

Falkland Islands Extension

Three Island Circuit

October 16 to 25, 2025



Elephant Seal
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SAFARI OVERVIEW

Embark on an **exclusive Falkland Islands wildlife expedition**, exploring three diverse islands—Sea Lion Island, Bleaker Island, and East Falkland—renowned for their abundant seabird colonies, marine mammals, and unspoiled landscapes. Witness **penguins, albatross, elephant seals, and orcas** in their natural habitats while trekking through some of the richest wildlife regions in the Southern Hemisphere. Experience volcanic coastlines, windswept beaches, and turquoise waters, all teeming with life, before continuing your journey to **South Georgia and Antarctica**.

WHY CHOOSE THIS EXTENSION?

- **Explore Three Unique Islands:** Visit Sea Lion Island, Bleaker Island, and Volunteer Point, each offering exceptional wildlife encounters and stunning scenery.
- **Encounter Four Penguin Species:** Observe Gentoo, King, Rockhopper, and Magellanic Penguins, including the largest accessible king penguin colony outside South Georgia.
- **Spot Marine Mammals & Birds of Prey:** Witness southern elephant seals, South American sea lions, orcas, and rare raptors, including the Striated Caracara.
- **Volunteer Point Excursion:** Walk among thousands of King Penguins set against the backdrop of Falkland's turquoise waters.

- **Expert-Led Photography & Wildlife Experience:** Gain insights from top naturalists and wildlife photographers, ensuring unparalleled wildlife viewing and photography opportunities.

TRIP OPTION: This is a pre-trip extension to our [South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula trip from October 23 to November 14](#)

LEADER: Scott Davis.

DAYS: Adds 7 days to the main trip to total 30 days, including estimated travel time.

GROUP SIZE: 8.

COST: \$6,450 per person, double occupancy, not including airfare (except for three internal flights), singles extra. See the *Costs* section on page.

Date	Description	Accommodation	Meals
Oct 16	Travel to Punta Arenas, Chile. Arrive in Patagonia’s southernmost city, the gateway to the Falkland Islands.		
Oct 17	Arrive in Punta Arenas. Explore coastal landscapes and local wildlife before settling in for the night.	Hotel Cabo de Hornos, Punta Arenas, Chile	
Oct 18–20	Fly to Stanley & Sea Lion Island. Discover Falkland’s most wildlife-rich island, home to penguins, seals, and orcas.	Sea Lion Lodge	B, L, D
Oct 21–22	Fly to Bleaker Island. Hike through rockhopper penguin colonies, watch imperial cormorants nesting, and spot rare waterfowl.	Bleaker Island Lodge	B, L, D
Oct 23-24	Return to Stanley & Visit Volunteer Point. Tour Stanley’s historic sites before visiting Falkland’s largest King Penguin colony.	The Malvina House Hotel, Stanley	B, L, D
Oct 25	Continue to South Georgia & Antarctic Peninsula. Join the main expedition , boarding the ship in Stanley.		

LEADER



Scott Davis

Scott is a professional photographer specializing in wildlife, nature, and travel. Originally trained as a wildlife and marine biologist, his research and photo assignments have taken him to the far corners of the globe and all seven continents. National Geographic, BBC, Animal Planet, NY Times, and renowned magazines have used his photography. His patience for teaching and love of capturing the essence of his subjects make him one of our most popular tour leaders. He has extensive experience working in the polar regions having led expeditions and guided in both Antarctica and Svalbard for 15 seasons. His

great fondness for these remote polar regions is evident in every expedition he leads, and he loves sharing this enthusiasm with all his guests.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Oct 16 ~ Travel to Punta Arenas, Chile

Oct 17 ~ Arrive in Punta Arenas

Arrive in Punta Arenas, a historic city on the Strait of Magellan. Enjoy the day at leisure or explore the waterfront and colonial architecture before preparing for your Falkland Islands adventure.

Oct 18–20 ~ Fly to Falkland Islands, then fly to and explore Sea Lion Island

Pick up your packed lunch at the hotel before you are transferred to the airport to take the once-weekly flight from **Punta Arenas** to Mount Pleasant Airport in Stanley, Falkland Islands (not included in trip cost). Upon arrival, our local operator will greet you and transport you to your flight to **Sea Lion Island**.

Sea Lion Island is one of the smallest in the Falklands archipelago (five miles long and just over one mile wide at its widest point) and the most southerly-inhabited island. The sheer abundance of wildlife makes it a must on any Falklands itinerary. Sea Lion Island hosts over 47 bird species, including breeding

Rockhopper, Gentoo, and Magellanic Penguins; you will be graced by some of the 2,800 breeding pairs of Gentoo Penguins courting and laying eggs and scatterings of southern **Giant Petrels**. Tussock plantations cover one fifth of the island and are alive with **Falkland Thrushes** and **Black-throated Finches**. Five bird of prey species, including the internationally endangered **Striated Caracara**, also call the island home. The large number of southern elephant seals that breed here on the island's spectacular beaches are a favorite attraction, including at the appropriately named white sandy shoreline of Elephant Corner. South American (or southern) sea lions are found at East Loafers, and **pods of orcas** are also often seen circling close offshore (usually a treat for the early risers) attracted by the prospect of penguins and seals.



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Oct 21–22 ~ Fly to and explore Bleaker Island

You'll spend your time on Bleaker hiking along this small, wildlife-rich island, including Long Gulch, which is just one of several dramatic inlets in the rocky cliffs. The top of the cliff is bordered with tussock grass where about 9,000 pairs of **Imperial (King) Cormorants** group together alongside a colony of about 750 pairs of **Rockhopper Penguins**, a Bleaker Island highlight. Other highlights you may experience are a **Gentoo Penguin** highway, **Magellanic Penguin** burrows dotted across the island, and waterfowl including the rare flying steamer duck at Big Pond.



Tussock Grass and Gentoo Penguins
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Oct 23–24 ~ Fly to Stanley for city tour and museum visit and full day excursion to Volunteer Point

Bid the outer islands farewell and return to Stanley (the timing of your charter flight depends on weather and flight schedules). With 2,000 people, Stanley is the smallest and most remote capital city in the world. The city is built on a north-facing slope to catch sunlight throughout the year and looks across Stanley Harbor with its wealth of seabirds and trickle of shipping boats. Stanley is associated with the great age of sailing, when rounding Cape Horn was the most daunting nautical passage on the planet. Some of those ships still lie in the harbor, abandoned after a Cape Horn battering. You may take a self-guided Maritime History Trail and find guidebooks in local shops. Stanley depicts a **new vibrant Falklands** and is home to many successful businesses, with **deep-sea fishing, tourism, farming, and most recently oil prospecting** being the principal earners.



Magellanic Penguins
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The following morning depart Stanley for a full-day excursion. After a roughly 2.5-hr drive by Land Rover, you'll arrive at the white, sandy beach and turquoise waters of Volunteer Point, a destination with almost a Caribbeanesque feel to it, but the **King, Gentoo, and Magellanic Penguins** will bring you back to the Falklands. As a warm-up to the journey ahead, discover the largest accessible King penguin colony in the Islands, outside of South Georgia, containing approximately 1,000 adults. You may also find other wildlife such as Long-tailed **Meadowlarks, Austral Thrush, South American Snipe, South American Tern, Blackish and Magellanic Oystercatchers, and Upland, Kelp, and Ruddy-headed Geese**. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you traverse the north of East Falkland.

Oct 25 ~ Continue to South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula

Spend your final morning in Stanley before joining the main expedition to [South Georgia and Antarctica](#), where even more extraordinary wildlife encounters await.

COSTS (ALL COSTS ARE IN US DOLLARS)

Cost

Type	Cost per Person
Trip Cost, double occupancy	\$6,450
Single Supplement	\$1,040

Costs are per person, double occupancy, not including airfare (except for three internal flights), singles extra. See *Included* and *Not Included* sections for more details.

If you are a single traveler, we will try to find a roommate for you, but if we cannot pair you with a roommate, we may charge you a single supplement. Single rooms cost extra and are subject to availability.

Payment Schedule

Payment is due with your main trip's final payment; see its [trip itinerary for details](#)

Cancellations

Cancellations are non-transferrable. No refunds are given after the Final Payment due date.

Included

- Carbon offsets for the duration of this trip.
- All leaders, transport, landing fees, and permits for all activities unless described as optional.
- Three internal flights.
- Accommodations for the nights of October 17 through October 24.
- Meals from breakfast on October 18 through lunch on October 25.
- Transfers from the Punta Arenas Airport to Hotel Cabo de Hornos, regardless of arrival day, and from Hotel Cabo de Hornos to the Punta Arenas Airport on October 18.

Not Included

- Carbon offsets for your flights to/from this trip.
- Passport and visa fees.
- We can arrange extra hotel nights in Punta Arenas for an extra cost.
- Gratuities – tipping is always discretionary. However, we suggest budgeting about \$150 total per participant for the lodge staff, drivers, and local guides throughout the trip.
- Mandatory [emergency evacuation insurance](#).
- Optional [trip cancellation insurance](#).
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, medical costs or hospitalization, room service, alcoholic and other beverages, items not on the regular menu, etc. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate them on your Traveler Reservation Form.

SIGN UP

Please contact us first to check availability, reserve your space, and obtain a Traveler Reservation Form. To confirm your reservation, we require a deposit and signed form from each participant.

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OTHER DETAILS

Climate

Daytime temperatures are generally 40 to 50°F (4 to 10°C) with almost constant wind. All four seasons can be experienced in one day with on and off rain. Prepare with a degree of flexibility in mind and know proper outdoor clothing is imperative.

Fitness Level

This trip requires the ability to hike moderate distances, perhaps up to three miles, with small elevation gains on slightly rolling or hilly, grass or dirt terrain, and some beach walking on sand. You must be able to get into and out of a Land Rover. Please contact us if you have any health concerns that may make this trip challenging.

Transportation

You'll travel by bus, Land Rover, and small plane.

Motion Sickness

Don't let a fear of motion sickness keep you away! Motion sickness is usually not an issue, but you do fly on small aircraft. Even those who have experienced motion sickness reported that the incredible wildlife and overall experience were well worth the temporary discomfort. If you are susceptible to motion sickness on small planes or are concerned that you might be, please come prepared! The key to avoiding motion sickness is to act before you experience nausea. Do your own research and consult your doctor before taking any medications. Find more information on our [Coping with Seasickness](#) webpage (this information is applicable to any form of motion sickness) and contact us if you have any questions.

Flights

Unless listed as included, airfare is not included in trip costs. Cheesemans' books the once-weekly October 18 flight from Punta Arenas, Chile (PUQ) to Mount Pleasant, Falkland Islands (MPN) and we add the cost to your final trip balance. Detailed logistical information is included in the Trip Planning Materials we will send you.

Flights you book

- Arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile (PUQ) by 11:59pm on October 17.
- Depart from Ushuaia, Argentina (USH) after 12:00pm on November 13.

Flights we book

- The one-way flight from Punta Arenas, Chile (PUQ) to Mount Pleasant, Falkland Islands on October 18; we'll add the final cost to your trip balance. **Important:** If you make your own arrangements, you must contact us before the final payment date so we can cancel your seat on the flight. If you alert us later, you will be responsible for flight cancellation fees.
- Three internal flights are included in the trip cost. **Important:** the flights within the Falkland Islands have a very strict luggage weight allowance of 20kg (44lbs) total. This means that you will need to pack light for the Falkland Islands Extension, but you may leave larger bags with our transfer agent upon arrival in the Falklands to be transferred to the Malvina House Hotel on October 23.

Terms and Conditions

Read our current [Terms and Conditions](#).

Conservation

Our company ethos has always regarded conservation as inseparable from responsible tourism. We struggle with the dilemma that traveling worldwide expends climate-changing carbon. However, we wholeheartedly believe that traveling with us will cultivate your passion for conserving our beautiful world while stimulating each destination's local economy. We encourage you to explore the various ways in which Cheesemans' operates within this context:

- **Cheesemans' Trips are Carbon Neutral.**

- **Offsetting your Travel to/from our Trip:** We ask you to pledge to offset the carbon emissions for your travel to and from our trips. You can purchase offsets with most airlines (Delta includes them automatically), use our handy [carbon calculator](#) and donate to Sustainable Travel International, or contribute to your favorite offsetting organization.