

Saint Helena Island, South Atlantic, British Overseas Territory

One of the most remote inhabited islands on Earth, Saint Helena earned its place in history as Napoleon Bonaparte's final exile — and today rewards intrepid cruisers with a living land animal who was already old when Queen Victoria was crowned.

⚓ Tender port (no pier)

🕒 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

🇬🇧 / 🇸🇭 (cash only — no international ATMs)

🌐 English

📅 Season: Oct–Apr

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender from James Bay anchorage to Jamestown Wharf

Best For: History buffs, bucket-list travelers, Napoleon fans

Walk to center: 2 min from tender landing into Jamestown; all outside sites require a taxi

Don't Miss: Jonathan the tortoise at Plantation House — born c.1832, world's oldest known land animal

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✅ Negotiated (no meters) · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Longwood House — Napoleon's Exile** — Tour the villa where Napoleon lived from 1815 until his death in 1821, preserved by the French government with original...
- **Jonathan the Tortoise at Plantation House** — Meet Jonathan, a Seychelles giant tortoise born around 1832 and officially the world's oldest known living land animal...
- **Jacob's Ladder Climb** — Tackle 699 steps up a 41-degree staircase built in 1829, rising straight out of Jamestown to Ladder Hill Fort.
- **Diana's Peak National Park** — Hike to the island's highest point (818 m) through lush tree-fern cloud forest.
- **Napoleon's Tomb & Valley of the Tomb** — Visit the peaceful wooded glade where Napoleon was buried before his remains were returned to France in 1840.

BEST WALKS

- **Jamestown Town Walk** 1-2 hrs · Easy · Free — From the wharf, walk through the historic fortified gate into Main Street.
- **Jacob's Ladder Challenge** 30-45 min up · Strenuous · Free — Start at the foot of Jacob's Ladder in Jamestown and climb all 699 steps to Ladder Hill Fort for sweeping views over the bay.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	74°	72°	6d
Jun	70°	68°	7d
Aug	67°	65°	7d
Sep	67°	65°	6d
Oct	67°	65°	5d

🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 6:30AM–6:14PM · Jun 6:48AM–5:58PM · Aug 6:40AM–6:14PM · Sep 6:18AM–6:18PM · Oct 5:55AM–6:21PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

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— Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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Jacob's Ladder

A historic 699-step ladder connecting Jamestown to Ladder Hill.
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Napoleon's Grave

Napoleon Bonaparte's original, peaceful burial site before his reinterment in Paris.
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Cruise port / terminal