

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY & GENERAL INFORMATION

Thursday, 17th November – Monday, 28th November, 2016

This is our first ever 'aviation and battlefield' tour which we hope will appeal to both aviation and military historians, aviation and wildlife photographers alike. It is a fabulous opportunity to see and photograph some of Mother Nature's finest in an area of the world that is very famous for its wildlife.

Also, but for a totally different reason, The Falklands is a famous chapter in our country's history. For those who have never been to the Falkland Islands before – and for those who will be returning in more peaceful times – the sheer beauty, wildness and the slow pace of life, is unique and jealously defended.



Although the 'aviation' content is not huge, there are various crash sites on West Falkland resulting from the shooting down by the RAF and Royal Navy of Argentinian aircraft, like the Mirage (*pictured above*), A-4 Skyhawk's, Purcaras and various helicopters.

We fly on the scheduled services of Iberia from London's Heathrow Airport to Madrid; with LAN Chile to the Falkland Islands via Santiago de Chile and Punta Arenas; and once on the Falklands we have 3 flights in the Islanders of the Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS).

Please note: flight details are for 2015 and are subject to change following the publication of the 2016 timetable in January.

We stay 2 nights in Chile en route to/from the Falklands in comfortable hotels on a bed and breakfast basis. On the Falkland Islands we stay in the Malvina House hotel in Port Stanley, and in lodges on Pebble Island and Port Howard, on a Full Board basis (some lunches may be of the packed variety).

Travel in-country is by chartered air-conditioned coach: please see appropriate paragraph on page 6 "General Information".

The tour will be accompanied by local guides and an Ian Allan Tour Manager.

The tourist season in the Falklands is very short – and the availability of accommodation is even shorter. Groups are limited to around 10 persons – and also by the seating capacity of the Britten Norman Islanders which are used to ferry people around! Due to the high level of demand for the very limited accommodation on the Falkland Islands, we ask you to please book early.

Although the tour price is high, there is no cheaper alternative by air to the Islands – it is after all nearly 8,000 miles from London.

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 17th NOVEMBER

Between 16:30 and 17:50 please check-in with Iberia Airlines in Terminal 5 at London's Heathrow Airport. Then meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts who will be gathering adjacent to Column G, located in the Departures Hall immediately before the self-service check-in podiums (not the usual line of check-in and fast bag-drop desks).

We will be handed boarding cards for all 3 flights: London-Madrid; Madrid-Santiago de Chile; Santiago de Chile-Punta Arenas and our baggage should be booked all the way through to Punta Arenas. Latest check-in time advised by the airline is 90 minutes prior to departure, i.e. 17:50.

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5	Flight: IB 3173	Departs: 19:20
✈ Madrid		Arrives: 22:50

On arrival we follow the signs for connecting/onward flights and go directly to the departure gate of our LAN Chile flight to Santiago de Chile. Boarding should commence around 23:15.

✈ Madrid	Flight: LA 705	Departs: 23:55
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DAY 2: FRIDAY, 18th NOVEMBER

✈ Santiago de Chile		Arrives: 09:30
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After Immigration we remain air-side and await the opening of the departure gate for our onward flight to Punta Arenas which makes a brief stop en-route at Puerto Montt.

✈ Santiago de Chile	Flight: LA 285	Departs: 13:55
✈ Punta Arenas		Arrives: 18:35

On arrival we transfer to the Hotel Diego de Almagro Punta Arenas for one night on a bed and breakfast basis. Located on the waterfront overlooking the Straits of Magellan, its facilities include a heated pool, sauna, gym and free wi-fi. Website: www.dahotelespuntaarenas.com

DAY 3: SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER

This morning we transfer to the airport and check-in for our LAN Chile flight to Mount Pleasant Airport on the Falkland Islands; latest check-in time is 10:20.

✈ Punta Arenas	Flight: LA 991	Departs: 12:20
✈ Mount Pleasant		Departs: 13:55

After the usual arrival procedures we transfer to the Malvina House Hotel in Stanley, where we stay 3 nights on a Full Board basis. The hotel is situated in the heart of Stanley, capital of the Falkland Islands, with beautiful views overlooking the natural harbour and only a few minutes' walk from shops, pubs and historic sites and monuments. Rooms have tea/coffee makers. Wi-fi is also available.

Malvina House was built by John James Felton and he named it after his youngest daughter born in 1881 Malvina Nathalia Felton. Malvina is an old Scottish name and is completely unconnected with the Argentine name for the Islands! Website: www.malvinahousehotel.com/

After a welcome reception by our local travel colleagues, the remainder of the day is free.

DAY 4: SUNDAY, 20th NOVEMBER

A full day visiting the battle sites of Darwin, Goose Green and San Carlos.

We also stop by Gibraltar Station in Salvador to see the preserved WS-55 Whirlwind HAR.9

All transfers are usually in 4x4 vehicles with local guide.

DAY 5: MONDAY, 21st NOVEMBER

We hope to make a special visit today, however, confirmation is not expected until a few weeks prior to the departure date; if not approved, a free day.

DAY 6: TUESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER

Today is spent visiting Fitzroy and Bluff Cove; and the battle sites of Stanley Mountains: Tumbledown, Harriet, William and Two Sisters.

DAY 7: WEDNESDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER

This morning we fly with FIGAS on one of their 5 Britten Norman Islanders to Pebble Island on West Falkland. The first of THREE memorable flights on this classic British-built 'airliner'. *For the next 2 nights we recommend you restrict your luggage to an overnight bag, plus your camera bag.*



FIGAS do not fly to a scheduled timetable: they fly each day around the Islands taking tourists from A to B. Therefore, our departure/arrival times will not be known nearer the time when all the requests for flights have been co-ordinated.

On Pebble Island we see the remains of an Argentine Learjet, 2 Daguers and the memorial to HMS Coventry. In the 1982 Falklands War the first land-based action of the campaign took place here when the SAS attacked the Argentine-occupied airfield.



Today – and on all the other days - there will also be opportunities to photograph the local natural wildlife. Pebble Islands' diverse terrain provides vital breeding habitats for a wide-ranging population of birds, including some rare and elusive species like the majestic Black-necked swan. Also found in the wetlands (an internationally Significant Bird Area) are many beautiful water fowl such as the Chiloe Wigeon, Yellow-Billed Pintail and Silver Teal. Many thousands of Gentoo, Rockhopper and Magellanic penguins breed on Pebble Island each summer, spearheading the list of 42 resident bird species. In addition, each year the island attracts many rare avian visitors from South America and beyond.

We stay tonight at the Pebble Lodge, a renovated Falkland Islands farm house, offering a variety of rooms, all with en-suite facilities. Meals are taken in their cosy restaurant and there is a social area with a bar. Website: <http://www.pebblelodge.com/>

DAY 8: THURSDAY, 24th NOVEMBER

Today we take the FIGAS Islander to Port Howard also on West Falkland, a short hop to the south.

We hope to visit as many as possible of the 8 or so sites of wrecked Argentine Air Force aircraft: Mirage, Skyhawk, Dagger and helicopters.



For information on some of the aircraft crash sites on the Falkland Islands there are a number of websites, including: www.urbanghostmedia.com/2015/03/8-aircraft-wrecks-crash-sites-falklands-war/

We also look around the small "1982 Museum" and harbour, a well know location for seeing the local dolphins, hawks, herons, petrels and penguins.

Tonight we stay at the Port Howard Lodge. Website: <http://porthowardlodge.com/>

DAY 9: FRIDAY, 25th NOVEMBER

This morning we fly back to Stanley by FIGAS Islander.

Checking back in at the Malvina House Hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure; walk to the various sites, e.g., "82 Museum", Governor's House etc as shown in the local guide book you will be given.

DAY 10: SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER

The morning is free.

In the afternoon we transfer to the airport and check-in with LAN Chile for our flight to Santiago de Chile which makes a brief stop at Punta Arenas. Latest check-in time is 14:15.

✈ Mount Pleasant
✈ Santiago de Chile

Flight: LA 990

Departs: 16:15
Departs: 22:15

We stay tonight at the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel Santiago on a bed and breakfast basis. The hotel is located adjacent to the terminal, a few yards outside Baggage Reclaim; its facilities include restaurant, bar and free wi-fi. Website: www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/santiago/sclap/hoteldetail



DAY 11: SUNDAY, 27th NOVEMBER

Today is spent enjoying a short coach tour of the city and a long visit to the excellent "Museo Nacional de Aeronáutica de Chile".

The museum has over 50 aircraft on display (too many to list here); British types include Bristol 20, Tiger Moth, Sea Vampires (*pictured left*), Canberras, Hunters, a Harrier and a Miles Hawk Major.

We will ask to see some of their aircraft which are not on public display but in storage and, any aircraft that are currently undergoing restoration. Many photographs of their aircraft can be seen on their website: www.museoaeronautico.gob.cl/

At 17:00 we arrive at the airport and check with LAN Chile for our flight to Madrid.

✈ Santiago de Chile

Flight: LA 704

Departs: 20:10

DAY 12: MONDAY, 28th NOVEMBER

✈ Madrid

Arrives: 13:00

Following the connecting/onward flights signs we go along to the departure gate of our flight to London. Boarding should commence around 15:00.

✈ Madrid
✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5

Flight: IB 3166

Departs: 15:55
Arrives: 17:20

Whilst waiting in Baggage Reclaim for our luggage we take the opportunity to bid farewell – until the next time!

ESTIMATED TOUR PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227605: THE FALKLAND ISLANDS
From: £3,695.00	Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room on a Full Board Basis on the Falkland Islands, and bed and breakfast on Day 11
From: £280.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land-only (NO FLIGHTS TO AND FROM PUNTA ARENAS IN CHILE; AND TO/FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. FLIGHTS AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ARE INCLUDED). <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING</i>

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Flights on the scheduled services of Iberia and LAN Chile from London's Heathrow Airport, as stated
- Flights around the Falkland Islands on FIGAS
- UK, Spanish and Chilean airport taxes, and UK Passenger Service Charge
- Transfers as stated: coach in Chile; coach and/or 4x4s on the Falkland Islands
- 9 nights hotel accommodation in rooms with en-suite facilities, as stated
- Continental breakfast on 19th and 27th November in Chile
- Full Board (breakfast, lunch and evening meal) on the Falkland Islands
- Admission to the Museo Nacional de Aeronáutica de Chile
- Services of a local guide
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals, other than those as stated above
- Visas (if required) – see page 6 “General Information”
- Travel insurance – see page 8 “General Information”
- Local departure tax when leaving the Falkland Island: only payable locally
- Admission to the “1982 Museum” in Stanley
- Personal expenditure, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Gratuity for the coach drivers (we recommend the equivalent of £2.00 per day/person, to be collected on tour)
- Tips and gratuities

Payment for Ian Allan Aviation Tours

A deposit of £500.00 per person should accompany your Booking Form, with the balance due 10 weeks prior to the tour's departure. Please see your Booking Confirmation/Invoice for the exact date. Please note that a reminder of the payment date will not be sent.

Tours Affected by World Events or Unforeseen/ Unplanned Circumstances

In an ever-changing world, events may occur immediately before or during a tour that result in cancellations or changes to the tour itinerary. For example, an increase in security may result in an approved visit being cancelled by the host, etc.. Ian Allan Aviation Tours cannot be held responsible for any tour being cancelled, or itineraries affected, due to world events or circumstances beyond our control.

Coach Travel

Ian Allan Aviation Tours only use coaches chartered from reputable companies, with a driver. Where we have had to cancel a tour, due to the small number of bookings, we have looked at the possibility of renting a 16-18 seater mini-van, with our tour manager driving. However, without exception, the hiring of such a vehicle is illegal if any of the occupants make any payment towards the rental price, fuel and/or other expenses - known as "for hire or reward". Any such rental, made without these facts being made known to the rental company at the time of booking, also invalidates all insurance covering the vehicle, contents and persons. The DVLA has also confirmed that any "for hire or reward" rental could breach the normal driving classification of a standard UK driver's license. Therefore, we do not undertake any tours using 9-18 seater mini-vans from a rental company; either with our tour manager, or a member of the group, driving.

Passports and Visas

Citizens of the UK are required to be in possession of a Full UK Passport, which must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of your return. You may also refer to the World Travel Guide: www.worldtravelguide.net for general information on passports, visas and health requirements.

Chile: British passport holders do not require a visa to enter Chile for periods of 90 days or less.

All other nationalities should enquire at their nearest Chilean Embassy or Consulate.

Falkland Islands: British passport holders on arrival in the Falkland Islands must produce:

- a passport valid for the proposed duration of your stay
- a return air ticket (or other evidence of pre-paid onward travel): supplied by Ian Allan Travel
- evidence of accommodation with family/friends/hotel/business: supplied by Ian Allan Travel
- sufficient funds to cover your stay in the Islands

All other nationalities should enquire at their nearest British Embassy or Consulate.

FCO Consular Advice

The FCO's consular service is a major operation. Every hour of every day consular staff around the world are advising and helping British nationals. We suggest you visit www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice for up-to-date passport, visa and security information on the destination you intend visiting.

In addition, the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) provides both a web site <http://abta.com/go-travel> and an Information Line, telephone: 0203 117 0599. This line is open between the hours 10:00 – 16:00, Monday-Friday (excluding bank holidays).

Baggage Regulations – Iberia Airlines – Departing from London's Heathrow Airport

Checked Baggage: Iberia will transport 1 piece of 'checked' baggage per person free of charge, the total dimensions of which must not exceed a total of 62 inches (158cms), including the handle, pockets and wheels. Maximum weight is 23kg (50lb).

Cabin Baggage: for travel out of London's Heathrow Airport you may take 1 carry-on bag (and 1 personal item). Your main piece of hand baggage can be up to the dimensions of 22in x 18in x 10in (56cm x 45cm x 25cm) including handles and wheels. You must be able to lift the bag into the overhead locker unaided. Carry-on baggage must be stowed in carry-on compartments of the aircraft, under a seat, or in an overhead locker. Your bag must also fit into the bag gauge, available at the check-in area. All larger-sized items must go in the aircraft's hold.

Baggage Regulations – LAN Chile – Between Madrid and the Falkland Islands

Checked Baggage: LAN Chile will transport 2 pieces of 'checked' baggage per person free of charge, the total dimensions of which must not exceed a total of 62 inches (158cms), including the handle, pockets and wheels. Maximum weight is 23kg (50lb).

Cabin Baggage: for travel out of Madrid's Airport you may take 1 carry-on bag (and 1 personal item). Your main piece of hand baggage can be up to 45 inches (115cms) and weigh no more than 17lbs (8kgs) including handles and wheels. You must be able to lift the bag into the overhead locker unaided. Carry-on baggage must be stowed in carry-on compartments of the aircraft, under a seat, or in an overhead locker. Your bag must also fit into the bag gauge, available at the check-in area. All larger-sized items must go in the aircraft's hold.

Limited quantities of liquids are allowed as hand baggage but must be carried separately through security in a clear plastic, zip-top or re-sealable bag that does not exceed 8 inches x 8 inches (20cm x 20cm) or quart size. Individual containers must not exceed 90ml or 3 American ounces, and items must fit in the bag comfortably and the bag must be completely closed. The bag can only contain: Shampoo, suntan lotions, creams, toothpaste, hair gel and hair spray, perfumes, cosmetics such as mascara and lip gloss, water and other drinks, soups and syrups and other items of a similar consistency.

Hand baggage can include: Electronic equipment including mobile phones, digital cameras and MP3 players (such as i-Pods). Laptops must be removed from the bag for x-ray. Prescription medicines in liquid form, e.g. diabetic kit.

Baggage Regulations – FI GAS

Passengers are allowed to carry free of charge 44lbs (20kgs) of baggage. A charge of £1.40 per kilo will be made for any excess. We recommend that you take with you a small overnight bag – especially if you also have a large, heavy camera bag.

All electrical devices, e.g. cameras, laptops, i-pads, mobile phones etc, must be fully charged.

If not they, and you, may have to undergo additional security checks which could result in you missing your flight; in which case – depending on the co-operation of the airline - you may have to purchase new tickets (if you do not board your first flight then all other flights are automatically cancelled).

At security all remaining items should be placed in the tray provided for screening, e.g. car keys and fobs, cash, solid food, books, newspapers, cigarettes and tobacco, belts and shoes. Pushchairs and walking aids are permitted but must be x-ray screened. All wheelchairs will be subject to search. Please note, you may be subject to a hand search by the security team and required to remove footwear to be x-ray screened.

Once in the departure lounge passengers may purchase certain items in any shop and take it onto the aircraft as normal. Passengers may be subject to a secondary search at the departure gate before boarding. Any items not on the approved list will be removed.

As baggage regulations can change with little warning, due to security requirements, you are strongly advised to contact the airline for the latest information nearer to the time of your departure.

Meals

Meals are not normally included in the price of our tours unless they are included within the room rate as we realise that not everyone wants three meals a day. On this tour Continental Breakfast is included in Chile and Full Board, i.e. all meals, on the Falkland Islands (some lunches may be of the packed variety).

In-flight meals when included within the cost of the air ticket form part of the tour price, however some airlines (primarily European carriers) now only serve refreshments for which they charge accordingly.

Health Requirements

There are currently no known mandatory or recommended precautions required for travel to Chile or the Falkland Islands. However, we strongly recommend that you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

Climate and Dress

Chile: stretches thousands of miles from its northern to southern limits. In Santiago you can expect temperatures from as high as 77°F (25°C); in Iquique, 72°F (22°C); and in Punta Arenas, 54°F (12°C). We recommend summer clothing but also warmer items for Punta Arenas.

Falkland Islands: Its summer! However, the weather in November is changeable and often quite windy. In Stanley the maximum temperatures between November and February can be around the mid 70s°F (20°C).

We recommend warmer items and waterproofs. Good walking shoes or boots would be more comfortable for 'yomping' across the countryside when outside Stanley.

Local Currency

Chile: US Dollars is the preferred foreign currency to exchange into Chilean Pesos. You will probably get a better deal changing US Dollars in Chile compared to other countries. Hotels will only change small amounts so a supply of \$10.00 or \$20.00 notes is recommended. NEVER change money on the street: these so called Street Exchangers WILL rip you off either by a rigged calculator or by giving you counterfeit notes.

There are many ATM money machines throughout Chile and most of them can be used to take out money from overseas banks. You may, however, want to verify this with your bank first.

Credit cards: most major credit cards are accepted in Chile.

Falkland Islands: The Falkland Island Pound is fixed at a rate equalling one Pound Sterling. Bank of England coins and notes are accepted in the Islands at full value. However, some travellers have experienced difficulties exchanging Falkland Islands' notes at their bank on return to the UK. You may therefore want to limit the amount of Falkland Islands currency you bring back with you on departure.

In Stanley, many of the main shops, hotels and restaurants will accept MasterCard or Visa. A small number of places accept debit cards. Credit and debit cards are not widely accepted outside Stanley.

There are no ATM cash machines on the Islands, but a cash advance facility is available at the bank using Visa or MasterCard.

Departure taxes

Chile: all departure taxes are included in the price of your air tickets.

Falkland Islands: There is a £22.00 departure tax payable on leaving the Islands that is not included in LAN airline flight tickets.

Travel Insurance

For citizens of the United Kingdom, Ian Allan Aviation Tours can provide competitive and comprehensive insurance cover for the duration of your tour. However, if you do not wish to take out our insurance, you must ensure that comparable or greater cover is taken. The number of your Insurance Policy should be written, if known, on your Booking Form at the time of making the reservation, but no later than the date when final payment is due. A copy of the policy must be forwarded to Ian Allan Aviation Tours.

Individual insurance policies are arranged through CoverMore Insurance Services Limited; the premiums for which will vary according to your circumstances. Full details are available on request.

Wheelchair Assistance at Airports

Anyone requiring wheelchair assistance at airports must have this service requested and confirmed in advance. Airlines and/or airports can no longer provide this service without prior confirmation, therefore, please annotate your booking form accordingly.

Flexible Itinerary

We are very happy for enthusiasts to take time away from the printed itinerary to pursue their own interests during multi-day stays in the same place, so long as they inform the Tour Manager. It will be the individual's responsibility to ensure that they re-join the group in the hotel at the stated time on the day of departure.

Land Only Price

For enthusiasts who would prefer to join the tour in Port Stanley (instead of flying from the UK with the main group), we would be pleased to quote a 'Land Only' price. This price **does not include any flights whatsoever except the 3 flights on the Falkland Islands with FIGAS**, and you are strongly advised to contact us before making your own flight arrangements in the event that there has been a change to the published itinerary.

Flight Timings & Connecting Travel Arrangements to Departure Airport

All flight departure and arrival times are correct at the time of preparing each itinerary, however, airlines may change these times with little or no prior warning. In practice such changes are only a few minutes either way, the final itinerary will show the actual times. Clients making their own arrangements to get to the departure airport by air, rail, coach etc., should bare the above in mind if purchasing non-refundable or non-changeable tickets. Ian Allan Aviation Tours cannot be held responsible for any changes to flight times, and any privately arranged travel tickets to the airport becoming invalid.

Pre-departure

For connecting flights from UK regional airports - please call Ian Allan Aviation Tours on 01932 255625.

Airport Hotel and/or Car Parking - we can offer special rates for the above at most UK airports, please ask for details.

"Purple Meet & Greet" Car Parking: from your home or overnight hotel, simply drive directly to Terminal 5 to the special 'valet parking' area located in the short term car park connected to the terminal. At the Purple Meet & Greet Reception you leave your car keys and it will be taken to an off-airport, secure, car park while you walk the few yards into the terminal! On your return your car will be waiting for you at the Purple Reception. Simple and very convenient. Recommended by our Tour Managers – please call for details: it may be cheaper than you think.

Pleasure Flights – Disclaimer

Should you decide to undertake any pleasure/sightseeing flights which have not been offered or sanctioned by us, Ian Allan Aviation Tours will not be held liable for any injuries or death resulting thereon.

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