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### SEVEN WONDERS OF THE FALKLANDS!

We'd say that there are "many wonders of the Falklands", however after collecting over 2,500 votes from visitors and residents the Falkland Islands Tourist Board has been able to find out what you all think are the Seven Wonders of the Falklands. Find out what they are and plan your trip today by contacting our Falklands Desk on [falklandsdesk.itt@horizon.co.fk](mailto:falklandsdesk.itt@horizon.co.fk) or calling 22041.

#### 1. King Penguin

The superstar of the penguin world, King Penguins are the biggest of the penguin species found in the Falklands, and arguably the most impressive looking (and sounding!). The world's most accessible King Penguin colony can be found at Volunteer Point, a day trip from Stanley.

#### 2. Rockhopper Penguin

Rockhopper Penguins are the punks of the penguin world! They manage to defy the odds and climb the steepest and sharpest of cliff faces. Find them in lots of places, including Saunders Island, Pebble Island, Sea Lion Island, West Point Island, Bleaker Island, Kidney Island, Port Stephens and Murrell Farm.

#### 3. Sea Lion

The South American Sea Lion is a beautiful and highly intelligent creature you can see in many places around the Islands, resting on the kelp covered shores, or lazing beneath the tussock on the beach. Great places to watch them at work and play are Sea Lion Island, Weddell Island, and Pebble Island.

#### 4. Sea Lion Island

Sea Lion Island is a declared National Nature Reserve, and the sheer beauty and solitude of the Island makes it a paradise for wildlife and visitors alike. Just a short walk from the lodge (the only accommodation on the Island) will take you past gentoo and rockhopper penguins, elephant seals, sea lions, beautiful beaches and dunes, and wonderful birdlife.

#### 5. Elephant Seal

These monstrous mammals make such an amazing and intimidating sight. They love to rest within the tussock grass, so be careful where you roam! 95% of the Falklands elephant seal population can be found on Sea Lion Island, and at the peak of their breeding season (mid-late October) there can be over 2,000 seals on the island.

#### 6. Black-browed Albatross

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 bird you can watch in wonder for hours. Saunders Island and West Point are two great locations to get up close to these magnificent birds.

#### 7. Whale Bone Arch

Constructed in 1933 from the jawbones of two blue whales to commemorate the centenary of continuous British administration in the Falklands, the Whale Bone Arch has become an iconic symbol of Stanley.



### FALKLAND ISLANDS TOURIST BOARD – PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION!

DON' T MISS OUT on the chance of winning a trip to the Falkland Islands or equivalent to spend on local travel in the Falkland Island Tourist Board's 2018/19 Photographic Competition.

More information is available from [jo@falklandislands.com](mailto:jo@falklandislands.com) or on our ITT Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ITTfi>

### **SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND SUMMER IS IN SIGHT!**

ITT's Falklands Desk are starting to get underway for the busy summer season which is fast approaching!

Although the weather isn't feeling very summery with snow still lying on the ground, it hasn't stopped the influx of wildlife returning to our shores ready to start their mating season, malting season and posing season (as they do seem to have one or two people taking pictures of them throughout the summer)!

Here is a snippet of what's been happening around the islands both the usual and unusual!

### **VOLUNTEER POINT**

Not seen this before. Had about 300 king penguins come ashore at north end of Volunteer Beach then walk inland and all the way to the main colony. Wonder if it is a lot of younger ones returning for the first time to breed.

Most times we only see about 10 to 15 in groups coming back from the sea and they don't come this far in from the beach. (Derek Pettersson)

**SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES** this spectacular whale's tail snap was taken from rib boat whilst volunteering with SAERI on their final research day...these whales were around the Volunteer Point area.

What an incredible privilege to get alongside these giant beauties! Just amazing! (Project-'Dolphins of the kelp', SAERI... Funder 'Darwin Initiative' and SMSG) (Louise Clarke)

### **SEA LION ISLAND**

Regular as a Swiss watch, the first pup was born today in the afternoon! And, as usual, PRIM was the first female to give birth. It has been the same in the last 3 seasons, and she always gave birth between September 13th and 14th.

This season beginning looks a lot like last year: not so huge, but surely a well-recognized boss around here, NAO is holding the first harem, towards the end of the south beach. (pics from Elephant Seal Research Group)

### **BLEAKER ISLAND**

The locals are back! The king cormorants are back and starting to get ready to nest only a few short minutes from the accommodation!

### **PEBBLE ISLAND & SAUNDERS ISLAND**

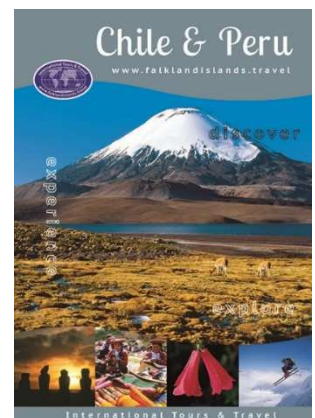
Rockhoppers are starting to return, albeit slightly later than usual. Perhaps the cold weather is delaying their arrival but hopefully things will warm up over the next few weeks and we will see an influx in rockhopper penguins across our cliffs and shorelines.

### **BROCHURE**

Our Chile & Peru brochure has arrived - we love it! Call into the office for a copy!

Our new brochure is full of general information and facts about each country, details about the mains areas/regions of interest, hotel recommendations, suggested excursions and tours, sample itineraries and more.

You can download a copy from our website ([www.falklandislands.travel](http://www.falklandislands.travel)) or if you wish to save your MBs, feel free to pop by our office with a memory stick and we will be happy to transfer a copy of our brochure for you!





**NEW PROPERTIES IN CHILE**

**DESERTICA | SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA**

Opening: October 2018

Category: Boutique

Rooms: 12

Wi-Fi / Outdoor Pool / Bike Rental

Address: Caracoles 455, San Pedro de Atacama. Chile

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**HYATT CENTRIC | SANTIAGO - LAS CONDES**

Opening: May 2018

Category: 5\*

Rooms: 166

Wi-Fi / Restaurant / Fitness Center / Outdoor Pool

Address: Enrique Foster 30, Las Condes. Chile

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**LA QUINTA SANTIAGO AIRPORT | SANTIAGO - PUDAHUEL**

Opening: April 2018

Category: 4\*

Rooms: 128

Wi-Fi / Restaurant / Indoor Pool / Gym

Address: Avda. Américo Vespucio 1284, Pudahuel. Chile

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**FUTANGUE HOTEL & SPA | RIÑINAHUE - LAGO RANCO**

Opening: November 2018

Category: 5\*

Rooms: 26

Restaurant / Spa / Private Reserve

Address: Ruta T-85, Km 22, Riñinahue. Chile

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**ESTANCIA 440 | PUERTO VARAS**

Category: 3\*

Rooms: 7

Address: Decher 440, Puerto Varas. Chile

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**FUTALEUFU ADVENTURE | FUTALEUFU**

Category: 5\*

4 Private camps (for 26 passengers) Multi activity programs

Address: Sector El Azul, Km 25, Futaleufú. Chile

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**PAMPA LODGE | TORRES DEL PAINE - SERRANO AREA**

Opening: October 2017

Category: 4\*

Rooms: 10

Restaurant / Bar

Address: Lote 1 Serrano, Torres del Paine. Chile

**OUR BLOG**

Because we strive to provide our clients with the latest information on products and destinations, alongside a personalised service with attention to detail, we have now started a blog to share each agents' personal experience while overseas, including tips and other information you may find useful for your next holiday.

Visit <http://www.falklandislands.travel/blog.php?time=1539344845#h1Focus> and check out our testimonials!

## **ALL-INCLUSIVE HOSTERIA LAS TORRES**

This is a short visit to the major attraction of the Last Hope province, beginning and ending at the Punta Arenas airport and featuring first-class accommodation at the Costaustralis Hotel on the waterfront in Puerto Natales. The first outing starts off with a visit to the Mylodon Cave, with its wealth of geological and archaeological material. Then we'll head for Torres del Paine National Park to see its spectacular peaks and lakes. We'll stop at the famous Salto Grande waterfall and take a walk along the shore of Lago Grey and get a look at the glacier of the same name. The next day we have the option of either taking another excursion or staying to visit the town of Puerto Natales. The possible excursions include horseback riding, fly fishing, bird watching, kayaking, or a visit to estancia (ranch), as well as a boat trip up to Last Hope Sound to see Balmaceda and Serrano glaciers.

During High Season, the navigation to the glaciers is included in the program and confirmed any day of the week.

During Low Season, navigation is not included in the program. It is confirmed on Sunday and the cost must be added to the program.

### **4 D/3N program from £1951 per person, based on double occupancy, excluding flights.**

This program includes round-trip transfers in regular service sharing with other guests without guide from Punta Arenas, Puerto Natales, El Calafate; visit to Patagonian Estancia Cerro Negro (arriving from Punta Arenas); lodging; all meals; Wi-Fi; open bar (not included Premium wines and spirits); all excursions; entry fees to Torres del Paine National Park.

**Our recommendation:** Take this program from Friday to Monday and take the advantage of the sailing on Sunday!



## **INTERESTED IN HIKING ADVENTURE? WHY NOT TRY THE BIG O CIRCUIT TREKKING IN TORRES DEL PAINE?!**

- 05 Jan** Transfer from Punta Arenas Airport to the Bus Station.  
Bus transfer from Punta Arenas to Puerto Natales Bus station, then transfer from the bus station to the Hotel.  
Overnight in Hotel Costaustralis 4\* Hotel including breakfast.
- 06Jan** Transfer from your hotel to Fantastico Sur Office (This will be the meeting point for the trek).
- 06/13Jan** Big O Circuit – 7 nights/8 days \*Including entrance ticket, accommodation and all meals\*

- Day 1 – Transportation to Torres del Paine National Park and Hike to Seron Campsite (4-6 hours hike -13KM)
- Day 2 – Hike to Dickson (approx. 6-8 hours – 18KM)
- Day 3 – Hike to Los Perros (approx. 4-5 hours – 9KM)
- Day 4 – Hike to Grey Glacier (approx. 9-12 hours – 22KM)
- Day 5 – Francis sector (approx. 7-9 hours – 17KM)
- Day 6 – Francis Valley (approx. 7-9 hours – 17KM)
- Day 7 – Central Sector (approx. 4-5 hours – 14 KM)
- Day 8 – Hike to Las Torres Base (approx. 7-9 hours – 19,5KM)



- 13Jan** Transfer from Fantastic Sur Office to Hotel. Overnight in Costaustralis 4\* Hotel including breakfast.
- 14Jan** Transfer from Hotel to Bus station, Bus transfer from Puerto Natales to Punta Arenas Bus station. Then transfer from Punta Arenas Bus station to Hotel.
- 14/16Jan** 2 nights, single room at Cabo De Hornos Hotel 4\*including breakfast.
- 15Jan** Half day Trekking the Magallanes Reserve. \*Includes transfers, English guide and entrance fees.
- 16Jan** Transfer from your Hotel to Punta Arenas Airport.

\*This itinerary is available from £2064 per person, based on double occupancy excluding flights. Single supplements available. Self-guided rates available. Contact any of our agents today for more details or a quote. Valid from 15/11/18-15Mar2019.

## **NEW MUSICALS TO HIT LONDON AND CARDIFF IN 2019!**

We can book your tickets for any of the shows as long as we book your accommodation too, get in touch today for a quote or more information.

### **DOLLY PARTON PRESENTS 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL**

9 to 5 The Musical is the hilarious new musical comedy based on the hit movie, that centres on three office workers who turn the tables on their sexist boss.

### **COME FROM AWAY - A NEW MUSICAL**

Come From Away tells the true story of how a small town in Newfoundland was turned upside down when 38 planes were forced to land there in the wake of the 9/11 attacks in 2001.

### **CALENDAR GIRLS THE MUSICAL**

Based on a true story, David Pugh and Dafydd Rogers bring Gary Barlow and Tim Firth's incredible new musical comedy to life. Set within a small Yorkshire village, Calendar Girls The Musical follows the lives of a group of women who achieve something extraordinary.



## **NEWLY RELEASED PROGRAMMES**

Check out our newly released basic programs, designed to give you a glimpse into your destination, whilst still allowing plenty of free time.

### **Basic San Pedro** from £254.00 per person

- Transfer Calama Airport/San Pedro Hotel/Calama Airport
- HD Moon Valley Excursion
- HD Atacama Salt Flat Excursion
- FD Tatio Geysers Excursion

### **Basic Rapa Nui** from £138.00 per person

- Transfer Rapa Nui Airport/Easter Island Hotel/Rapa Nui Airport
- HD Orongo Excursion
- FD Anakena Excursion

### **Basic Santiago** from £88.00 per person

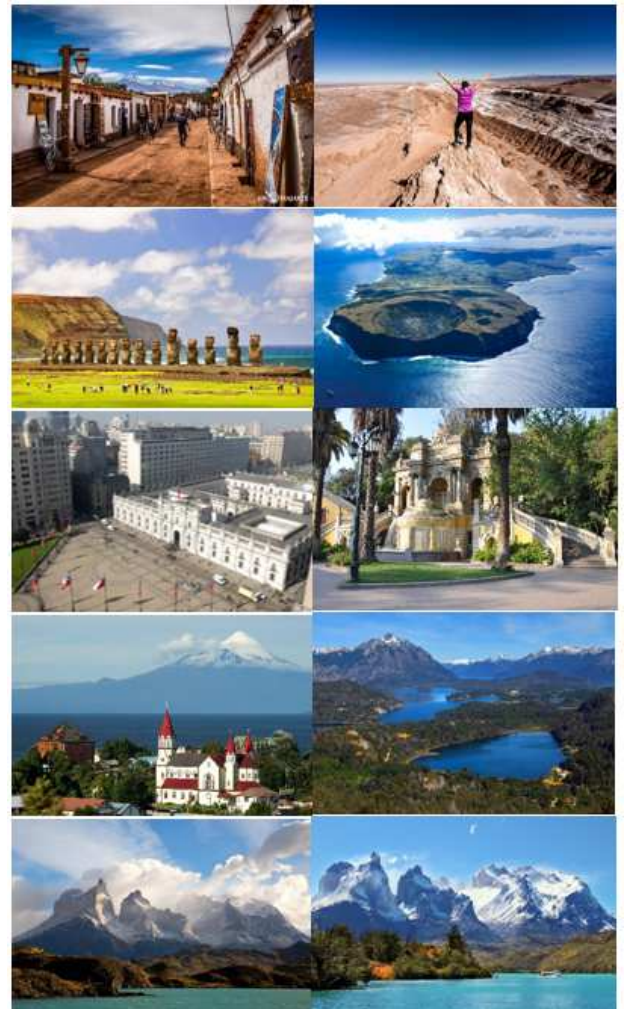
- Transfer Santiago Airport/Santiago Hotel/Santiago Airport
- HD Santiago City Tour Excursion

### **Basic Lakes & Peulla** from £107.00 per person

- Transfer Puerto Montt Airport/Puerto Montt Hotel/Puerto Montt Airport
- FD Peulla Excursion

### **Basic Patagonia** from £290.00 per person

- Transfer Punta Arenas/Puerto Natales/Punta Arenas
- Transfer Bus Station/Puerto Natales/Bus Station
- FD Torres Del Paine Excursion



### RÍO DE JANEIRO – NEW YEAR 2019! 04 Days / 03 Nights

Ring in the New Year in one of the most festive destinations on earth – Rio de Janeiro!



#### Package Includes:

- **Transfers**

Airport – Hotel – Airport

- **Excursions**

Full Day tour to the Sugar Loaf and Christ the Redeemer on shared basis  
Entrance fees included

- **Meals**

Breakfast included in the room rate.  
Lunch included (no drinks)

#### Hotels ideas

3* Debret Copacabana	from £1424
3* Americas Copacabana	from £1499
4* Arena Ipanema	from £1748
4* Arena Copacabana	from £1928

This exciting program is based on double occupancy, the price is subject to availability at the time of booking and excludes flights. For the full itinerary, flights prices, availability, suggested additional activities or more information, please contact any of our agents.

#### UPCOMING CONCERTS IN THE UK

04 Nov 2018	Childish Gambino
21 Nov 2018	Florence and the Machine
12 Dec 2018	Josh Groban
11 Feb 2019	Ozzy Osbourne
28/29 Mar 2019	Panic! At the Disco
16/17 May 2019	Olly Murs

#### AIRFARE UPDATE!

Your update on airfares to some of your most requested destinations.

Falklands – Punta Arenas – Falklands	from £501
Falklands – Santiago – Falklands	from £773
Falklands – Auckland – Falklands	from £1793
Falklands – Sydney – Falklands	from £1952
Falklands – London – Falklands	from £1399
London – Falklands – London	from £1274
Falklands – Buenos Aires – Falklands	from £885
Falklands – Miami – Falklands	from £1367
Falklands – Orlando- Falklands	from £1381
Falklands – Los Angeles – Falklands	from £1350
Falklands – Easter Island – Falklands	from £1201
Falklands – Cuzco – Falklands	from £1008
Falklands – Rio de Janeiro – Falklands	from £914
Falklands – Sao Paulo – Falklands	from £892
London – Falklands – London (business)	from £2779
Falklands – London – Falklands (business)	from £2891



20 Nov 2018	Jess Glynne
29 Nov 2018	Mumford & Sons
26 Jan 2019	Snow Patrol
19 Mar 2019	George Ezra
16/17/19 Apr 2019	Shawn Medes
02/03/04/05/07/08/09/10 May 2019	Take That



We can book concert tickets in the UK in conjunction with accommodation.

For information on available packages, contact any of our agents.

#### Please note:

- Prices are subject to change without notice.
- Subject to availability at the time of booking and actual travel dates.
- All information expressed in this newsletter is quoted at the current rate of exchange USD/GBP which is subject to change.

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