

SAINT HELENA

DARWIN200 ADD ON TRIPS



A Jewel in the South Atlantic

From the moment the silhouette of Saint Helena appears on the watery horizon, the island casts a spell over visitors. For hundreds of years, it has served as a victualling station for ships sailing around the capes and among its many famous visits are the likes of Captain James Cook, William Bligh and Charles Darwin. Still today, it is often described as one of the most enchanting islands on Earth.

Saint Helena's long list of attractions include breath-taking scenery, the history city of Jamestown (which bristles with points of interest), unique animals and plants, and of course, the legacy of the exile of the French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, who spent the last six years of his life on the island. Saint Helena's community (known as 'Saints') are warm and friendly, and the island is renowned for its unique seafood dishes. To visit Saint Helena is to fall in love with the island!

Add On Trips to the DARWIN200 2023-25 Global Voyage

Participants of Voyage Leg 29 disembark *Oosterschelde* in Jamestown, Saint Helena, on 10th May, 2025 (at the end of Voyage Leg 29).

Participants of Voyage Leg 30 embark *Oosterschelde* in Jamestown, Saint Helena, on 18th May, 2025 (to begin their sailing adventure to Ascension Island).

The following add on trips have been specifically designed so that participants of Voyage Legs 29 and 30 have the opportunity to enjoy the wildlife and sights of Saint Helena.

The following itinerary will take place twice. Once on May 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, 2025 (for participants of Voyage Leg 29 after they arrive at Saint Helena) and again on January 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th, 2025 (for participants of Voyage Leg 30 before they depart Saint Helena aboard *Oosterschelde*).

These add on trips are operated independently of the Darwin200 Global Voyage by Redfern Adventures, please see www.redfernadventures.com

To reserve a place, please email: sales@redfernadventures.com



Getting There and Away

For information on flights to/from Saint Helena, see: www.sthelenatourism.com/flights

Regular flights connect Saint Helena to South Africa, the UK and beyond. For detailed tourist information, visit: www.sthelenatourism.com/visit

Important: book your flights six months or more in advance.

The airport is located around 45 minutes from Jamestown, however taxis are available. These can be booked in advance. Cars can also be hired on the island. See: www.sthelenatourism.com/transport

Numerous hotels, guest houses, apartments and homestay options are available on Saint Helena. Please see: www.sthelenatourism.com/where-to-stay





THE PLAN

Saint Helena Add On Trip

This trip offers you the opportunity to visit many of the very best wildlife and historic sites around Saint Helena. Each day of the itinerary consists of day trips, with accommodation and meals in Jamestown.

Overview Video: <https://youtu.be/qIsI6paJYZs>

Also see: <https://youtu.be/dlXg5zrBIIA> and <https://youtu.be/bL-pAsNHLdY>

COST: £930 (British Pounds) per person (twin or double room) for 4 day / 3 night itinerary

Single room supplement upgrade £250

START POINT: Jamestown, Saint Helena

END POINT: Jamestown, Saint Helena

TERMS: £500 deposit required to book. The balance is due 12 weeks prior to departure.

TEMPERATURE AND CLIMATE

Saint Helena has a warm, sub-tropical climate. Temperatures generally rise to around 28 °C (during daytime) and descend to 14 °C (at night). Expect mixed sun and cloud.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transport to all sites and locations.
- Guides throughout this itinerary.
- Accommodation in hotel in Jamestown.
- All meals throughout the itinerary.
- All permits and fees.
- Donation to local conservation team.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic - order individually at restaurants / pubs).
- Tips for local guides / drivers.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is in double rooms (1 double bed) or twin rooms (2 single beds) on double occupancy.

A single supplement (private room) option can be organised at additional cost.

Note: three nights accommodation in Jamestown is included in the costings of both trips.



ITINERARY

Please note: the following itinerary is weather-dependent. If we are unlucky with weather, the order of the locations presented below may need to be adjusted, and/or the itinerary adapted. The following wildlife can be expected at the locations on the following itinerary, however (as with all wildlife tours), wildlife cannot be guaranteed.

Saint Helena Add On Trip 1 (for members of Voyage Leg 29)

May 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, 2025 (intended for participants of Voyage Leg 29 after they arrive at Saint Helena, but open to all).

This add on trip is deliberately planned so that participants of Voyage Leg 29 can transfer directly from the *Oosterschelde* to accommodation on May 10th. The Add On Trip activities take place on May 11th, 12th and 13th. We will check out from the accommodation on the morning of May 13th, but you can leave your luggage in storage for the day (while we undertake the tour activities). If you are staying longer on Saint Helena, please book accommodation directly for the night of May 13th and beyond. When we return at the end of our tour during the evening of May 13th, you can be dropped off at any hotel in Jamestown.

DAY 1 (May 10th, 2025)

Pick up on your disembarkation from *Oosterschelde* and transfer to hotel in Jamestown. Check in and have lunch at a Saint Helenian restaurant near the waterfront (the line-caught tuna steaks are incredible).

We begin our journey around Saint Helena with a guided tour of the historic city of Jamestown, the island's capital. Often described as a 'living museum' Jamestown is brimming with fortifications, old barracks, quaint churches and traditional Saint Helenian stone houses. Dinner in a local restaurant and accommodation in Jamestown.

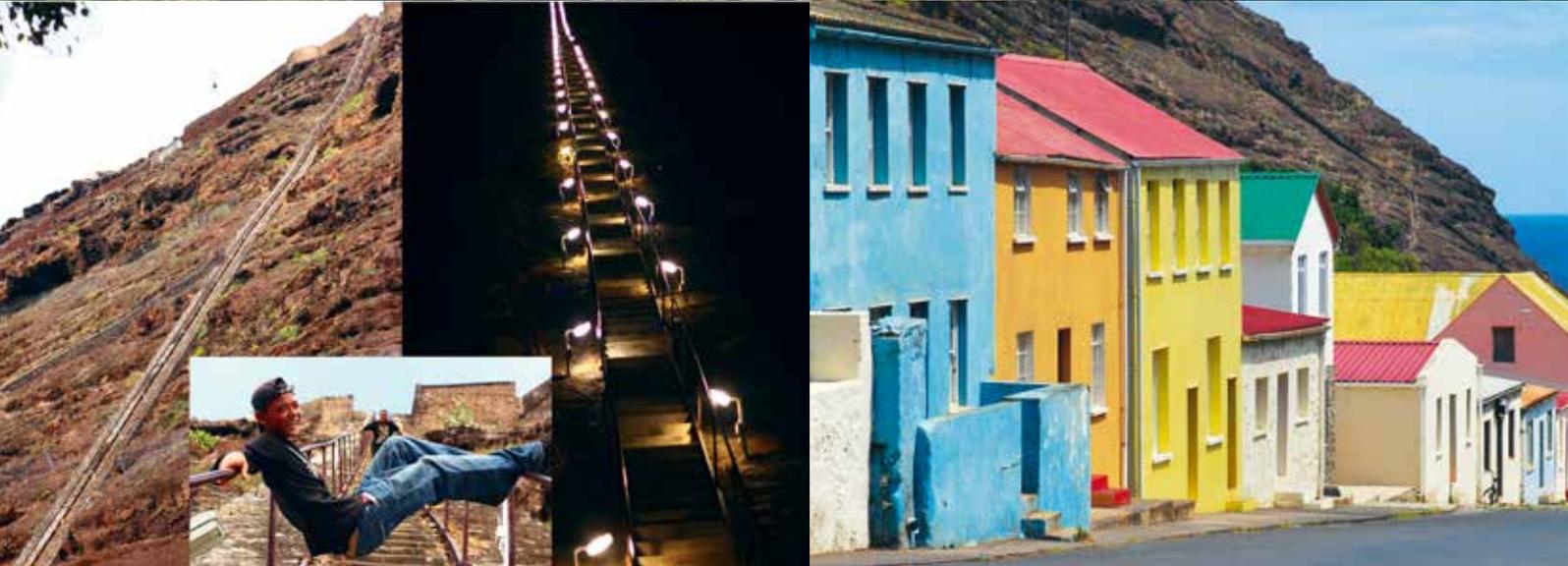
DAY 2 (May 11th, 2025)

In the morning, we have the option of climbing Jacob's Ladder (an iconic set of 699 steps up the steep cliffs overlooking Jamestown). A vehicle will drive anyone that does not want to climb the ladder to the top! From clifftops above Jamestown, we will visit a 19th military barracks and enjoy spectacular views along the island's dramatic cliffs.

After lunch, we visit Fort High Knoll, a Victorian defensive fortification with impressive stone walls, and we will then drive across the island, noting the rapid change from Saint Helena's parched, rocky coasts to its luxuriant, green interior. Back in Jamestown, we can visit the island's fascinating museum (home to some of the few surviving specimens of the Saint Helena giant earwig). Dinner and accommodation will be in Jamestown.



PHOTOS OF JAMESTOWN, JACOB'S LADDER AND FORT HIGH KNOLL



ITINERARY

DAY 3 (May 12th, 2025)

This morning, we join local conservationists to spot Saint Helena's unique wirebird (a species of plover that occurs nowhere else on Earth). Once critically endangered, intensive conservation efforts have helped the number of wirebirds to recover.

We visit Government House to see Saint Helena's most famous resident: Jonathan, a Seychelles giant tortoise, brought to the island over a century ago. Jonathan is believed to be the oldest known living land animal and is thought to have hatched around 1832!

After lunch, we walk to Sandy Bay. This trek takes us through some of Saint Helena's most beautiful scenery. We pass the Bay Ass's Ears and Lot's Wife (huge volcanic plugs that tower over the coastal landscape). The volcanic rock formations vary immensely in colour as we walk down to one of Saint Helena's most remote beaches. Along the way, we can observe many of Saint Helena's unique plants, as well as many spectacular masked boobies that nest on the ridge tops.

Dinner and accommodation will be in Jamestown.



PHOTOS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND WALK TO SANDY BAY



ITINERARY

DAY 4 (May 13th, 2025)

Saint Helena is perhaps best known as the island to which Napoleon Bonaparte was exiled. Today, we follow in the French Emperor's footsteps and visit the Briars (where he first stayed on reaching Saint Helena), then Longwood House (his residency for most of his six year stay on the island). We visit the very room where Napoleon died (some say as a result of poison-laced wallpaper) and lastly, we visit Napoleon's Tomb (the location where he was initially buried before his remains were taken to France).

After lunch, we visit Saint Helena's famous heart-shaped waterfall and we drive to the island's 'Millennium Forest' (an incredible project to replant native trees). We can contribute to this important conservation work by planting young trees to expand the effort.

Lastly, we undertake the enjoyable walk to Diana's Peak, which at 818 m is Saint Helena's tallest outcrop. Along the way, we walk through beautiful forests filled with tree-ferns, birdlife and the island's unique invertebrates, including the golden sail spider. In all directions, the views from the summit across the island are absolutely breath-taking.

We return to Jamestown for drop off at the end of our tour.



PHOTOS OF LONGWOOD HOUSE AND DIANA'S PEAK



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Saint Helena Add On Trip 2 (for members of Voyage Leg 30)

May 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th 2025 (intended for participants of Voyage Leg 30 before they depart Saint Helena aboard *Oosterschelde*, but open to all).

Starts with pick up of participants in Jamestown on the morning of May 15th. The tour activities take place on May 15th, 16th and 17th. Accommodation is included for the nights of the May 15th, 16th and 17th, with check out on the morning of May 18th to allow participants of Voyage Leg 30 to transfer aboard ready to start their sailing adventure.

DAY 1 (May 15th, 2025)

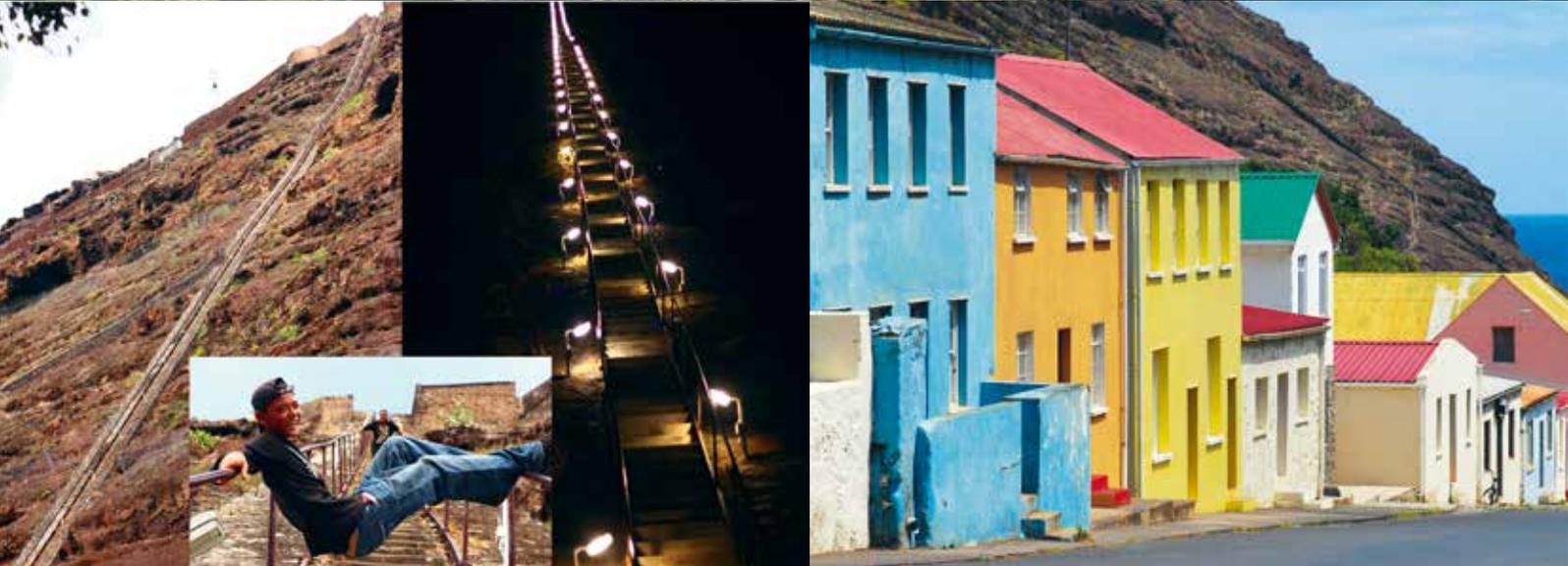
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ITINERARY

DAY 2 (May 16th, 2025)

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Dinner and accommodation will be in Jamestown.



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DAY 3 (May 17th, 2023)

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We return to Jamestown for drop off at the end of our tour.

DAY 4 (May 18th, 2023)

After breakfast you will have time to pack and organise your luggage. Check out from hotel then lunch. We can have a final guided tour of the sights of Jamestown, then transfer to *Oosterschelde*, to embark and start your sailing adventure as part of Voyage Leg 30 to Ascension Island.



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