SQE>

Please note:

1. The key wildlife islands of the Falklands are set up as locally-run lodges. Most of the lodges have rooms for just 12-16 people. They are really comfortable, heated lodges with excellent food (included) and alcohol available for purchase. On arrival at each island, you will be given a guided orientation tour by locals to the key wildlife locations the island harbours (many of which are a short walk from your lodge). You will then be free to roam and explore the island to visit colonies of penguin, albatrosses, cormorants, seals and sea lions. Each island has many, different wildlife attractions. In some cases, the lodges are right by penguin and seal colonies. In others, some of the wildlife sites are a few kilometres away.
2. Accommodation is EXTREMELY limited in the lodges of the Falkland Islands (often needing to be booked two years or more in advance). We have booked 12 places on each of the trips below for members of the Darwin200 Global Voyage. These will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. We strongly recommend reserving a place as soon as possible!

To reserve a place, please email: sales@redfernadventures.com



FLIGHTS

The main way of reaching the Falkland Islands is by flight, see www.falklandislands.com/getting-here

RAF Flights: the British Royal Air Force (RAF) operates twice weekly flights from RAF Brize Norton (a military airport near Oxford, England). Civilian passengers (members of public) can book seats on these flights via the Falkland Islands Government Office in London, see www.falklands.gov.fk/londonoffice/contact-us

LATAM: operates flights from Santiago, Chile, often stopping in Punta Arenas on the way. International Tours & Travel Ltd (see www.falklandislands.travel) is the sales agent for these flights and handles bookings. Alternatively, you can book directly through LATAM's website or any online flight website, e.g. www.skyscanner.net

If you have any questions concerning flights to/from the Falkland Islands, email the Redfern Adventures team and we will be happy to assist.



DATES

We have reserved 12 places at all accommodation and internal for the flights following Add On Trips:

Note: all Add On Trips have the same 9-day itinerary (see Days 1-9 below).

If you would like a customised itinerary (longer or shorter than the itinerary put forward below), please email us for details and we will develop a bespoke trip for you.

The following add on trips are priced in British Pounds because the Falkland Islands Pound is tied to the British Pound in parity.

COST: £4,600 (British Pounds) per person (twin or double room) for 9 day / 8 night itinerary.

Single room supplement upgrade £650.

START POINT: Stanley, Falklands.

END POINT: Stanley, Falklands.

TERMS: £1,000 deposit required to book. The balance is due 12 weeks prior to departure.

Falklands Add On Trip 1 (for members of Legs 9 and 10))

Participants of Voyage Leg 9 disembark *Oosterschelde* in Stanley on January 5th, 2024.

Participants of Voyage Leg 10 embark *Oosterschelde* in Stanley on January 13th, 2024.

This Add On Trip runs from January 5th and ends on January 13th. This is specifically designed so that participants of Voyage Leg 9 can start this trip immediately on disembarkation, and participants of Voyage Leg 10 can undertake this add on trip immediately before commencing the journey aboard *Oosterschelde*.

January 5th, 2024 is Day 1 of the itinerary below.

January 6th, 2024 is Day 2 of the itinerary below.

January 7th, 2024 is Day 3 of the itinerary below.

January 8th, 2024 is Day 4 of the itinerary below.

January 9th, 2024 is Day 5 of the itinerary below.

January 10th, 2024 is Day 6 of the itinerary below.

January 11th, 2024 is Day 7 of the itinerary below.

January 12th, 2024 is Day 8 of the itinerary below.

January 13th, 2024 is Day 9 of the itinerary below.





Falklands Add On Trip 2 (for members of Leg 27)

Participants of Voyage Leg 27 disembark *Oosterschelde* in Stanley on February 19th, 2025.

This Add On Trip runs from February 19th until February 27th.

February 19th, 2025 is Day 1 of the itinerary below.

February 20th, 2025 is Day 2 of the itinerary below.

February 21st, 2025 is Day 3 of the itinerary below.

February 22nd, 2025 is Day 4 of the itinerary below.

February 23rd, 2025 is Day 5 of the itinerary below.

February 24th, 2025 is Day 6 of the itinerary below.

February 25th, 2025 is Day 7 of the itinerary below.

February 26th, 2025 is Day 8 of the itinerary below.

February 27th, 2025 is Day 9 of the itinerary below.

Falklands Add On Trip 3 (for members of Leg 28)

Participants of Voyage Leg 28 embark *Oosterschelde* in Stanley on February 25th, 2025.

This Add On Trip runs from February 17th until February 25th.

February 17th, 2025 is Day 1 of the itinerary below.

February 18th, 2025 is Day 2 of the itinerary below.

February 19th, 2025 is Day 3 of the itinerary below.

February 20th, 2025 is Day 4 of the itinerary below.

February 21st, 2025 is Day 5 of the itinerary below.

February 22nd, 2025 is Day 6 of the itinerary below.

February 23rd, 2025 is Day 7 of the itinerary below.

February 24th, 2025 is Day 8 of the itinerary below.

February 25th, 2025 is Day 9 of the itinerary below.



TEMPERATURE AND CLIMATE

Summer temperatures in the Falkland Islands are mild. In January, temperatures generally rise to around 18 °C (during daytime) and descend to 7 °C (at night). Expect mixed sun, cloud and rain. Bring warmer clothes and waterproofs in case of bad weather.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All internal flights.
- All transfers.
- All accommodation.
- All food throughout the itinerary.
- Tea / coffee throughout the trip.
- All permits and fees.
- All orientation tours.
- 4*4 guided tour to Volunteer Point.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks - order individually at restaurants / pubs / lodges.
- International flights to the Falkland Islands.
- £26 embarkation tax on departure from Falkland Island (paid at the airport prior to boarding).
- Tips for local guides / drivers.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is in twin share or double rooms for couples. If you would like to have your own room, a single supplement upgrade is available (at additional cost of £650).

DEPOSIT POLICY

£1,000 per person is required up front (to book all accommodation, tours, internal flights and activities). The balance is due 12 weeks prior to departure.

INTER-ISLAND FLIGHTS

For the inter-island flights in the following itinerary, you will utilise the well maintained and reliable Falkland Island Government Air Service (FIGAS) flights.

The FIGAS flights use sturdy Britten-Norman Islander aircraft, which have large windows allowing passengers to take aerial photographs.



ITINERARY

All three Add On Trips have the same itinerary (just the dates differ, to correspond with each voyage leg).

DAYS 1 and 2: Early morning pick up in Stanley and transfer to Stanley Airport for a flight to Sea Lion Island. After an orientation tour, you have the rest of day 1 and all of day 2 to explore the island. It is especially well known for elephant seals, as well as penguins, shags and many others. Tens of thousands of gentoo penguins nest right next to the lodge! Large numbers of elephant seals rear their pups on the island's beaches.

DAYS 3 and 4: You fly to Pebble Island, famed for its gentoo penguins, southern rockhopper penguins, imperial cormorants and spectacular scenery. Commerson's dolphin are a common sight in the waters around the island as well as two wreck of downed Argentinian plane from the Falklands War. You land on Day 3 and after an orientation tour, you have all of days 4 to explore the island.

DAYS 5 and 6: You fly to Bleaker Island, known for an enormous colony of approx 20,000 imperial cormorants, white beaches, gentoo penguins, rockhopper penguins, and striated caracaras. You land on Day 5 and have all of Day 6 to explore.

DAY 7: You return to Stanley, and after lunch, visit a fascinating local museum and explore the charming streets of Stanley!

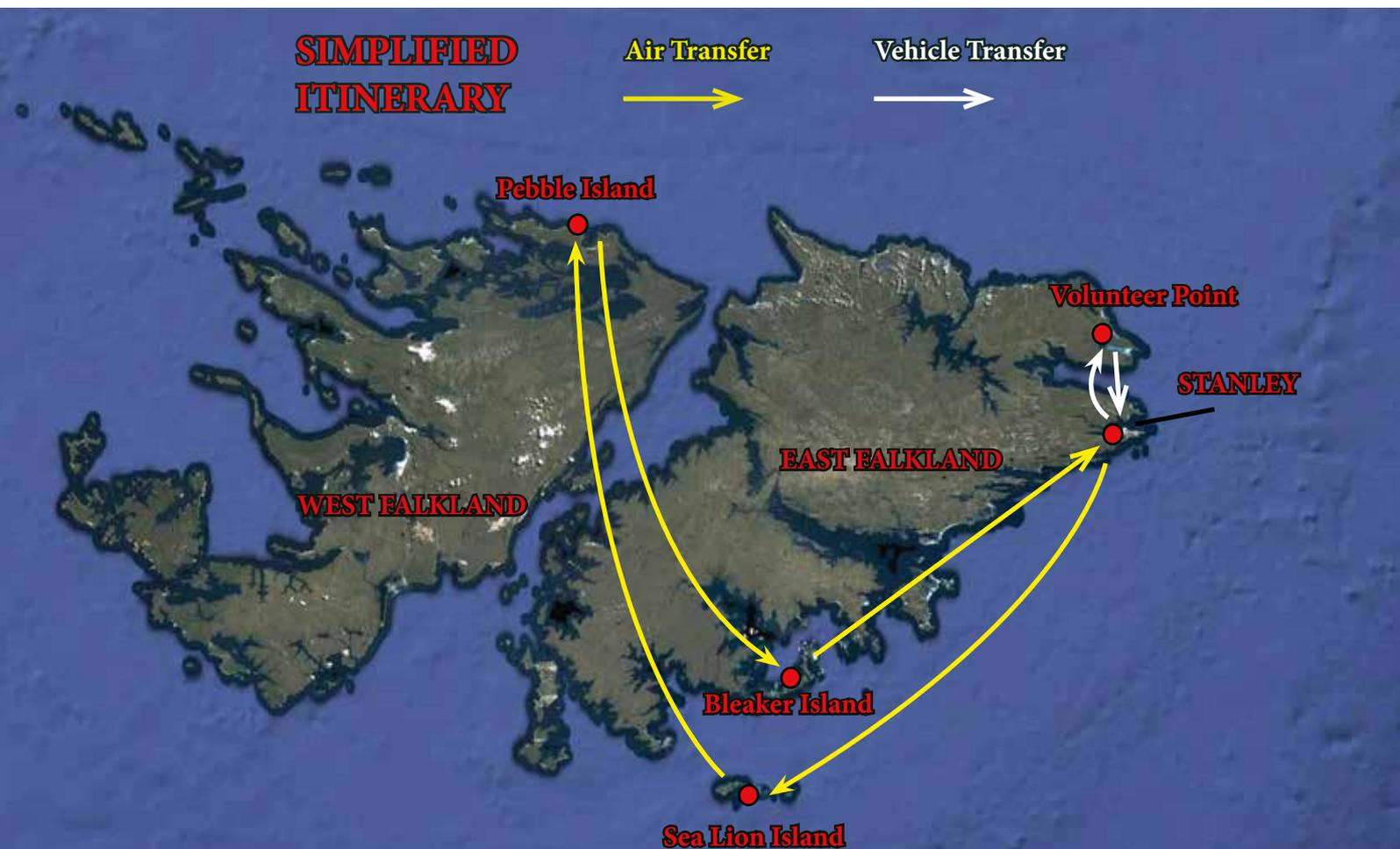
DAY 8: You have a guided, trip in four wheel drive vehicles to Volunteer Point to see one of the real stars of the show: king penguins (we will visit a breeding site home to approximately 2,000 pairs)!

DAY 9: After breakfast, check out. End of Tour

All accommodation is in boutique lodges on Days 1-6. Accommodation is in Malvina House Hotel (the best hotel in Stanley) for the nights of Days 7 and 8.

Overviews of each location on the itinerary is provided below.

Only 12 places are available - to reserve a place, email: sales@redfernadventures.com



SEA LION ISLAND

Highlights: One of the most southerly islands in the Falkland Archipelago, Sea Lion Island is operated solely for wildlife and wilderness tourism. It is the largest breeding site of southern elephant seals in the Falkland Islands, as well as South American sea lions, gentoo penguins, Magellanic penguins, rock hopper penguins and around 40 species of breeding birds. The island's rodent-free status allows it to be a refuge for the endemic Cobb's wren and tussac bird, as well as southern giant petrels and Falkland skua. Hunting killer whales are a frequent sight patrolling the waters offshore.

An orientation tour has been booked for your arrival, to showcase the island's highlights. You will then be free to explore Sea Lion Island at leisure.

For an overview of Sea Lion Island, see: www.sealionisland.com

About Sealion Island: www.sealionisland.com/sea-lion-island

The Lodge: www.sealionisland.com/the-lodge

Tours & Hiking: www.sealionisland.com/tours-hiking

Overview of wildlife: www.sealionisland.com/the-wildlife

See also: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sea_Lion_Island

See the following photo from a past visitor to Sea Lion Island (**these give a good overview of what we will see!**)

Elephant seals: <https://tinyurl.com/5348vycp>

Penguins: <https://tinyurl.com/mum3e6ep>

Birdlife: <https://tinyurl.com/5348vycp>



PHOTOS OF SEA LION ISLAND



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BLEAKER ISLAND

Highlights: Bleaker is known for an enormous colony of imperial shags (also known as king cormorants), white beaches, gentoo penguins, rockhopper penguins, and striated caracaras. In total, 49 bird species have been recorded on the island group, 37 of which were confirmed as breeding there.

An orientation tour has been booked to show the islands highlights. You will then be free to explore the island.

See the following links for an overview of Bleaker Island:

Overview of Bleaker Island: <https://bleakerisland.com/>

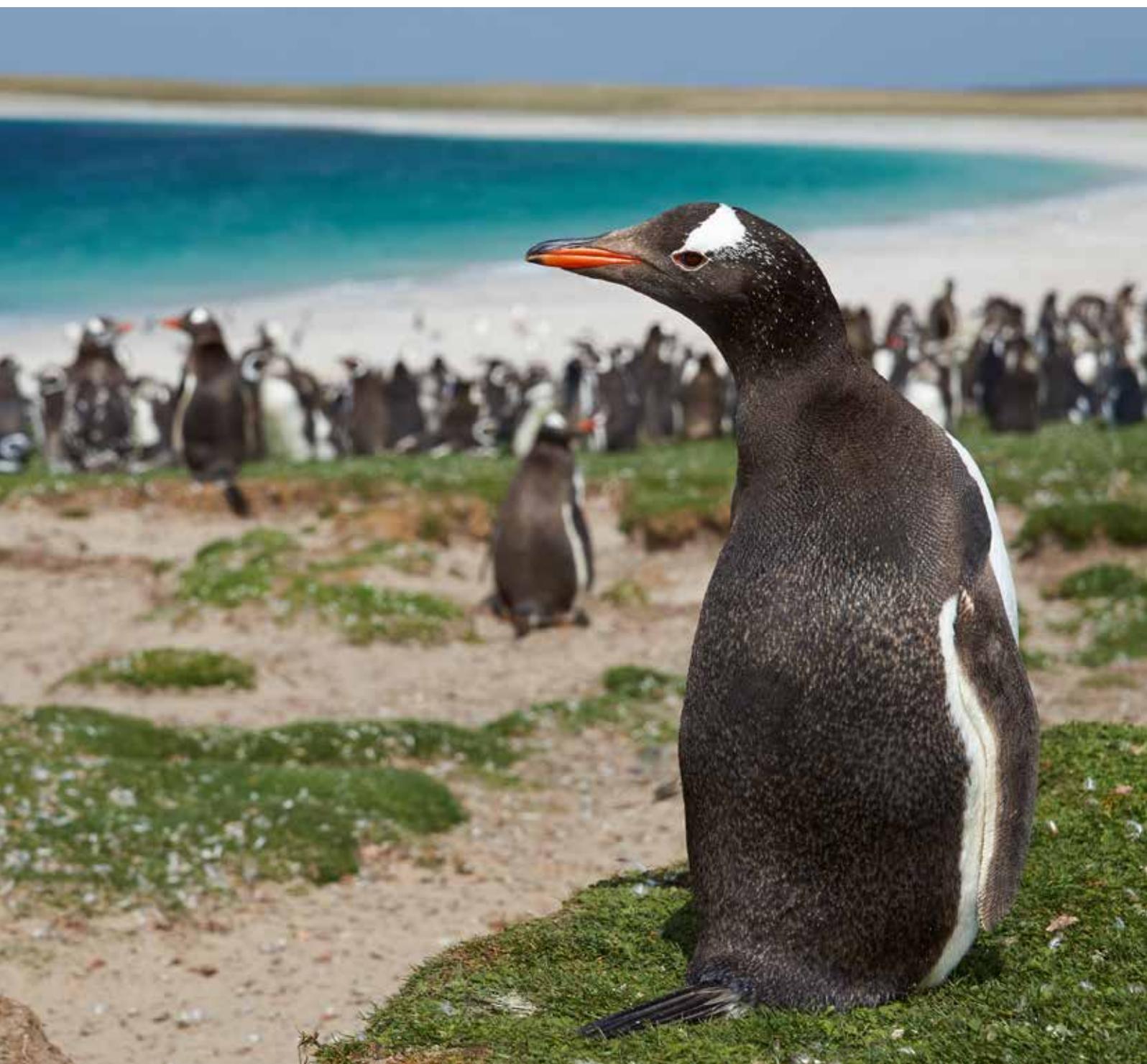
Wildlife on Bleaker Island: <https://bleakerisland.com/wildlife/>

See the following photo from a past visitor to Bleaker Island (**these give a good overview of what we will see!**)

<https://tinyurl.com/4ummnz29>

<https://tinyurl.com/yfe65ppu>

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9c4h32>



PHOTOS OF BLEAKER ISLAND



PEBBLE ISLAND

Highlights: Pebble Island is a haven for wildlife, with a marshy wetland in the east (famed for its waterfowl and wading birds) and a hilly west (known for its penguins).

An orientation tour has been booked to show the islands highlights. You will then be free to explore the island.

Among the birdlife are: Falkland steamer ducks (100 breeding pairs), ruddy-headed geese (175 pairs), gentoo penguins (1,700 pairs), southern rockhopper penguins (6,800 pairs), macaroni penguins (10 pairs), southern giant petrels (20 pairs), sooty shearwaters (100 pairs), striated caracaras, white-bridled finches, blackish cinclodes and Cobb's wrens. black-necked and Coscoroba swans breed on the main island! Commerson's dolphin are a common sight in the waters around the island and the wreck of a downed Argentina fighter plane lies in the interior of the island from the Falklands War.

See the following links for an overview of Pebble Island:

www.falklandislands.com/things-to-do/pebble-island-p676751

www.bradtguides.com/destinations/central-south-america/falkland-islands/pebble-island/

www.falklandislands.com/accommodation/pebble-island-lodge-p674351



PHOTOS OF PEBBLE ISLAND



VOLUNTEER POINT

Volunteer Point is a 3 to 4 hour drive from Stanley in off road vehicles. It is a bumpy track, but really worth while visiting!

Highlights: Your guided trip includes a packed lunch. You will visit a colony of around 2,000 pairs of king penguins (which you are unlikely to have seen (in significant numbers) on any of the islands you have visited in the rest of the trip).

Volunteer Point is usually home to elephant seals, as well as Falkland steamer ducks (75 breeding pairs), ruddy-headed geese (100 pairs), gentoo penguins (3600 pairs as of March 2014), Magellanic penguins (estimated to be 2500 pairs as of March 2014) and white-bridled finches.



PHOTOS OF VOLUNTEER POINT

