



## Direct flights from Cape Town: Dec 2024 to March 2025

Cape Town flights will be re-introduced in December 2024 and will run until March 2025.

St Helena's weekly Saturday return flight will operate from Cape Town and the weekly Tuesday return will operate from Johannesburg.

These twice-weekly Airlink flights give travellers greater flexibility in length of stay and route of travel, and provide great opportunity for dual-centre holidays to enjoy both Cape Town and St Helena.

The flights are scheduled during St Helena's summer months, when activities like hiking, diving, and swimming with whale sharks are at their finest.

Flights can be booked via [www.flyairlink.com](http://www.flyairlink.com).



## Festival of Walking 2023/2024

The Festival of Walking started in November 2023 and will run until the end of March 2024, with the chance to win great prizes along the way.



This five-month festival is a great opportunity to explore St Helena's nature trails, such as the Post Box Walks, with stunningly diverse landscapes as your backdrop. The trails take you to hidden gems and stunning viewpoints that can only be reached on foot.

The Walk of the Week, a main feature of the festival, is the perfect opportunity to join together with others to participate in a weekly selected walk. The walks vary in difficulty and length, so there's something for everyone. For an even better experience, local guest speakers and walking guides are present for some of these walks, highlighting amazing flora, fauna and history.

If you'd rather enjoy the festival at your own pace, you can take on your chosen walks at your leisure.

At the end of the Festival of Walking a presentation ceremony will take place where prizes will be awarded based on how many walks each participant has completed. A commemorative certificate for completing all the Post Box Walks will also be available. Memorabilia can also be purchased from local souvenir shops throughout the festival.

# We're officially a Hope Spot

In November 2023, St Helena announced that Mission Blue officially recognised St Helena's Category VI Marine Protected Area (MPA) as a [Hope Spot](#). This significant environmental milestone celebrates the island's 20-year journey and commitment to understanding and protecting the island's marine environment.

St Helena's 450,000km<sup>2</sup> MPA joins an ocean network of 156 Hope Spots around the world. St Helena's globally significant and pristine marine environment is full of biodiversity, even hosting migratory species like whale sharks, humpback whales and tuna. The local community is deeply connected to its ocean, with traditions like sailing, swimming and fishing embedded into our history, culture and traditions. Being recognised as a Hope Spot not only celebrates St Helena's environmental achievements but also puts the island on the map as an outstanding destination for sustainable marine tourism.



## A sunny festive season

St Helena's festive season lands at the start of its hottest months. It's a time each year when the island welcomes new faces as well as familiar ones, as family and friends from across the world travel home for the holidays.

The capital of Jamestown was buzzing since late November with the annual Festival of Lights, Christmas Eve Parade, Boxing Day Novelty Sports and Old Year's Night celebrations.

The true Saint-style Christmas was complete with big family dinners, picnics and trips to the seaside for a dip on those hot, sunny days.

With twice-weekly flights and the option to fly from Cape Town, this coming Christmas (December 2024) is the perfect time to experience a St Helenian Christmas for yourself.



## Win the trip of a lifetime

Enter the St Helena Tourism social media competition for a chance to win a trip to St Helena! The package includes a return flight from South Africa or the UK and as well as a variety of on-island activities.

It's a great opportunity to experience St Helena between December 2024 and March 2025, during our hottest months.

Competition closes 19 February so head over to our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) and enter now!

