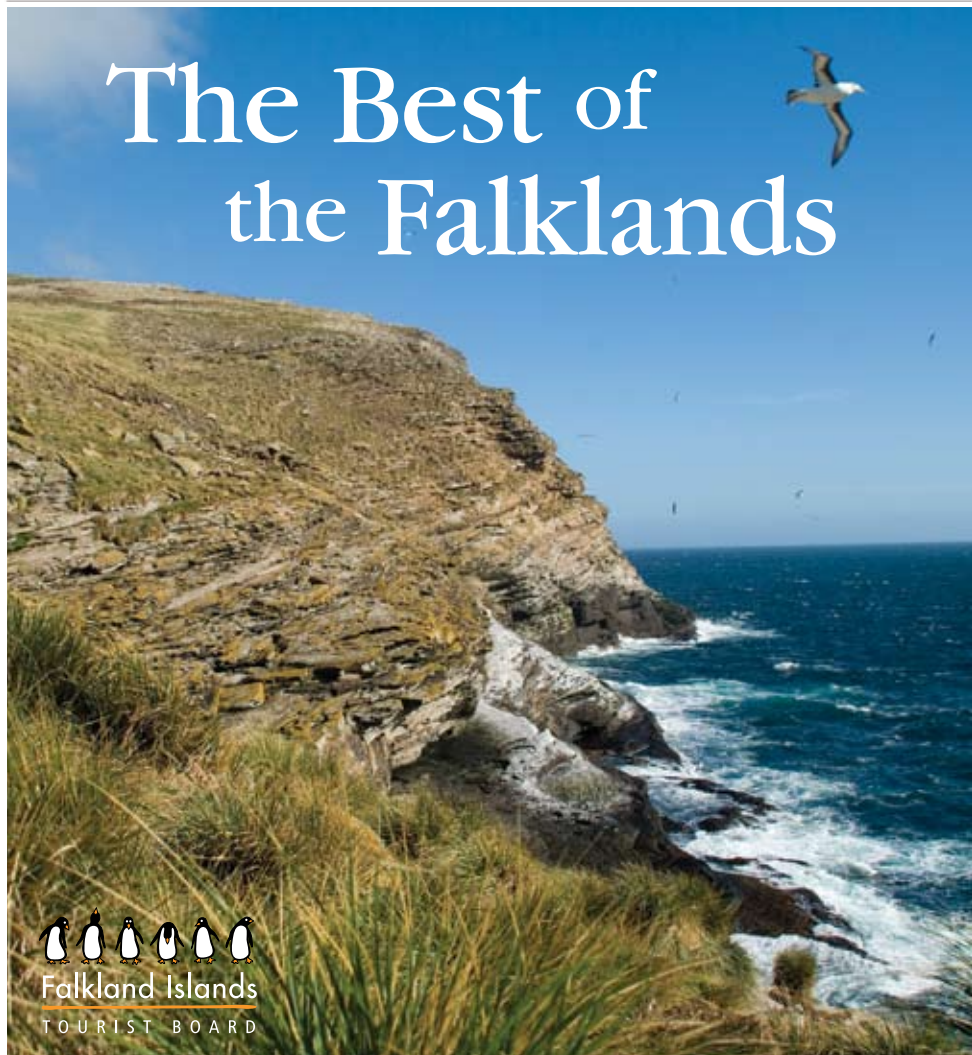


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Dear Reader,

FOR MANY YEARS NOW, *Penguin News* has run a weekly "Give Us Two Minutes..." column where a local resident is interviewed about their likes and dislikes. One of the questions we always ask is "Where and how would you spend your ideal weekend in the Falklands?"

The wide variety of answers we have received to this question over the years prompted us to wonder what the response would be if we were to ask the entire population where their favourite holiday spot is in the islands.

Your responses to our survey were amazing and are testament to the fact that the Falklands are truly a unique and stunning group of islands with enough destinations and activities to keep us occupied every weekend of the year.

This brochure presents the results of the survey. We're sure you'll find it a great reminder of how lucky we are to have so many wonderful places right on our doorsteps.

We hope it gives you some ideas on what to do and what to see on your weekends off in our beautiful islands – we are certainly inspired and are already planning our next weekends away!

Best regards,

Sharon Jaffray

ACTING MANAGING EDITOR, PENGUIN NEWS

Jake Downing

GENERAL MANAGER, FALKLAND ISLANDS TOURIST BOARD

"The landscape at Port Stephens is unlike anywhere else in the Falklands - vast areas & rock formations that would make a great backdrop for a Western movie" SHARON JAFFRAY

"My ideal weekend would be spent on West Falkland to teach my grandson to fish for trout on the Chartres River, and an afternoon run to Roy Cove to hopefully see the dolphins." DAVID INGLIS



This brochure only represents a very small selection of what the Falkland Islands has to offer, based on your votes in the Best of the Falklands survey.

For other ideas and information about what to do in the islands, contact the *Falkland Islands Tourist Board* on 22215, pop into the Jetty Visitor Centre for a copy of the Visitor Guide, or visit www.falklandislands.com

Stanley and East Falkland

FROM AWE-INSPIRING climbs up Tumbledown, to watching passing seals and dolphins at Surf Bay to walking the dogs at Cape Pembroke, you certainly like to get out and about in Stanley.

A great many of you would opt for day trips just outside Stanley on your ideal weekend, with a range of off-road driving tours being mentioned to places like Cape Dolphin, Kelp Point and North Pond where you can enjoy the wildlife.

But a number of you were also full of enthusiasm for weekends away in other parts of East Falkland. We noticed this was mainly for the sense of "escape" and the feeling of homeliness found in the self-catering accommodation at places like North Arm, San Carlos, Port San Carlos and Elephant Beach Farm. It's also a fairly easy drive to many of these locations, making them ideal weekend getaways.

"Racepoint self-catering is so comfortable and peaceful I forget about town while there" RACHEL BERNSTEN

"Cape Dolphin is remote & rugged, & I love to watch the sealions" PAULINE SACKETT



"North Arm is a ready retreat and the Falklands welcome is great" DAVID ROBERTS

"Camping at Cow Bay near Volunteer Point, checking out the King Penguins & looking for pebbles on the beach around the corner" BARBARA BATES



"A calm summer's day going for a walk to Tumbledown or Surf Bay"

ANNA KING



"Walking in the hills around Stanley inspires me with awe for the landscape" HARRIET HALL



Accommodation

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"I'd sit up in the rocks above Port Howard looking down at the spectacular views." CHARLENE ROWLAND

Port Howard

MANY PEOPLE'S FIRST GLIMPSE of Port Howard is when they arrive on board the MV Concordia Bay from East Falkland, accompanied by Commersons dolphins playing in the sheltered harbour waters below.

Loved in part for its excellent fishing opportunities, this tranquil



settlement was also voted for its magnificent views of Falkland Sound to the south, and over to Pebble Island to the northwest. Especially picturesque in springtime when the yellow gorse is in full bloom, Port Howard also makes a great base from which to explore the rest of West Falkland.

"Tremendous scenery, beach combing, fishing, wildlife, and above all for me tremendous memories of time spent with good friends."

JOHN FOWLER

"Port Stephens is the most scenic spot in the Falklands, where I grew up and wish to retire some day"

MANDY FORD

Accommodation

PORT HOWARD LODGE

Full board Ph 42187

PORT HOWARD

Self-catering Ph 42181

CROOKET INLET, ROY COVE

Self-catering Ph 41102

SHALLOW BAY, HILL COVE

Self-catering Ph 41007

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Self-catering Ph 42307

FOX BAY Self-catering Ph 42004

PORT EDGAR Self-catering Ph 42010

West Falkland

THE NUMBER OF DESTINATIONS you voted for on West Falkland astounded us.

Of particular note was Port Stephens, which was considered by voters to be the most rugged and scenic spot in the Falkland Islands. Roy Cove and Hill Cove also came up time and time again. But overall it seems that you voted for West Falkland because it offers a bit of everything! Ideal weekends

here included a huge variety of activities: fishing, wildlife, walking, beachcombing and relaxing with family being amongst them.

But it's impossible for us to give justice to West Falkland in this small brochure. You voted for so many different locations that it's impossible to fit them all in. What's certain is that West Falkland is a place which offers something for everyone, and when you've been once, we're sure you'll revisit it time and time again.



Carcass Island

"...The warm, friendly and sincere welcome from Rob makes it all extra special. Carcass is indeed a little piece of heaven on earth"

ANDREW BROWNLEE

"The beauty, peace, solitude and relaxation"

JACKIE ADAMS

THE NUMBER 1 HOLIDAY SPOT, as voted by readers of *Penguin News*, was beautiful Carcass Island. Arguably one of the prettiest islands in the Falklands archipelago, Carcass was nominated for its wildlife, its walking opportunities and the fabulous hospitality from Rob and Lorraine McGill.

Lying in the north west of the Falklands and reached by a short FIGAS flight, Carcass Island is packed with wildlife including elephant seals, dolphins, penguins, striated caracaras, night herons, the Cobbs wren, and a range of small birds to keep the most avid bird lover engrossed for days. The island is small enough to explore on foot with a range of scenery including sandy beaches, rugged clifftops, and a central ridge affording incredible views out to sea.

The settlement itself was considered by many to be a very restful place with the warm and friendly atmosphere in the house mentioned many times.

Without doubt, this small island was considered by *Penguin News* readers to be a very special place.

"I love the fact that Rob, Lorraine and staff make everyone (including children) very welcome."

JACKIE COOPER

Accommodation

Full-board accommodation is available, to book call Rob or Lorraine McGill on 41106. *But book well in advance as Carcass is popular!*

Saunders Island

THIS WONDERFUL ISLAND is certainly one of the Falklands' wildlife "hotspots". Overall it was the isolation coupled with the rich diversity of wildlife which attracted readers to Saunders Island.

Situated just 3 miles off the north-west coast of West Falkland, Saunders is famous for its black-browed albatross population, but voters also mentioned the incredible sight of Rockhopper penguins jumping up the cliffs at The Rookery, and the opportunity to simply sit and watch a range of wildlife at The Neck – a stunning, narrow, sandy strip of land.



"It's a paradise filled with wildlife & crystal blue waters ... The experience is etched in my memory..."

MAZ ROUND

Accommodation

Self-catering accommodation is available in three locations, to book call Susan or David Pole-Evans Ph 41298

"I'd spend my ideal weekend hiking along the north coast of Saunders Island". DAN FOWLER

Pebble Island

PEBBLE IS A LARGE AND SCENIC ISLAND, with enough to keep you occupied for more than just a weekend. It was voted as an ideal destination by bird lovers, beach combing enthusiasts and those interested in military history.

The scenery on Pebble is remarkably diverse with sweeping beaches, craggy mountain peaks, vast areas of diddle dee and several

ponds which attract a wide variety of birdlife. It's also one of the few places in the world where you can see five species of penguin in one day.

The fascinating military history adds another interesting aspect to the island, and tours are available to visit the memorial for HMS *Coventry* and wreckage of Argentine aircraft from the 1982 Conflict.

Accommodation is in a large, traditional old farmhouse with a fabulous atmosphere that makes it feel just like a second home. And of course, no one can go home without a spot of beach combing in search of the elusive pebble!

Accommodation

For full board accommodation contact Allan and Jackie on ph 41093 or visit www.pebblelodge.com



Bleaker Island

VERY CONVENIENTLY LOCATED just a short flight from Stanley, Bleaker Island was voted Number 2 for its excellent self-catering accommodation and easy access to wildlife – with its wonderful sunsets also being mentioned by many of you.

A colony of nesting cormorants, Rockhopper & Magellanic penguins and other birdlife can be found literally just a few minutes walk from Cobbs Cottage, and the island's wide sandy bays and sheltered coves make for interesting walks. You'll also find a range of other wildlife all over the island including sea lions, flying steamer ducks, striated and crested caracara and silvery grebe, to name just a few.

"Lovely accommodation, friendly people, great wildlife and amazing sunsets" ROSIE BRIGHT

"The self-catering accommodation is excellent....and the wildlife is amazing and everything is situated within easy walking distance from the settlement."

PATRICK BERNSTEN

Accommodation

Self-catering or full board accommodation is available at Cobbs Cottage, to book call Mike Rendell 21084 or 32491

"Rockhopper penguins, beautiful scenery, empty beaches and a warm welcome at the lodge."

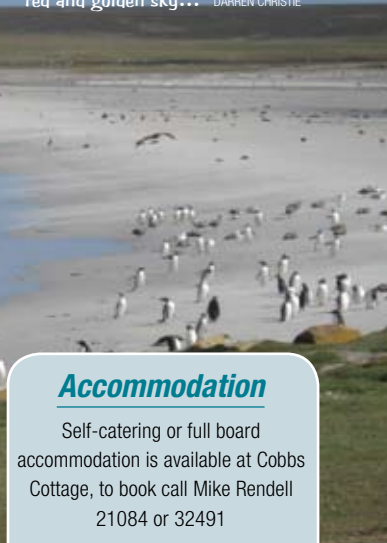
JASON LEWIS

"It has great pebbles, unique to the Falklands and is beautiful & great for walking."

LESLEY BARRATT



"I have fond memories of watching the cormorants coming home at sunset, silhouetted against a blood red and golden sky..." DARRIEN CHRISTIE



Sea Lion Island

JUST A HALF HOUR'S FLIGHT south of Stanley, Sea Lion Island was the preferred choice for those of you who wanted abundant wildlife and isolation, combined with tourist quality lodge accommodation.

Renowned travel journalist Will Gray recently wrote that "a ticket to Sea Lion Island is like being handed a big box of chocolates", and for the wildlife enthusiast this is definitely true. Over forty species of birds visit and nest on the island, you'll walk amongst colonies of rockhopper, gentoo and magellanic penguins, plus you can see hundreds of elephant seals, sea lions and the chance of seeing killer whales.

"Excellent accommodation, good food and easily accessible wildlife." G. CHEEK

"It is one of the premier wildlife locations in the world, unspoilt, and yet has a well appointed lodge." ROGER SPINK



Weddell Island

NAMED AFTER THE ANTARCTIC explorer Captain James Weddell, this large island has plenty of great walking opportunities for the wildlife enthusiast. Wildlife you might see includes gentoo and Magellanic penguins, skuas, night herons, giant petrels, striated caracaras, foxes, reindeer and Peale's and Commerson's dolphins playing offshore.

Accommodation

WEDDELL ISLAND
Self-catering Ph 22432



"Fantastic Island, miles of walks, beaches and loads of wildlife"

JANE COTTER



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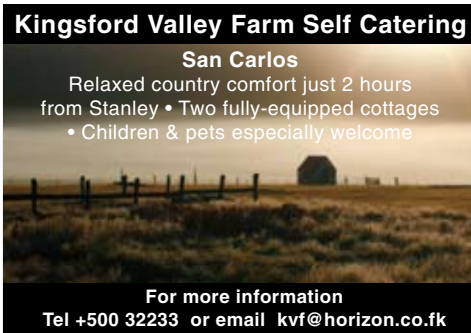
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