






Falkland Islands Visitor Calendar 2010

<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>January - February</p>  </div> <p>A Wildlife Watching Wonderland</p> <p>From December to February the majority of the Islands penguin species will have hatching eggs. The flurry of activity; from foraging penguin parents to huge chick crèches - the Falklands are a haven of guaranteed sightings for wildlife enthusiasts and photographers.</p> <p>Not to be out done by the Islands feathered residents, the sea lions begin mating whilst the new pups begin to form pods and suckle from their mothers. The best places in the Falklands to view the wildlife are Sea Lion, Carcass, Saunders and Pebble Islands where it is possible to see elephant seals and killer whales as well as the beautiful Island birds.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 1st – 5th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Get Active at Sports Week</p> <p>Camp Sports Week marks the traditional end of the sheep shearing season. Camp is a Falkland's term meaning countryside, originating from the Spanish word <i>campo</i>. It's an event which involves horse racing, sheep shearing, dog trials, children's activities and big barbeque cook-ups where Islanders celebrate after working hard on the Falklands farms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 14th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stanley's Annual Sprint</p> <p>Officially known as the world's most AIMS- certified southerly marathon, the challenging Stanley Marathon is a great way for sports fiends to get island views and test their endurance. In 2010 the Stanley Marathon will be five years old and will once again be sponsored Standard Chartered Bank. As well as the normal prizes and awards, there will also be a trophy and £200 cheque presented to the first Falkland-born runner who crosses the finish line.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March - April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Great Penguin Departure</p> <p>Between March and April Gentoo, Magellanic and rockhopper penguin chicks leave the nest, strong enough to survive on their own. Magellanic and rockhoppers both disperse off the Islands but 50% of the Gentoo population stays on the Falkland Islands over winter. Black-browed albatross chicks also fledge during this time.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">June 19th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Dip for the Brave</p> <p>Bold residents, visitors and onlookers gather together for the annual mid-winter swim. Taking to the chilly waters of the South West Atlantic is not one for the faint hearted, but this fundraising event is great fun to watch. All the action takes place in Surf Bay, about five kilometres east of the capital, Stanley.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">August 14th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Falklands Day</p> <p><i>Falklands Day marks the first recorded sighting of the Islands on 14th August 1592 by English sea captain John Davis from his ship called 'Desire'.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Great Return</p> <p>After being away for up to six months Gentoo and Magellanic penguins return to the Islands along with the black-browed albatross and male Elephant seals. The Falklands buzz as the breed season for lots of wildlife begins.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 11th – 12th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Get Crafty</p> <p>The annual arts and crafts fair shows held at the Falkland Islands Community school in Stanley offers local work including photography and woven and leather products.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">October – November</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Life</p> <p>October to November marks the start of new wildlife arrivals on the Islands – eggs are laid by Gentoo, Magellanic and rockhopper penguins and black-browed albatrosses, whilst Elephant seal pups are born early October.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Getting There</p> <p><i>LAN Airways flight via Chile or the charter flight operated twice weekly from RAF Brize Norton in the UK by the Ministry of Defence.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Kings are Born</p> <p>King penguins are the Islands proud upstanding feathered dweller. Eggs from these regal birds are laid from mid-November through to mid-March. Between May and August new chicks may only be fed three times as parents return infrequently to the Islands spending much of their time at sea. Kings have an average 18 month breeding cycle and chicks don't venture off dry land until they are 14-16 months old. Volunteer Point is a fantastic place to watch the Falkland Kings which are the World's largest, most accessible northerly colony.</p>	<p> <i>Become a Falklands fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/naturesbestkeptsecret.</i></p> <p>Parades and Public Holidays</p> <p>Liberation Day (14th June), Queen's Birthday (21st April) and Battle Day (8th December) are annual public holidays. On these three days, along with Remembrance Sunday, a parade takes place involving members of HM Forces, the Falkland Islands Defence Force and other Organisations and Associations depending on the event. All except the Queen's Birthday include memorial services at Christchurch Cathedral and around the appropriate monument. Smaller services are also held to commemorate other key events of the 1982 conflict at different locations across the Islands.</p>
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