



Country Profile: Falkland Islands

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Falkland Islands
Continent:	South America
Capital City:	Stanley
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	Stanley, Weddell Settlement, Port Howard, Goose Green Settlement
Country Size:	12,173 sq km, note: includes the two main islands of East and West Falkland and About 200 Islands
Population:	3,105

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English
Currency:	Falkland Pound(FKP)
Predominant Religions:	primarily Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Free Church, Evangelist Church, Jehovah's Witnesses, Lutheran, Seventh-Day Adventist
National Holidays:	Liberation Day, 14 June (1982)
Economic Status:	In 1987 the government began selling fishing licenses to foreign trawlers operating within the Falkland Islands' exclusive fishing zone. These license fees total more than \$40 million per year, which help support the island's health, education, and welfare system. Exports feature shipments of high-grade wool to the UK and the sale of postage stamps and coins. The islands are now self-financing except for defense. 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. Tourism, especially eco-tourism, is increasing rapidly, with about 30,000 visitors in 2001. Another large source of income is interest paid on money the government has in the bank. The British military presence also provides a sizeable economic boost.
Security:	Defense is the responsibility of the UK.
US Presence:	None overseas territory of the UK
Major Airports:	Airports: 5, Airports w/paved runways: 2 Stanley – Mount Pleasant Airport (MPN/EGYP) Stanley, Falkland Islands, Roayl Air Force Ops Centre, 12 Facility Reception, Stanley, FALKLAND ISLANDS Tel: +500 74344 Fax: +500 32164 E-mail: dbush@wfs.com

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