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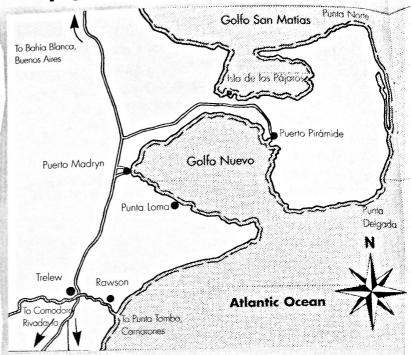
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#### Península Valdés

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## Península Valdés



Leave your city blues behind and come and see the wonders of Península Valdés. One of the finest wildlife reserves in South America is waiting for you. Península Valdés will make you feel really close to nature. You will see a fantastic variety of marine life.

#### Where to go and what to do

Puerto Pirámide is the best place to start exploring the peninsula. Organised tours take you to the main wildlife sites. The visitor centre at the Istmo Ameghino has got a small museum with an exhibition of local fauna and flora. There is also an observation tower with an excellent panoramic view.

#### Whale watching

Right whales visit the sandy white beaches of *Puerto Pirámide* between July and December. These fantastic animals are nearly 12 metres long and weigh more than 30 tonnes. If you come in spring, you will see mother whales and their babies — it's an unforgettable experience!

You can take a boat trip to see the whales from Puerto Pirámide. Watch them jump and play and even get to touch them.

Elephant seals Península Valdés has the only breeding colony of southern elephant seals on the South American continent. You can see and photograph these amazing animals at Punta Norte. The males can be almost 7 metres long and weigh up to 4,500 kg. Elephant seals live in groups made up of one dominant male and up to 100 females. You may see adult males fighting. This happens very often. Don't get too close for photographs!

Magellanic penguins

The only species that regularly visits Península Valdés is the magellanic or jackass penguin. You can see large numbers of them at Punta Tombo and Cabo Dos Bahias. They arrive annually between September and April. You can find over 500,000 penguins during these months. It's a tremendous sight - not one to be missed!

And don't forget to visit:

The Isla de los Pájaros. At this bird sanctuary you can observe a great variety of bird-life, including flamingos and seagulls. Although visitors are not allowed on the island, you can see the birds through a telescope from the visitor centre in Puerto Pirámide.

### Some useful advice

Come in spring if you want to see all the fantastic wildlife in Península Valdés.

Bring lots of warm clothes - it can be very windy! Bring a camera - you will want to photograph everything!

Complete this table with information from the 5 article.

<b>Place</b> Puerto Pirámide	What to see visitor centre
Punta Norte	
Punta Tombo & Cabo dos Bahias	
Isla de los Pájaros	many types of birds including

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Write a short description of the wildlife that y can find in your area, or in another place you have visited. Include the following information
animals and plants you can see
the best time to go
the right clothes to wear
facilities available: tours? shops? restaurants
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