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Valid passport

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date').

Visa

Travellers should check whether they require a visa, which must be approved by St Helena Immigration prior to arrival.

Medical insurance

Valid medical insurance must cover at least £175,000 (or equivalent), including emergency medical treatment and aeromedical evacuation, for the duration of your stay. You may be asked to provide proof of insurance upon arrival, and this must be presented in English. Both paper and electronic proof of insurance is accepted, however you will most likely not have access to WiFi or cellular data upon arrival at St Helena Airport, so any electronic proof must be pre-downloaded onto a device.

Travel insurance

As St Helena only has one flight per week (two in most peak seasons), travel options in the case of delays are extremely limited. Therefore it is highly recommended that you purchase travel insurance that covers both missed and delayed departures.

Saint status letter

If you are a St Helenian returning to the island, you may be asked to show evidence that you have St Helenian status. Evidence is a Declaration of St Helenian status, a Certificate of St Helenian status or a letter from St Helena Immigration confirming your status. Please note that even if your passport shows your place of birth as St Helena, this alone is not sufficient evidence to demonstrate that status is held. If you are not in possession of sufficient evidence, you may not be permitted to board the aircraft.

For further information please contact the St Helena Immigration Office via email Evisaenquiries@sainthelena.gov.sh or telephone +290 22236.

Tickets

Your return ticket, or proof of funds to purchase your return ticket, must be printed and ready to produce to Immigration Officials upon arrival to the island.

Flights to St Helena are operated by Airlink.

South Africa traveller declaration

Complete the SARS Online Traveller Declaration (for travel via South Africa). The declaration must be completed within 24 hours of travel. Register and access the form at SARS Online Traveller Declaration.

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Accommodation

Upon arrival to St Helena, you will be asked to show proof of pre-arranged accommodation.

Entry fee

Upon arrival, visitors must pay a £20 entry fee in cash (GBP, USD, EURO and ZAR are accepted). Persons under age 12 are exempt from this fee.

Airport transfer

Taxis are not usually available at the airport, unless they have been booked in advance. Therefore it is highly recommended that you make your airport transfer arrangements prior to arriving at the island. The St Helena Tourist Office can provide further information and point you in the right direction.

Banking

It is highly recommended that you arrive to St Helena with some amount of Sterling (GBP), as a £20 entry fee must be paid upon arrival, by cash or the St Helena Tourist Card only (international card payments are not yet widely accepted on the island).

Additionally, you may want a small amount of cash in hand to get you through from Saturday's arrival to Monday morning. This is because St Helena currently has no ATMs, and the Bank (where you can use your international card for cash withdrawals) is closed from Saturday afternoon to Monday morning.

Car hire (if required)

Due to the demand for hire cars, it is highly recommended that you book yours in advance, as it may be difficult or impossible to secure one at short notice (especially during peak visitor season November-April).

Tours and excursions

St Helena offers a variety of tours and excursions that can be booked in advance.