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## What is the ccTLD for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands?

The Internet country code top-level domain (ccTLD) for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands is .gs. The parts of the islands that are not permanently covered in snow or ice are part of the Scotia Sea Islands tundra ecoregion.

### Is South Georgia a small island?

It is a remote and inhospitable collection of islands, consisting of South Georgia and a chain of smaller islands known as the South Sandwich Islands. South Georgia is 165 kilometres (103 mi) long and 35 kilometres (22 mi) wide and is by far the largest island in the territory.

## Are the South Georgia Islands mountainous?

Most of the islands, rising steeply from the sea, are rugged and mountainous. At higher elevations, the islands are permanently covered with ice and snow. The South Georgia Group lies about 1,390 kilometres (860 mi; 750 nmi) east-southeast of the Falkland Islands, at 54°-55°S,36°-38°W.

#### What happened to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands?

In 1985, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands ceased to be administered as a Falkland Islands Dependency and became a separate territory. The King Edward Point base, which had become a small military garrison after the Falklands War, returned to civilian use in 2001 and is now operated by the British Antarctic Survey.

#### Who owns South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands?

The United Kingdomclaimed sovereignty over South Georgia in 1775 and the South Sandwich Islands in 1908. The territory of "South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands" was formed in 1985; previously,it had been governed as part of the Falkland Islands Dependencies.



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The ultimate goal of the Argentinian forces was to annex the South Sandwich Islands, South Georgia, and the Falklands. Despite these plans, however, the British moved in to re-take the territory, and on June 20, 1982, the British were successful in defeating the invading Argentine forces.

Far from the coast of Antarctica, the remote and rugged islands of South Georgia and South Sandwich offer visitors the chance to experience Antarctic historic, unparalleled adventure, and some of the largest colonies of wildlife on the planet.

South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands are a collection of exceptionally remote islands in the Southern Atlantic. Although considered as one entity they represent two physically distinct island groups, with the South Georgia cluster ranging between 560 and 800km west of the South Sandwich Island arc (Figure 1).

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Map of the islands. South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands are a collection of islands in the South Atlantic Ocean. Most of the islands, rising steeply from the sea, are rugged and mountainous. At higher elevations, the islands are permanently covered with ice and snow.

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