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ST HELENA BRADT GUIDE: EDITION 4

This fully revised fourth edition of Bradt's St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha remains the only guide to these three British Overseas Territories, tiny volcanic islands that are virtual specks in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean and which thanks to the opening of a new airport in 2017 are more accessible than ever before. This edition will be available from November 2020 via www.bradtguides.com. It has been updated by Caitlin and Huw Hennessy, seasoned travel writers who cover the whole world, including Latin America and now Africa and the South Atlantic. Caitlin led one of the first group tours to Saint Helena in early 2019, a trip that inspired a strong desire to return to the island and explore further. This she subsequently did with her husband, also visiting Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Ascension, and gathering lots of new information for the fourth edition of this guide, including preparations for the 2021 Bicentenary of Napoleon's death in exile on the island.



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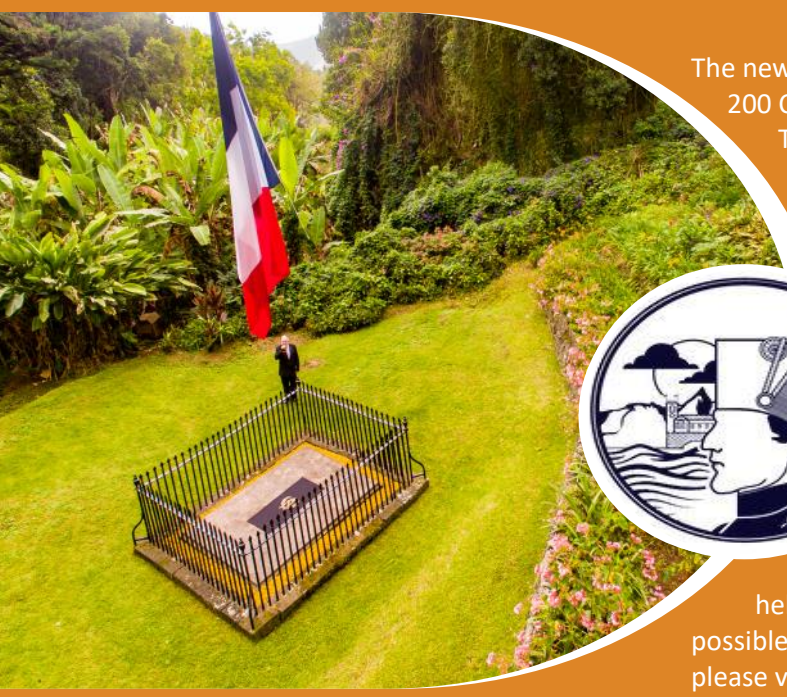
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Michael Palin

NAPOLEON 200 CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

The new British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust launched its Napoleon 200 Campaign to the public on Thursday 10 September 2020. The British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust is a new UK registered charity, set up by the Government of St Helena last year. The charity has two main objectives: to preserve the island's heritage, and to promote new perspectives on the story of Napoleon on St Helena. To 'preserve the Island's heritage', the Trust will fundraise for two priority projects: Toby's Cottage, a building at the Briars which housed the Balcombe family's slaves; and a new Heritage Trail. To 'promote new perspectives', the Trust will organise a series of events to raise awareness of the bicentenary and promote the Island. It is hoped that both the heritage projects and the events will help drive international tourism to the Island, once this is again possible. For further information about the Napoleon 200 Campaign, please visit www.napoleon200.org



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PEAKS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Peaks Project Development Plan was launched on Tuesday 15th September at the Museum. Key Partners and Representatives of the Peaks project development plan, (comprising St Helena Government, St Helena Research Institute, St Helena National Trust, St Helena Tourism and Connect St Helena) held presentations on the significance of the resources invested into St Helena's cloud forest at Diana's Peak National Park. The event provided attendees insight into the pillars of the project; Management, Biodiversity, Water Security and Socio-economics. Locally the Peaks are identified as the source of 40% of the islands water supply and are home to over 250 plant and animal species, a huge portion of which are found only in St Helena. The dedicated team are still discovering new species within this protected park area and continue to nurture the bastion of biodiversity found here.

For further information visit the St Helena Government website www.sainthelena.gov.sh

PLANTATION HOUSE FEATURES IN NEW BOOK

St Helena Tourism is proud to recognise that Plantation House, the residence of the Governor has recently been featured in a new book by Author Jeffrey Hyland that brings together a unique group of official residences for the first time. This new book explores over fifty official residences of the Crown, most of them still in use by Governors, Governors-General and officials in Commonwealth Realms and the British Overseas Territories.

This book is lavishly illustrated with over 250 images of these official residences sourced from all over the world by professional and amateur photographers including the author. Entries for each of the Government Houses provide an overview of its history and architecture; the unique features of the residence; any special events or visitors with particular reference to royal visits or occupants. This unique book can be purchased from isitww.jeffreyhyland.wordpress.com/books.

DID YOU KNOW?

EXPLORE OUR SHIPWRECKS

109 years ago on 11 September 1911 the SS *Papanui* caught on fire in Jamestown Harbour and subsequently sunk. The ship had sailed from Southampton with a crew of 108 and 364 passengers bound for a round trip to Australia. The *Papanui* is the closet shipwreck in proximity to the

harbour and lies in approximately 20 to 40 feet (6m to 12m) of water. The stern post protrudes above the surface occasionally as the tides moves in and out and can easily be seen. Over the years the *Papanui* has attracted an abundance of marine life and many endemics and other species of fish that can be found here is a testament to the island's strict conservation efforts. This is one of the most popular dive sites in St Helena for both the beginner and the experienced diver, as well as it being a favoured snorkelling location.

