

The Falkland Islands must surely be considered amongst the best places in the world in which to walk



With a gloriously unpolluted atmosphere the views on a bright, clear day are truly fantastic and there's fresh, clean air to inhale deeply. And all to the accompaniment of the natural sounds of birdsong, the sea lapping the shore, a brisk breeze in the hills or the simple sound of silence.

There are no crowds on the Falkland Islands. It is rare to meet other walkers outside our capital, Stanley. This is the essence of the walking experience, choose your own company then enjoy a very personal relationship with just the wilderness and wildlife.



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The Falklands' archipelago is made up of two main islands, East and West Falkland, surrounded by smaller islands. Great walking experiences can be found at many locations.

The capital, Stanley, on East Falkland, has a beautiful coastline with stunning white sand beaches, rocky shores, heath and scrubland, which provide a variety of habitats for wildlife. Nearby Cape Pembroke is a lovely area with small ponds, coves and a charming lighthouse.

Most of the hills around Stanley were also the sites of major battles fought in the 1982 war with Argentina. Understand more of this aspect of Falklands' heritage with a hike in the hills or simply enjoy the challenging terrain and lovely views.

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Explore further afield around the East, West and offshore islands. Coastlines vary from rugged coastal cliffs to long miles of undisturbed white sand beaches interspersed with rocky headlands and large kelp forests. Many sheltered harbours are found along the coast. Hills, wide-open plains and stone runs characterise different parts of the Falklands.

Mount Usborne on East Falkland is the highest peak at 705 metres (2,312 feet). This is an excellent day walk with a spectacular panorama from the plateau and exhilarating scrambles through the stone runs.

West Falkland and the western offshore islands also boast mountain ranges whilst the eastern islands offer flatter terrain but equally amazing adventures. Wildlife is abundant in many places and there are sites of historical interest to seek out on foot.

Walking routes are still under development, which means that walkers must have a sense of responsibility and an understanding of the natural environment. But this is the real adventure of the Falklands, the feeling that you may be discovering a sheep track, a hidden gem of a cove, a wildlife-spot or even a rare plant where no human has previously trod.

