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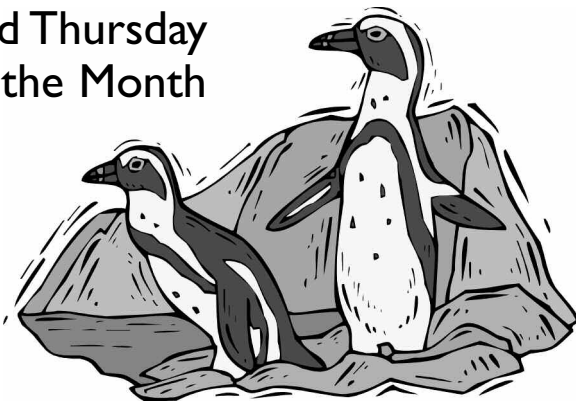
This Special Falkland Islands Tour is created for travelers looking for unusual, intriguing, and comfortable travel. Because our emphasis is on special tours, this tour is exclusively for those who welcome adventure and are prepared to accept the uncertainties as well as the rewards of travel in many regions where the American is virtually unknown.

2011/2012 Falkland Island Adventure

11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

DEPARTURES

2nd Thursday
of the Month



Day 1 - THURSDAY

Leave LOS ANGELES for SANTIAGO (CHILE)

Day 2 - FRIDAY - SANTIAGO

Arrive SANTIAGO – HOTEL KENNEDY

Day 3 - SAT. - SANTIAGO / FALKLAND ISL. (D)

Transfer to Darwin – DARWIN HOTEL

Day 4 - SUNDAY - DARWIN (B,L,D)

Full day tour.

Day 5 - MONDAY - PEBBLE ISLAND (B,L,D)

PEBBLE LODGE – Pebble island: Full Day Tour

Day 6 - TUESDAY - SEA LION ISLAND (B,L,D)

SEA LION LODGE

Day 7 - WEDNESDAY - SEA LION ISLAND (B,L,D)

Full Day Tour

Day 8 - THURSDAY - STANLEY (B)

Sea Lion Island – MALVINA HOUSE HOTEL

Day 9 - FRIDAY - STANLEY (B,L)

King and Gentoo Penguins

Day 10 - SAT. - FALKLAND ISL. / SANTIAGO (B)

Transfer to HOTEL KENNEDY

Day 11 - SUNDAY - SANTIAGO

Day Free

Evening flight to Los Angeles

Day 12 - MONDAY - LOS ANGELES

Arrive Los Angeles

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Day 1 - THURSDAY

Leave LOS ANGELES for SANTIAGO (CHILE)

Day 2 - FRIDAY - SANTIAGO

Arrive SANTIAGO – HOTEL KENNEDY

Day 3 - SATURDAY - SANTIAGO / FALKLAND ISL. - DARWIN - (D)

Transfer to Darwin – DARWIN HOTEL

Transfer with proprietor of Darwin House to Darwin, a drive of approximately 35 minutes.

Darwin, named after the famous naturalist Charles Darwin who visited the Islands in the 1830s, provides its visitors with a selection of Falkland's history. There is plenty to see from the 1982 conflict, and then going back some 200 years remnants of the gauchos' occupation in the 1800's.

Darwin House, where you will spend your first night in the Falklands, is a modern farmhouse with its bedrooms having views over Choiseul Sound, the picturesque settlement and Wickham Heights. Its water-front setting means that it is a great place to start your wildlife watching – Night herons, Ruddy-headed and Upland geese, and Blackish oystercatchers are almost certainties.

Day 4 - SUNDAY - DARWIN (B,L,D)

Full day tour:

Day 5 - MONDAY - PEBBLE ISLAND (B,L,D)

PEBBLE LODGE – Pebble island: Full Day Tour

Transfer by Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS) 8-seater Britten Norman Islander aircraft to Pebble Island with a flight time of approximately 30 minutes. The relatively low level flying provides passengers with exceptional views of the Falklands coastlines and inland scenery.

Pebble Island is one of the larger outlying islands, and the landscape varies greatly from large ponds and moorland, to long sandy beaches and rocky cliffs. This diverse countryside offers shelter and protection to an equally wide-ranging breeding population of birds and mammals. Many thousands of Gentoo, Rockhopper and Magellanic penguins breed each summer along with raucous congregations of Southern sea lions. The ponds on the east of the island, many of which are within walking distance of the lodge, are home to Chiloe wigeon, Grebes, Black-necked swans and a multitude of other wildfowl and wading birds. The full day guided tour in 4x4 vehicle offers ample opportunity to see the abundant wildlife and spectacular scenery further afield from the settlement. Your accommodation on Pebble Island will be at Pebble Lodge, previously the farm manager's house and situated in the centre of the farm settlement. Now, although ideally adapted to the needs of the visitor, it retains the warm and friendly atmosphere of a large farmhouse.

Day 6 - TUESDAY - SEA LION ISLAND (B,L,D)

SEA LION LODGE

Transfer by FIGAS to Sea Lion Island where you will stay at the purpose-built Sea Lion Lodge.

Sea Lion Island is one of the smallest in the Falklands archipelago, and the most southerly inhabited island, but is still the prime destination with the sheer abundance of wildlife in such a small area making it a must on any Falklands itinerary. An introductory and orientation tour by vehicle upon arrival will point out the principle areas of interest, how-

ever everything is in easy walking distance of the lodge – a map and guidelines for safe wildlife viewing are given out on arrival. The internationally endangered Striated caracara, Antarctic skuas, Southern giant petrels, and a host of passerines can all be seen on this island. Not to be missed are the Southern sea lions at East Loafers, and the Elephant seals which bask on the white sandy beach at the appropriately named Elephant Corner. The latter are close enough to be seen from the lodge bar! Keep an eye open and there is the odd killer whale to be spotted off shore as well.

Day 7 - WEDNESDAY - SEA LION ISLAND (B,L,D)

Full Day Tour

Day 8 - THURSDAY - STANLEY (B)

Sea Lion Island – MALVINA HOUSE HOTEL

Transfer by FIGAS to Stanley.

Following arrival at Stanley Airport and prior to your arrival at the Malvina House Hotel, a city tour will take in both the historic and most modern parts of this small and remote capital city, as well as a visit to the museum and picturesque Gypsy Cove.

Day 9 - FRIDAY - STANLEY (B,L)

A full-day guided excursion in 4x4 vehicle to Volunteer Point will be a highlight of this trip. With the white sandy beach and turquoise waters this destination has a Caribbeanesque feel to it, but the King and Gentoo penguins will bring you back to the Falklands. There is a host of other wildlife to be seen along the beach and on the lagoons, as well as spectacular scenery as you traverse the north of East Falkland.

Day 10 - SAT. - FALKLAND ISL. / SANTIAGO (B)

Transfer to Mount Pleasant Airport by private vehicle. Keep your eyes open for red-backed hawks en route!

Arrive SANTIAGO - HOTEL KENNEDY

Day 11 - SUNDAY - SANTIAGO

Day Free

Evening flight to Los Angeles

Day 12 - MONDAY - LOS ANGELES

Arrive Los Angeles

Cost:

Land portion, Sharing - \$3,850

Single Room Supplement - upon request

Economy Class Airfare - \$2,200

Cost based on exchange rates in effect October 2010.

Cost includes:

1. Full board accommodation (all meals included) at Darwin House, Pebble Lodge, and Sea Lion Lodge.
2. Hotel accommodation including breakfast at Malvina House Hotel, Stanley.
3. Airport transfers as listed.
4. Excursions as listed.