



# St Helena Island

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## Tours and activities

### Napoleonic Sites

#### Briars Pavilion

Built in the early 19th century, the Pavilion's primary use was to house officers of the East India Company. When Napoleon arrived in 1815, he requested to live there until he moved to Longwood House.

**Opening times:** Monday & Friday 10:00am - 11:00am. No booking required.

**Guide price:** £5 pp. Audio guide £2.

**Contact:** BEPSP@helanta.co.sh

#### Longwood House

Originally built to serve as a barn for the Governor at the time, Longwood House was converted to living accommodation for Napoleon and is now famously known as the place where he spent his final years. Today, the house can be seen as the closest representation of Napoleon's former residence on the day he died in 1821.

**Opening times:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11am - 1pm. No booking required.

**Guide price:** £12 pp. Audio Guide: £2

**Contact:** BEPSP@helanta.co.sh

#### The Tomb

The location of The Tomb was chosen by Napoleon during his walks to Sane Valley. Twenty Four garrison soldiers took it in turns to carry Napoleon's coffin from the road to The Tomb – the same path taken by visitors today. The tomb was guarded day and night until 1840 when his remains were taken back to France as Napoleon had wished.

**Opening times:** Monday to Friday 08:30am - 3pm. No booking required

**Contact:** BEPSP@helanta.co.sh

### Historical Town Walks

#### Lower Jamestown Walk with Cynthia

Cynthia will host you on a guided walk of Lower Jamestown, highlighting the historical buildings and general points of interest. Meet outside of the Tourist Office.

**Opening times:** Wednesday, 9am.

**Book at the Tourist Office:** visit@sainthelena.gov.sh

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

**Guide price:** £8pp

## Historical town walk with French Consul

French Consul, Michel Martineau will host you on a guided tour around Jamestown highlighting its role in St Helena's history, pointing out general places of interest.

**Opening times:** Thursday, 8:30am.

**Book at the Tourist Office:** [visit@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:visit@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Guide price:** From £10pp (guide book included)

## Plantation House

Built by the East India Company in 1792 as a residence for the island's governor, Plantation House is still used as the Governor's residence today and the grounds are home to the oldest land animal in the world, Jonathan the 191 year old giant tortoise.

The guided tour of the house comprises a viewing of the downstairs rooms and two rooms upstairs on the east wing, followed by a visit to the grounds to meet Jonathan. Tea or coffee and cake is served in the tearoom.

**Opening times:** Tuesday, 10:30am. Booking required (via Tourist Office or Plantation House)

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

**Guide price:** £15 pp.

**Contact:** Debbie Yon, Plantation House Resident Manager

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## Museum of St Helena

The Museum is located near the foot of Jacob's Ladder in a beautifully restored late 18th Century building. You can learn about St Helena's fascinating history through displays, records and artefacts. There is a small shop with souvenirs and books about St Helena.

When you've completed the climb of Jacob's Ladder, you can collect a certificate from the Museum.

**Opening times:** Mon, Weds, Thurs, Fri, 10am - 2pm, Saturday: 10am – noon

Donations welcome

**Contact:** Adam Sizeland, Director of the Museum of Saint Helena

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## Wirebird Tour & Millennium Forest Visit

Join the St Helena National Trust on a tour to see St Helena's endemic Wirebird in their natural habitat. Following this, visit the Millennium Forest – a conservation project which started in the year 2000 to mark the Millennium. Since the start of the project, over 10,000 Gumwood trees have been planted. You will also have the opportunity to plant your very own Gumwood tree (additional charge).

**Duration:** 3 hours

**Guide price:** From £55pp. Booking required with the National Trust.

**Contact:** Amanda Constantine

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## Island Tours

### 4 x 4 Adventure Tour

This off the beaten track adventure is a full day guided 4-wheel drive excursion that explores the natural beauty of St Helena. Immerse yourself with the island's incredible landscapes, from volcanic rock formations to lush green countryside whilst your tour guide tells interesting stories along the way. Lunch is included.

**Duration:** Full day (6-7 hours)

**Guide price:** From a minimum of £150 full tour (1-3 persons). Booking required.

**Contact:** Aaron's Adventure Tours

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### Island Tour

The Island wide tour includes visits to the main historical sites and local points of interest which include Deadwood Plain, The Millennium Forest, Sandy Bay and Sandy Bay Beach, Blue Hill and St Paul's areas. Stopping at fortifications such as High Knoll, Ladder Hill and Jacobs Ladder on the return to Jamestown. Lunch is included.

**Duration:** Full day excursion (6-7 hours)

**Guide price:** From £120 full tour (1-3 persons). Booking required.

**Contact:** Aarons Adventure Tours

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### The Napoleonic Story

The Napoleonic tour includes visits to the Briars Pavilion, Longwood House and the Tomb, (entails a 1km return walk to the Tomb in Sane Valley). The three properties are owned by the French Government. Longwood House is one of the best Napoleonic museums in the world, with original furniture and over 900 artefacts. Lunch and tickets are included.

**Duration:** Approx 5 hours

**Guide price:** From £180 for 1-3 persons thereafter £60 per person.

**Availability:** Monday and Friday only.

**Contact Details:** Aaron's Adventure Tours

E: [aat@helanta.co.sh](mailto:aat@helanta.co.sh)

## Island Tour

### Horizon Tours

Exclusive Tours for small groups (up to four guests).

Tour stops include: Two Gun Saddle (to view The Briars); Napoleon's Tomb; Longwood House; Horse Point (chance wirebird sighting); Sandy Bay Ridges; Casons; Boer Cemetery; Plantation House Grounds (where the giant tortoises live), High Knoll Fort and Ladder Hill.

Additional Tours can be arranged.

**Duration:** 5½ hours (approx.)

**Guide price:** £140.00 for four guests (does not include entrance fees to attraction sites).

**Contact details:** Horizon Tours (Patrick or Pamela Young)

E: [horizons@helanta.co.sh](mailto:horizons@helanta.co.sh)

## Corkers Tourist Services

Corkers Tourist Services offer a range of tours with island charm, enjoy the lush green countryside and the volcanic rock formations as you travel around the island. There is also the option of taking the tour in an open-top 1929 charabanc!

**Contact:** Tracey and Colin Corker

**Email:** [CorkersTouristService@helanta.co.sh](mailto:CorkersTouristService@helanta.co.sh)

## Hiking

There are 21 Post Box Walks that lead you to places of stunningly varied natural habitats and a diversity of unique flora and fauna. Walks vary between 1.5km and 12km, lasting from a couple hours to half a day. Difficulty and terrain types vary from family-friendly to highly challenging.

At the end of each walk is a 'Post Box' holding a visitor's book to leave your name and comments, and a unique stamp that can be used to stamp your Post Box Walk book.

The 'Post Box Walks book' is an essential guide for these hikes and can be purchased from the Tourist Office, Museum of St Helena or the Arts & Crafts shop. Guided hikes are also available, please enquire at the Tourist Office.

**Contact Details:** Tourist Office

**E:** [visit@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:visit@sainthelena.gov.sh)

## Guided Hikes

### Rock Mount Walking Tours

Tom Wortley is an experience hiker on St Helena's walks and will guide you on the trails taking in the colourful landscapes be it through green pastures, woodland or coastal paths.

**Guide price from:** £55pp

**Contact:** Tom Wortley

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## Hike And Bike Tours

### E-connect Adventure Tours

Small group tours offer a combination of trail and sightseeing. Choose from guided e-bike road and trail tours selected hiking trails or a combination of both. Bespoke guided tours for your full experience. There are a limited number of short term e-bikes available for rental to explore the island at your leisure.

**Visit the website for pricing details:** [econnectsainthelena.co.uk](http://econnectsainthelena.co.uk)

## Go Karting

### Scipione Racing

If you're looking for an exhilarating adventure, Scipione Racing Park is waiting for you! Nestled within a forest near Plantation House is the race park. Challenge yourself to get on the leader board.

**Opening times:** Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 1pm - 6pm

**Guide prices:** From £10 for a 15 lap race.

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## Boat Trips

Boat trips offer a unique view of the island. See the marine life, pods of dolphins and birdlife – January is the start of whaleshark season. Offerings include marine wildlife tours, round-the-island tours and sunset cruises.

### Dive & Marine Tour operators:

Dive St Helena  
Enchanted Isle  
Sub-Tropic Adventures

**Duration:** Approx. 3 hours

**Guide price:** Marine Trip from £35pp  
Snorkelling from £20pp

**Contact:** Tourist Office [visit@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:visit@sainthelena.gov.sh)

## Whale Shark Trips

St Helena is one of the best places to swim with the whale sharks. Whale shark tours with local marine tour operators enable you to swim with these majestic creatures within safe distance in the warm and clear waters.

**Duration:** Approx. 3 hours

**Guide price:** From £35 pp.

### Dive & Marine Tour operators:

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Enchanted Isle  
Sub-Tropic Adventures

**Contact:** Tourist Office [visit@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:visit@sainthelena.gov.sh)

## Golf

A unique opportunity to play golf at the world's most remote golf course! Golf clubs are available for hire at the St Helena Golf Club.

**Arrange via the Tourist Office:** [visit@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:visit@sainthelena.gov.sh)

## Wranghams

Situated in the lush area of Sandy Bay, Wranghams is a stone cottage dating back to the 18th century and was beautifully restored by owners Neil and Debbie Fantom. Enjoy a freshly baked afternoon tea in the garden with views of the green ridge where Diana's Peak sits or a home hosted meal with produce from the garden.

### Coffee Tour

Visit the small plantation and learn about the processing of coffee from the moment it is picked, through to roasting and packaging.

#### Prices

Coffee tour: From £10pp

Home hosted evening meal: price on request

You can also book a stay in the self-catering cottage and enjoy the peacefulness of the location.

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