

Retracing Past Journeys







SECRETS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

An Escorted Expedition to St Helena Island

11 NIGHTS | 16 GUESTS

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 $\mbox{\it \pounds}$ 5 995.00 per person sharing | $\mbox{\it \pounds}$ 1 275.00 single supplement



Discover one of the world's most secretive destinations, spectacular St Helena Island, jewel of the South Atlantic.

Intil recently, only accessible by sea, we explore the fascinating British, Boer & Napoleonic history of this barely discovered gem.

Located approximately 1 200 miles (1 950 km) west of the South Western Coast of the African continent, St Helena Island offers the traveller a very special experience. For hundreds of years the only way to visit the island was a lengthy sea voyage via Cape Town. Untouched by mass tourism, the island is a wonderful discovery with a lengthy history, incredible marine life, fauna and flora and a welcoming people.

Discovered by the Portuguese in 1502, it became a Dutch then a British possession. It was a strategically important port of call during the British Empire, until the opening of the Suez Canal and the advent of steamships. The island's remote location meant it was used as a place of exile for key prisoners, including some 6 000 Boers, King Dinuzulu, Bahraini princes and, of course, Napoleon.





LONDON, United Kingdom

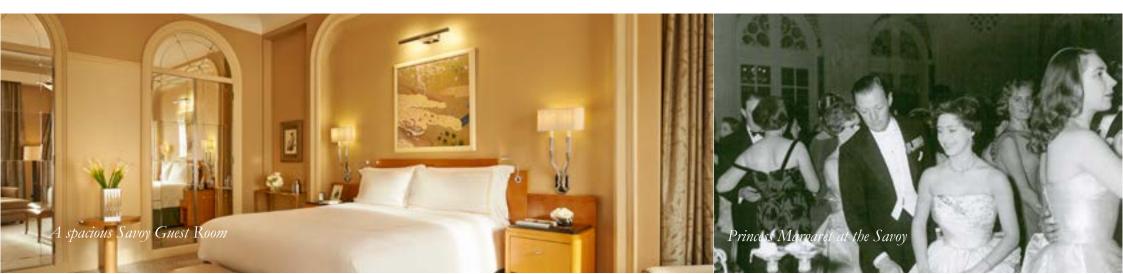
Discover the Glamour & Excitement of Great Britain's Capital City

Day One

Your journey begins in London at one of the world's most iconic hotels, the **Savoy**, where memories have been created since 1889 and our home in the City of London. Meet your fellow travellers over Afternoon Tea at the Thames Foyer, a wonderful relaxed start to our Expedition. Should you wish to stay overnight at the Savoy prior to our departure, please request our special rates from your Travel Adviser or Cocoon Journeys by Jet.

Your luggage will be stored while we enjoy a delectable selection of delights and tea's before we are transferred to London's Heathrow Airport for our overnight flight to **Johannesburg**, South Africa.

Your Expedition Rate includes return economy class flights from London to Johannesburg, however, should you prefer to travel in Premium Economy or Business Class, please inform your Travel Adviser or the Colonial Travel Team at time of reservation and you will be provided with the relevant surcharge.



JOHANNESBURG, South Africa

Welcome to the Powerhouse of Africa

Day Two

A n early morning arrival sees us touching down in Johannesburg, South Africa. The timing of flights to and from St Helena Island necessitates a stop over in this powerhouse of Africa before and after our Expedition to the Island.

We depart from the airport on a City Orientation Tour to give you an insight into this vibrant multi-cultural city taking in the City, Hillbrow Tower and Constitutional Hill before enjoying lunch. After lunch, we check-in at our hotel with the remainder of the afternoon to rest and refresh.

Our hotel is the stunning Fairlawns, before becoming a boutique hotel in 1997, it was originally a ten-acre family home, owned by the Brenthurst Trust of Oppenheimer fame, sporting stables, a training rink, a cow (just one), geese, dogs, and two teenage children.

This deluxe boutique hotel features just nineteen individually designed rooms,

decorated in themes from traditional African to sumptuous French provincial style. Each room offers modern facilities including Wi-Fi, flat-screen televisions and rainforest showers.

We meet in the bar this evening for a pre-dinner drink before enjoying dinner at Amuse Bouche Restaurant within the hotel.

Day Three

An early breakfast this morning before we transfer to O R Tambo Johannesburg International Airport for our flight to St Helena Island. The aircraft makes a short technical stop in Windhoek, capital city of Namibia before landing at St Helena's spectacular airport early afternoon.

We are met by our local guide and transferred to our hotel. Enjoy some free time to wander the streets of Jamestown or rest and take a well earned nap before joining the group for an aperitif before dinner at our hotel.





JAMESTOWN, St Helena

An island forgotten in time

Day Four

After breakfast, we undertake a guided walk of the Longwood Boundry. During his incarceration on St Helena, Napoleon was allotted an area of about 12 miles in circumference within which he could ride or walk, without being accompanied by a British Officer. The Longwood Boundry Walk retraces the route that Napoleon would have undertaken during his solitude and allows us to experience a welcome breath of fresh air and exercise after our long journey.

After working up an appetite, we enjoy lunch at Bertrands Cottage. The cottage was built in 1816 by the British Government for Napoleon's Grand Master, Henri-Gatien Bertrand and his family. General Betrand chose to accompany Napoleon to St Helena during his exile.

This afternoon we enjoy an excursion by sea to view the fortifications from a different perspective. St Helena was an important fortress during the early days of sail - resulting in numerous forts and batteries being located on the coastlines of the Island. This sea based cruise allows you to view these landmarks at a

perfect observation point. We return to our hotel for some free time and dinner.

After breakfast we visit the Museum of St Helena to learn more about the fascinating past and present history through the eyes of the museum which is located at the foot of Jacob's Ladder in a beautifully restored late 18th Century building.

Day Five

We have lunch in Jamestown before undertaking a guided walking tour around Jamestown. This is an ideal introduction to the island, its people and its rich history. This gentle stroll takes in The Castle, St James Church (the oldest church in the Southern Hemisphere), the famous Jacob's Ladder, the Court House and Castle Gardens.

It is an opportunity to learn about the settlement of this volcanic island and the lives of the people who live on the British Atlantic outpost.



Day Six

A fter breakfast we travel to Plantation House. Built in 1792, Plantation House has been and still reminas thE residence of all St Helena's Governors. The house retains its charm and features many timeless pieces. Plantation House is also the home to 186 year old Jonathan, the tortoise - the oldest known land vertebrate in the world.

We enjoy a light buffet lunch at Richards Lodge This afternoon we visit the only distillery on St Helena. The most remote Distillery in the world, located at Alarm Forest, is where Head Distiller Paul Hickling oversees every step of the distillery products.

His product range includes, Tungi (a spirit made from indigenous prickly pears, White Lion Rum, Jamestown Gin, White Lion Rum and Midnight Mist coffee liqueur, made exclusively from local St Helena Coffee.

Dinner at our hotel.

Day Seven

Today we focus on Napoleon. A full day tour exploring and visiting prime locations in connection with Napoleon during his exile. Sites include: New Porteous House, Maldivia House, Mount Pleasant, Fisher's Valley and Deadwood Plain.

Dinner at our hotel.

Day Eight

Today we take a slightly more adventurous approach to experience the wildlife of the island. This full day guided 4WD excursion explores the wild side of St Helena.

Enjoy up close and personal immersion into the island's incredible landscapes, from sheer volcanic rock formations to lush green countryside.

Dinner at our hotel.



Day Nine

Breakfast and morning at leisure. We meet up for lunch at one of the little restaurants in Jamestown before an optional climb to the top of Jacobs Ladder!

This evening we enjoy a Farewell evening reception, at the Generals Quarters - adjacent to the main house at Longwood. The quarters once accommodated Napoleon's large entourage. The building in recent years has been beautifully restored and is now a wonderful addition to the estate.

Day Ten

Morning at leisure before transferring to St Helena Airport and our return flight to Johannesburg. We arrive in Johannesburg this evening and transfer to our hotel for a late dinner.

Day Eleven

A fter breakfast this morning we travel to Soweto, the sprawling famous township for a guided tour by a local resident, visiting the former homes of Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. After a traditional local lunch, we visit the moving Apartheid Museum before transferring to the airport for our flight home.

We have lounge access this evening to relax before our overnight flight to London.

Day Twelve

Arrive London. A transfer to the Savoy Hotel is available for guests extending their stay in Central London.



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| Our tour directors & local guides

Our Tour Leaders are highly experienced and are there to ensure a high level of service on all our departures. They are there to take care of the smallest detail to ensure that you can relax and enjoy your holiday. Your Tour Leader will escort you from the start to the finish of your Expedition.

In our foreign destinations, we enjoy the services of local guides, many of whom grew up in the communities you will be visiting offering a unique first-hand perspective.

We include all gratuities for your Tour Director, local guides and drivers to ensure that they are rewarded for the excellent service they provide.

| Our itineraries

Our itineraries have been carefully crafted in conjunction with our local partners to offer you the very best of a destination. We operate at a sensible pace to allow you to truly enjoy your holiday and the experience.

We like to include unique and special experiences, often not available to regular travellers allowing you to really experience our destinations.

Many of our itineraries have a historical aspect and we are fortunate to include talks and private tours by qualified experts in their fields in many of our escorted expeditions.

| Accommodation & Meals

True to our name, we love hotels and lodges that ooze history and character. You won't find us in gleaming glass and chrome towers but you will find us in an historic hotel on a shady terrace with a refreshing G&T!

We generally include most meals, these may be at the hotels where we stay or in interesting local restaurants allowing you to experience the cuisine of the destination like a local. You'll always know exactly which meals are included and we also like to offer you the opportunity to dine independently during your free time.

Each itinerary highlights your dining options.





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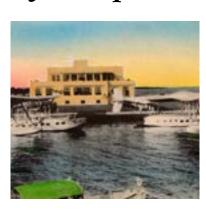
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