



CHRISTMAS IN THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS

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About Falkland Islands

The Falkland Islands are in the South Atlantic Ocean about 300 miles from the east coast at the bottom of South America. They are a British Overseas Territory even though they're about 8,000 miles away from the rest of the UK.



Christmas in the Flakland Islands

Because they're in the southern hemisphere, it's summertime at Christmas with long sunny days. The Islands share many Christmas traditions with the UK. Lamb is the main Christmas dish as there's lots of sheep on the Islands.



Christmas presents

Children living in the camp get a small parcel of presents flown to them from Stanley. Santa's helper elves have to fly to the remote farms around the camp to deliver the presents.



Pantomime

A pantomime is put on every year by the local dramatic society. Traditionally the Governor of the Islands (the King's official representative on the Islands) goes on the last night and is gently made fun of.

It is now primarily a children's entertainment show, in the theatre, based on traditional children's stories Fairy Stories such as Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella



Christmas eve

On Christmas Eve people gather to sing Christmas carols under the 'whale bone arch' (made from the jaw bones of two blue whales) which is next to the Christ Church Cathedral in Stanley. There's also a Christmas morning service. The Cathedral is the southernmost Anglican cathedral in the world.



The Boxing Day

Horse races are very important and are held just outside Stanley on the race course. It's a very popular event for people who live on the Islands, especially in Stanley. The meeting has been held more than 100 times. It used to be a time when many people would only see each other during the whole year! Horses used to be the main way of getting around the Islands. Although there are more roads and cars now, taking part in the races is still very competitive. Some people have been riding in the races for decades! The most important race is 'The Governor's Cup.

-The Boxing Day takes place on December 26th

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As well as horse races, there's the mile running race where people of all ages take part! Some of the soldiers based on the Islands also like to take part.





The End

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