



Falkland Islands

(Islas Malvinas)

*British Overseas Territory,
also claimed by Argentina*

Area: 12,173 sq km

Population: 3,000 – roughly
two-thirds live in Port Stanley

Major language: English

Currency: Falkland Islands pound
(equal in value to British pound)

Background: First landing (English)
1690. First settlement (French) 1764.
Spain acquires French colony in
1767. Britain asserts claim to islands
by building naval base in 1833

Falklands War: Following Argentine
invasion on April 2, 1982, Britain
sends task force to retake islands.
After fierce fighting, Argentine forces
surrender on June 14

Economy

GDP: **\$164.5 million** (2007 est.)

GNI per capita: **\$55,400** (2002 est.)

Inflation: **1.2%** (2003)

Jobless rate: **4.1%** (2010)

Industries: Fishing, wool, tourism

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Governor
Nigel Haywood



Recent events: Britain begins oil
exploration around islands in 2010,
increasing tensions with Argentina.
Islanders voting to retain ties with UK
in March 2013 referendum. Vote
rejected by Argentina