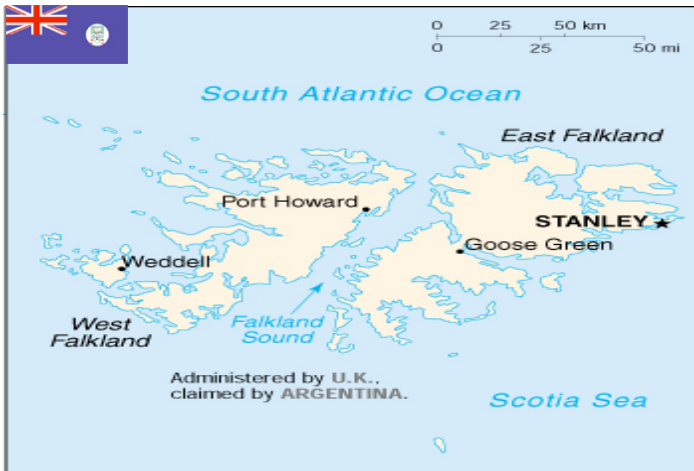


GREAT BRITAIN-FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Country Dialling Code (Tel/Fax): ++500

Falkland Islands Tourist Board: West Hillside, Stanley, Falkland Islands Tel: 22215 Fax: 22619 E-mail: tourism@fidc.co.fk Website: www.tourism.org.fk

Capital: Stanley **Time:** GMT - 4

Background: Discovered in the 16th century and settled in the mid-18th century, the islands have since been the subject of a territorial dispute, first between Britain and Spain, then between Britain and Argentina. The UK asserted its claim to the islands by establishing a naval garrison there in 1833. Argentina invaded the islands on 2 April 1982. The British responded with an expeditionary force that landed seven weeks later and after fierce fighting forced Argentine surrender on 14 June 1982.

Location: Southern South America, islands in the South Atlantic Ocean, east of southern Argentina

Map References: South America

Area: total: 12,173 sq km land: 12,173 sq km water: 0 sq km

Climate: cold marine; strong westerly winds, cloudy, humid; rain occurs on more than half of days in year; occasional snow all year, except in January and February, but does not accumulate

Terrain: rocky, hilly, mountainous with some boggy, undulating plains

Natural Resources: fish, wildlife

Population: 2,826 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: noun: Falkland Islander(s) adjective: Falkland Island

Ethnic Groups: British

Religions: primarily Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Free Church, Evangelist Church, Jehovah's Witnesses, Lutheran, Seventh-Day Adventist

Languages: English

Economy: The economy was formerly based on agriculture, mainly sheep farming, but today fishing contributes the bulk of economic activity. In 1987 the government began selling fishing licenses to foreign trawlers operating within the Falklands exclusive fishing zone. These license fees total more than \$40 million per year, which goes to support the island's health, education, and welfare system. Squid accounts for 75% of the fish taken. Dairy farming supports domestic consumption; crops furnish winter fodder. Exports feature shipments of high-grade wool to the UK and the sale of postage stamps and coins. To encourage tourism, the Falkland Islands Development Corporation has built three lodges for visitors attracted by the abundant wildlife and trout fishing. The islands are now self-financing except for defense. The British Geological Survey announced a 200-mile oil exploration zone around the islands in 1993, and early seismic surveys suggest substantial reserves capable of producing 500,000 barrels per day; to date no exploitable site has been identified. An agreement between Argentina and the UK in 1995 seeks to defuse licensing and sovereignty conflicts that would dampen foreign interest in exploiting potential oil reserves.

Industries: wool and fish processing; sale of stamps and coins

Currency: 1 Falkland pound = 100 pence

Railways: 0 km

Highways: total: 348 km paved: 83 km unpaved: 265 km

Ports and Harbors: Stanley

Airports: 5 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 2 2,438 to 3,047 m: 1 under 914 m: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 3 under 914 m: 3 (1999 est.)

Visa: required from all.

Duty Free: goods permitted: a reasonable amount of tobacco products and alcoholic beverage for personal use.

Health: no specific precautions.

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