Visit the Falkland Islands Enjoy outstanding wildlife watching opportunities



Marvel at the sparring of male elephant seals or the majestic black-browed albatross in flight. Enjoy the antics of penguins in their colonies, squabbling raucously with their neighbours, stealing nesting materials, or simply sitting silently to soak up the sun.

Wildlife experiences are guaranteed and, with just a few exceptions, there are no barriers between watcher and wildlife. With only a few visitors in many locations, the up-close-and-personal experience is second to none.







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Discover the ultimate birding experience with large, easily accessible colonies of some of the world's rarest and most enchanting birds.

Best known for penguins, the antics of these birds never fail to delight both at sea and on shore. Soak up the sights, sounds and scents as you sit alongside a penguin colony. Majestic king, feisty rockhopper, raucous gentoo and shy Magellanic penguins are easy to find with the more elusive macaroni penguin and even hybrids blending into rockhopper colonies in some locations. The joys of penguin watching cannot be overstated as there is always something going on!

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Over 70% of the world's Black-browed albatross breed around the islands. Magnificent in flight, clumsy when landing but elegant in appearance, the albatross is a stunning photographic study.

Across the archipelago there are many and varied birding opportunities. Bird life proliferates everywhere.

Striking seabirds include the southern giant petrel sweeping silently along the shores, storm petrels and diving petrels. Discover shorebirds, waterbirds, a range of land birds and impressive birds of prey. The beautiful Southern Caracara has colourful plumage but it's the inquisitive nature of the Striated Caracara that will bring this bird to your attention! Our endemic species are the tiny Cobb's wren, the friendly tussac bird and the Falklands' Flightless Steamer Duck with its distinctive call.

The Falkland Islands are also home to sealions, fur seals and the world's largest pinniped, the elephant seal. Floating in the shallows, basking in the sun, lazily flipping sand, nuzzling young, contesting a favourite location or a female, there is always something to observe.

Dolphins play in the surf and love to follow boats. Visit Sea Lion Island for the chance of spotting an orca (killer whale) on the hunt for the next meal.



