



The Falkland Islands Government

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KIDNEY ISLAND PERMIT CONDITIONS

Health, safety and welfare arrangements:

It is a condition of the issuance of any permit to visit any of the Islands in Falkland Islands Government Ownership that those leading and/or guiding the visit ensure that a suitable and sufficient risk assessment is performed regarding the risks that may be encountered and that the salient provisions of that risk assessment and any mitigation measures it recommends are brought to the attention of the visitors.

In addition, all visitors are to be appropriately briefed regarding:

- The risks that may be encountered including the risks posed by:
 - Embarking and disembarking vessels, including transferring to another sea-going craft, going ashore whether at a jetty, on beaches, on a rocky shore, and the risk of slipping;
 - Being on board the vessel and being at sea;
 - Getting wet;
 - Getting cold – including the effects of wind-chill;
 - Marine life, wild animals and wild birds;
 - The landscape – including cliffs, rocks, stones, mounds, holes, burrows, tussock grass, unstable surfaces;
- Additional risks faced by the young, the elderly, the infirm, the vulnerable etc.;
- The importance of wearing appropriate clothing and footwear;
- Any safety equipment required to be worn such as life-jackets or life preservers;
- What to do in a medical emergency including the limitations of medical assistance available through calling 999;
- The limitations regarding mobile phone signals;
- The importance of remaining in contact with the guide throughout the visit – and what to do if the visitor becomes separated from the group and guide; and
- What to do when encountering wildlife – including the risks associated with large marine mammals such as sea-lions.

It is the responsibility of the guide to ensure that before visitors assemble to be taken on the trip that they are made aware of the welfare facilities that will be available to them whilst on the trip including what provision will be made for toilets, water, hot and cold drinks, snacks and the like.

- The Group Guide must be a person who has visited Kidney Island before;
- The Group Guide will take responsibility for:
 - the welfare of the environment;
 - the welfare of wildlife;
- The Group Guide must feel comfortable guiding the group



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Protection of Wildlife and Wildlife habitats:

It is a condition of the issuance of any permit to visit any of the Islands in Falkland Island Government Ownership that those leading and/or guiding the visit ensure that all visitors accompanying them are appropriately briefed on:

- The Countryside code;
- Biosecurity precautions required for the visit;
- Falkland Islands law – Conservation of Wildlife and Nature Ordinance 1999 and the criminal offences it creates regarding:
 - disturbing wild animals, wild birds, and marine animals, and
 - protecting wild plants

Limitation of liability:

It is a condition of the issuance of any permit to visit any of the Islands in Falkland Islands Government Ownership that those leading and/or guiding the visit accept the following limitation of liability provision:

The Falkland Islands Government is not and shall not be responsible or liable in any manner for any harm, injury, loss and/or damage of whatever nature suffered by you, any of your visitors, any other party or third party nor shall it be responsible or liable in any manner for any damage to property resulting from any acts, neglect, reckless conduct and omissions occurring (however caused or arising) during your trip.

It is a further condition of the issuance of any permit that this limitation of liability is brought to the attention of all visitors.

Certificate and signature:

I confirm that I have read and understood each and every part of this Application Form and the conditions attached to it. I confirm that:

- a suitable and sufficient risk assessment will be performed
- all visitors will be briefed about:
 - the risks they may encounter
 - the importance of wearing or having available appropriate clothing and footwear
 - the importance of wearing and/or using safety equipment
 - how to respond to emergencies, including medical emergencies
 - what to do if they become separated from the group or guide
 - the limitations on the medical facilities on the Falkland Islands including the limitations of the emergency services and the mobile phone service



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- protecting and preserving wildlife
- their need to take personal responsibility and to take care of themselves and those in their party
- the Falkland Islands Government's limitation of liability