

TRAVEL UPDATE

Titan Airways has been commissioned by St Helena Government (SHG) to provide two further flights to St Helena in February and March 2021.

The February Flight will depart from the UK to St Helena on 26 February and provide a shuttle service between Ascension Island on 27 February. It will depart St Helena on 28 February. The target date for the March Flight is 24-26 March 2021 and will operate via the same route as the February charter flight.

St Helena Government has recognised the need to exercise extra caution for our borders, in response of the new coronavirus variant and the

increase in COVID-19 cases globally.

SHG has announced that travel to St Helena will only be permitted for limited purposes at this time and air travel has

been restricted to repatriation only, via an air bridge between the United Kingdom (UK) and St Helena, operated by Titan Airways.

Passenger access by sea will now also only be permitted to specified categories. This means that the only persons who will be allowed to enter the Island via sea or air will be:

- Saints and their dependants
- Long term entry permit holders and their dependants
- Those in the service of the Crown in right of the Government of St Helena and their dependants

This restricted access by sea came into effect as of Tuesday, 5 January 2021.

While this will mean that tourists arriving on visiting yachts will not be allowed to come ashore, St Helena will still honour its international obligations.

Protocols and procedures for arriving passengers include a mandatory 14 day quarantine and satisfactory test results in order to ensure the protection of the island's community.

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MEMOIRS FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE

A Napoleon Bicentenary short video series artistically interpreting de Chateaubriand's, "Memoirs from beyond the grave" showcasing an island in the present day shaped by momentous history, has been created by St Helena Tourism and is being released weekly on the St Helena Napoleonic Bicentenary facebook page.

Memoirs from Beyond the Grave features a lyrical tale of Napoleon's arrival to St Helena, by François-Auguste-René, vicomte de Chateaubriand. As the Napoleon Bicentenary draws near, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the French Emperor Napoleon's death on 5 May 2021. François de Chateaubriand looks back to the beginning and follows Napoleon as he leaves Europe, upon the tremor of the seas to the place where he died.

Visit the facebook page <u>@napoleonicbicentenarysthelena</u> or <u>St Helena Tourism</u>

<u>Youtube channel</u> for both English and French Translations and keep a watch on the channel for the weekly releases.



BONE SHARK FESTIVAL 2021

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN - WHALE SHARK SEASON!!

St Helena National Trust is celebrating the 3rd annual Bone (Whale) Shark festival on Saturday 27th February 2021.

St Helena is very fortunate that the island remains COVID –19 free which allows our community to get together and celebrate these special events.

Whale Shark season on St Helena is between January-March and to date it has been reported that 23of these fantastic creatures have been spotted.

For more details and to keep up with the event, follow the St Helena National

Trust Facebook Page



NAPOLEONIC BICENTENARY

Wednesday 5th May 2021 will commemorate the 200th anniversary of Napoleon's death on St Helena Island.

St Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd is offering to lay in your name a mini wreath on the Emperor tomb. Each mini wreath will be made of everlasting flowers hand-picked ocally on the island, and taking their origins from the gift from Lay Moira to Napoleon in

For more information please visit the <u>St Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd website.</u>

