

Nightingale Island, Tristan da Cunha, British Overseas Territory

A tiny, uninhabited volcanic island where the port day is really an expedition landing. If the South Atlantic allows it, you step from a Zodiac onto wet rock and into one of the world's great seabird sanctuaries.

Zodiac tender only

Typical call: 4-8 hrs, weather dependent

No shops ashore; GBP/USD/EUR useful onboard

English

Expedition wildlife landing

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: No pier or harbor — offshore anchorage and Zodiac landing only

Best For: Seabirds, rockhopper penguins, fur seals, true expedition travel

Walk to Center: No town; guided trails start at the landing rocks

Don't Miss: Great shearwaters, northern rockhopper penguins, and the islanders' shacks

Getting around: **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Guided Seabird Landing** — Walk a tightly managed route through tussock habitat used by great shearwaters and endemic finches while guides keep...
- Northern Rockhopper Penguin Viewing** — Watch rockhoppers moving between surf, boulders, and nesting areas near the landing zone.
- Zodiac Coastline Cruise** — If landing is unsafe, Zodiacs may cruise below cliffs, sea caves, seal haul-outs, and bird colonies.
- Tristan Islander Shacks** — Where access is permitted, guides may point out the simple holiday and harvesting huts used by Tristan da Cunha...

BEST WALKS

- Landing Rocks to Tussock Trail** Short guided wildlife walk; wet rock, mud, and dense grass — A controlled route from the Zodiac landing into the lower tussock habitat, used for seabird and penguin viewing when local guides...
- Nightingale Island Coastal Viewpoints** Guide-led only; route varies by wildlife and weather — Short, flexible viewpoints near the landing area may be used for photography of Middle Island, Stoltenhoff Island, cliffs, and surf if...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	61°	57°	14d
Jun	56°	52°	18d
Aug	53°	50°	14d
Sep	53°	49°	14d
Oct	54°	51°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:16AM–6:22PM · Jun 8:02AM–5:38PM · Aug 7:34AM–6:15PM · Sep 6:50AM–6:40PM · Oct 6:04AM–7:06PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Assume the landing may cancel. South Atlantic swell often decides the day. Even a scheduled call can become Zodiac cruising or