

Flying to St Helena

## St Helena's air access

St Helena has one airport, one runway and one air service provider.

The island is small (at just 47sq. miles it is less than 1/3 of the size of the Isle of Wight) and extremely mountainous; as there was no area large and flat enough to accommodate a runway, in 2015 around 3,700 tonnes of rock were blown up and a valley filled in so a runway could be built.

In October 2017. St Helena Airport opened to commercial passenger flights. Until then, the island had only been accessible by sea; a voyage to the island onboard the RMS St Helena took 5 days from Cape Town. Now, the island is serviced by fortnightly flights, operated by Airlink.

## Booking your flight

St Helena's air service runs every other Saturday between Johannesburg (JNB) and St Helena Island (HLE). A monthly shuttle between St Helena and Ascension Island is also available. Ticket sales are now live at www.flyairlink.com (travellers can alternatively contact travelagent@solomons.co.sh).

## Arrival to South Africa

The fortnightly Airlink flight to St Helena departs OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg (JNB). For travellers not originating in South Africa, the following is required upon entry:

- Proof of vaccination **or**, for anyone who cannot show they are fully vaccinated, a negative PCR test result no older than 72 hours.
- A completed/signed Entry Traveller Health Questionnaire (THQ). This one-page form can be completed up to 48 hours before travel or upon arrival into the country.
- Screening (including temperature test and THQ review) by Port Health Officials to determine if a passenger is experiencing any COVID symptoms. If a traveller is found to have been exposed to or is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during screening, further assessments will be conducted, which may include testing. If the test result comes back positive and the traveller is symptomatic, a decision will be made on whether isolation can be completed at the traveller's accommodation or at a health facility. Click here for further guidance on what is required if a traveller tests positive.

## **Departure from South Africa**

For all other requirements for departing South Africa and arriving at St Helena, please see 'COVID Restrictions' leaflet.