**Visitors**

**As a Tourist**

St Helena’s natural beauty and historic heritage are in turn stunning and dramatic, offering all visitors an extraordinary lifetime experience. In spite of its small size, the Island has a huge amount to offer in terms of outstanding scenery, pristine marine waters, sub-tropical conditions and warm and friendly people. For more information on St Helena, what it has to offer its visitors and how to get here, visit the official St Helena Tourism website at [www.sthelenatourism.com](http://www.sthelenatourism.com/) We also encourage you to browse the pages of this website for key information about visiting the island.

**Travelling to St Helena**

With the Island’s airport currently under construction, the only regular access to and from St Helena is via the Royal Mail Ship (RMS) St Helena, one of only two ocean-going vessels in the world still carrying the title of Royal Mail Ship.

The RMS as she is known to the Saints, is currently the Island’s lifeline carrying passengers to and from the Island and carrying all goods and supplies to St Helena.

The RMS travels between St Helena, Ascension Island and Cape Town. For those wishing to visit St Helena the RMS website <http://rms-st-helena.com> provides a wealth of information on shipping schedules and fares, booking arrangements, tours and also connecting flights from the UK to Ascension Island. Alternatively, you can travel via Cape Town.

**Working on St Helena**

St Helena is growing its economy and opening its doors to inward investors - as well as providing more job opportunities for Saints Overseas to return home to work.

Current job vacancies within St Helena Government can be found on the Vacancies page **(link to Vacancies tab under Main About Us Tab).**

Enterprise St Helena (ESH) is the lead body responsible for promoting and enabling private sector development on the Island and if you are interested in self-employment or other job and investment opportunities you should contact them or check out their website at <http://www.enterprisesthelena.com/>

For those persons not of St Helenian descent but wishing to work on St Helena for a short time, you are allowed to stay here and work for up to six months.  More information on Entry Permits, Work Permits, Points Based Assessment and Permission to work can be found on the Immigration page. **(Link to Immigration tab under Main About Us Tab).**

Investors and entrepreneurs who want to make a substantial financial investment in St Helena can apply to enter or stay in St Helena without needing a job offer.

If you have been offered a skilled job in St Helena and your prospective employer is authorised to employ you can apply to enter or remain to do that job.

If you want to set up or take over, and be actively involved in running, a business or businesses here you can apply to enter or remain to do that job.

All of the above are subject to meeting certain conditions such as successful applications for a short or long term entry permit or work permit.

**Maps**

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**FAQS**

**What is the currency on St Helena?**

*St Helena has its own pound sterling currency, equivalent to the British Pound.*

**What is the time zone on St Helena?**

*St Helena operates at MT (less an hour in summertime).*

**What is the climate on St Helena?**

*St Helena boasts a sub-tropical climate kept calm and equable by the South East Trade Winds.*

*The hottest months are between January and March and the coldest months between June and September. For much of the year the temperature remains between 20-27 °C. The Rainy Season is usually from late March to early May and then again from July to September.*

**How do I travel around the Island?**

*St Helena has a public bus system and taxis are also available.*

**Is Accommodation available?**

*A range if accommodation is available, from private self-catering, to guest houses and hotels. Check out* [www.sthelenatourism.com](http://www.sthelenatourism.com/)

**What facilities are available on the Island?**

All the normal amenities are available. The Island offers Cafes, Restaurants, Shops, Bars, Community Centres, Public Swimming Pool, the Museum, and much else besides.

St Helena’s environment **(link to Environment Page)** is truly remarkable, from dramatic cliff tops to a sub-tropical interior – All of it surrounded by pristine seas. St Helena offers world class opportunities for activities such as walking/hiking, ornithology, marine trips and fishing. Incredibly clear skies also attract astronomers.