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Dr Dean Allen's Exiles and Outcasts in Paradise Tours



ST HELENA: THE HISTORIC JEWEL OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Nestled in the South Atlantic Ocean, Saint Helena is not just a remote island; it's a treasure trove of history! Discover with Dean Allen how this volcanic island has played a pivotal role in international trade and geopolitics for centuries.

Most famously known as the final exile of Napoleon Bonaparte, Saint Helena offers visitors a glimpse into the life of this legendary figure. Explore Longwood, his home, and walk the paths he trod. Learn about the 6,000 Boers also imprisoned on the island by the British during the South African War of 1899-1902, not to mention the Bahraini political prisoners kept captive here during the late 1950s.

Beyond its exiles and outcasts, the island was also crucial during the Age of Exploration, serving as an important stopover for ships sailing to the East Indies. Its rich cultural tapestry, influenced by African, Asian, and European settlers, makes for a unique blend of traditions and histories that will be explored on this tour.

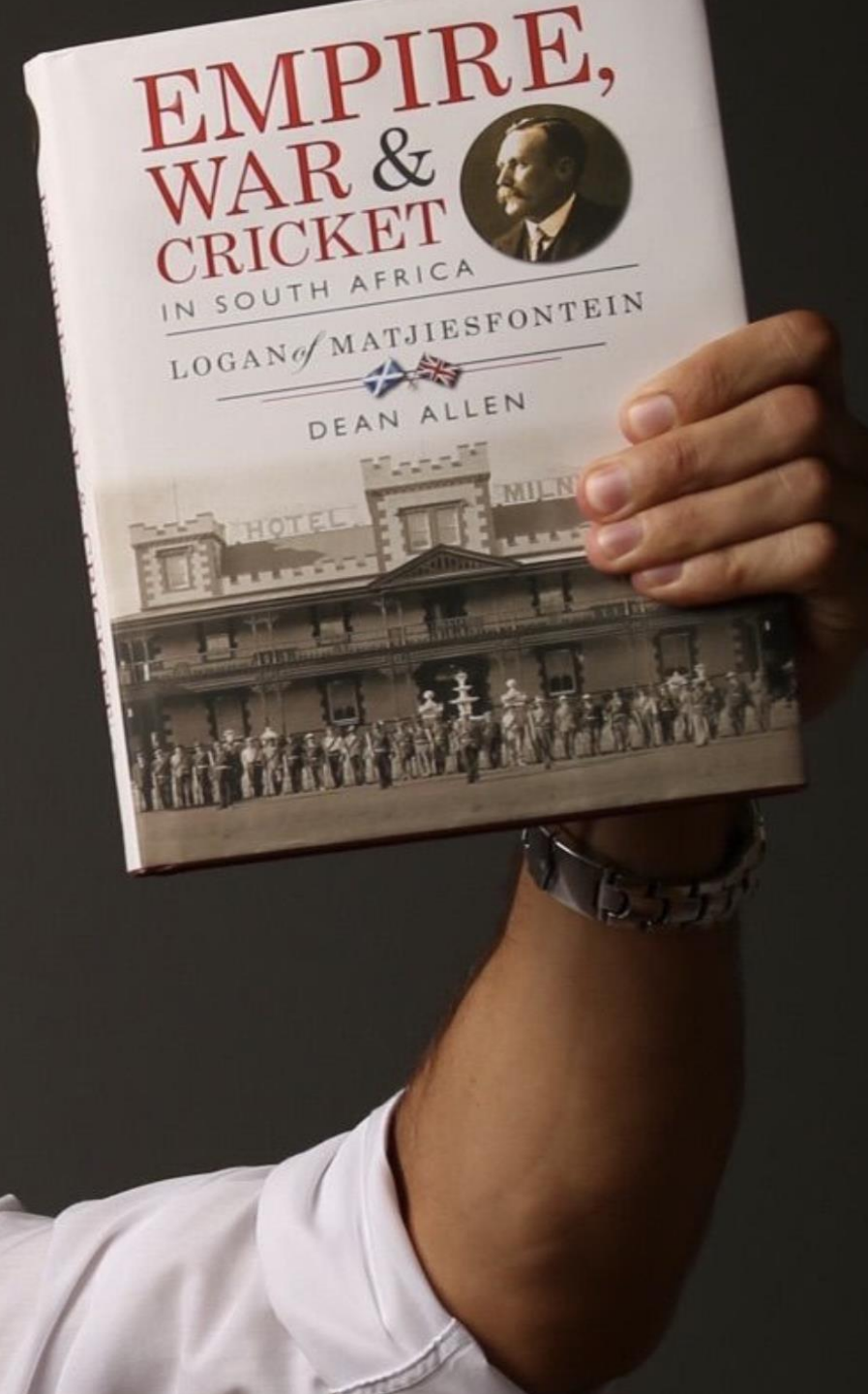
Join us on a journey to Saint Helena - where every corner tells a story, every hike reveals a tale, and every sunset is a reminder of a past that shaped our world!

It gives me great pleasure to share with you details of our tours to the incredible island of Saint Helena in May 2026!

As numbers are restricted to just 16 guests per tour, places are on strictly on a first come-first served basis. Once the May tours are full, we will create a waitlist. There is also the option to book now for a specialised Napoleon Tour that will take place from 12-18 October 2025 (again restricted to just 16 guests). Please read on for the full details of these value-packed tours.

To secure your place now (with a deposit) contact the tour's co-leader Matt Joshua: matt@traveldesigner.com or call +27 647288099 (office hours).

We look forward to you joining us on this experience of a lifetime!



CLASSIC Exiles and Outcasts in Paradise Tour with Dr Dean Allen

Dates: 16th to 23rd May 2026

From £2,799.00 sharing p/person; £2,999.00 single

Price includes:

2 nights in a standard room, B&B (pre and post trip) in the City Lodge Hotel, OR Tambo Airport

7 nights in a contemporary room, B&B in the Mantis St Helena Hotel

Return flights with Airlink to St Helena from OR Tambo Airport, Johannesburg

Airport transfers on St Helena

4 lunches, an afternoon tea, and 6 dinners on St Helena

Tours (includes transport)

Full day island tour

Marine safari boat trip

Historical walking tour of Jamestown

Island history tour

Plantation House tour

Napoleonic tour

Guided hike

Coffee tour

Guide fees

Excludes:

Alcoholic drinks (unless specified as included)

£20 entry fee at St Helena

Visa fees (No visa required for SA or UK passport holders)

Optional or non-listed activities

Travel Insurance

Travel outside the tour's destination

Extras, such as laundry

Gratuities

SIGNATURE Exiles and Outcasts in Paradise Tour with Dr Dean Allen

Dates: 23rd to 30th May 2026

From £3,250 sharing p/person; £3,499 single

Price includes:

2 nights in a Classic room (pre and post trip) in the Intercontinental OR Tambo Airport (5-star)
7 nights in a Heritage room or suite, B&B in the Mantis St Helena Hotel
Return flights with Airlink to St Helena from OR Tambo Airport, Johannesburg
Airport transfers on St Helena
4 lunches, an afternoon tea, and 6 dinners on St Helena (includes elevated dining experiences)
A private reception at Plantation House with His Excellency the Governor of St Helena
Tours (includes transport)
Full day island tour
Marine safari boat trip
Historical walking tour of Jamestown
Island history tour
Plantation House tour
Napoleonic tour
Guided hike
Coffee tour
Guide fees

Excludes:

Alcoholic drinks (unless specified as included)
£20 entry fee at St Helena
Visa fees (No visa required for SA or UK passport holders)
Optional or non-listed activities
Travel Insurance
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Spaces on this tour are limited. Heritage suites will be allocated on a 'first come first served basis', then Heritage rooms will be allocated as spaces are filled.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

Overnight at City Lodge or Intercontinental hotel, OR Tambo, Johannesburg, depending on your package.

Day 1: Early Check in. Fly from OR Tambo to St Helena Island with Airlink, with a fuel stop at Walvis Bay, Namibia. Arrive St Helena. Transfer to the Mantis St Helena hotel, Jamestown. Guided walk to Mundens Point overlooking James' Bay. Welcome dinner.

Day 2: Full day Island Tour that traverses the entire island taking in Sea View and Gordon's Post to Deadwood Plain, Longwood, the Millennium Forest, Levelwood, Sandy Bay, Blue Hill, St Paul's and Ladder Hill. With afternoon tea.

Day 3: A morning Marine Safari along the leeward side of the island and see rich sealife, very likely the local superpod of pan tropical dolphins, military fortifications, geological formations, seabirds, and an opportunity to take a swim or snorkel. Visit the St Helena Museum followed by a guided Historic Town Walk in the afternoon.

Day 4: Visit Plantation House, the home of the island's Governors and the world's oldest living land animal, Jonathan the Tortoise. Picnic Lunch, followed by a scenic hike to the West of the Island.



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Day 5: Choose from pre-booked activities including exploring and making local handicrafts, scuba diving, hiking, e-biking, golf (on the worlds' most remote golf course), snorkeling and more. Or a day at leisure. An evening fish braai and sundowners at the St Helena Yacht Club.

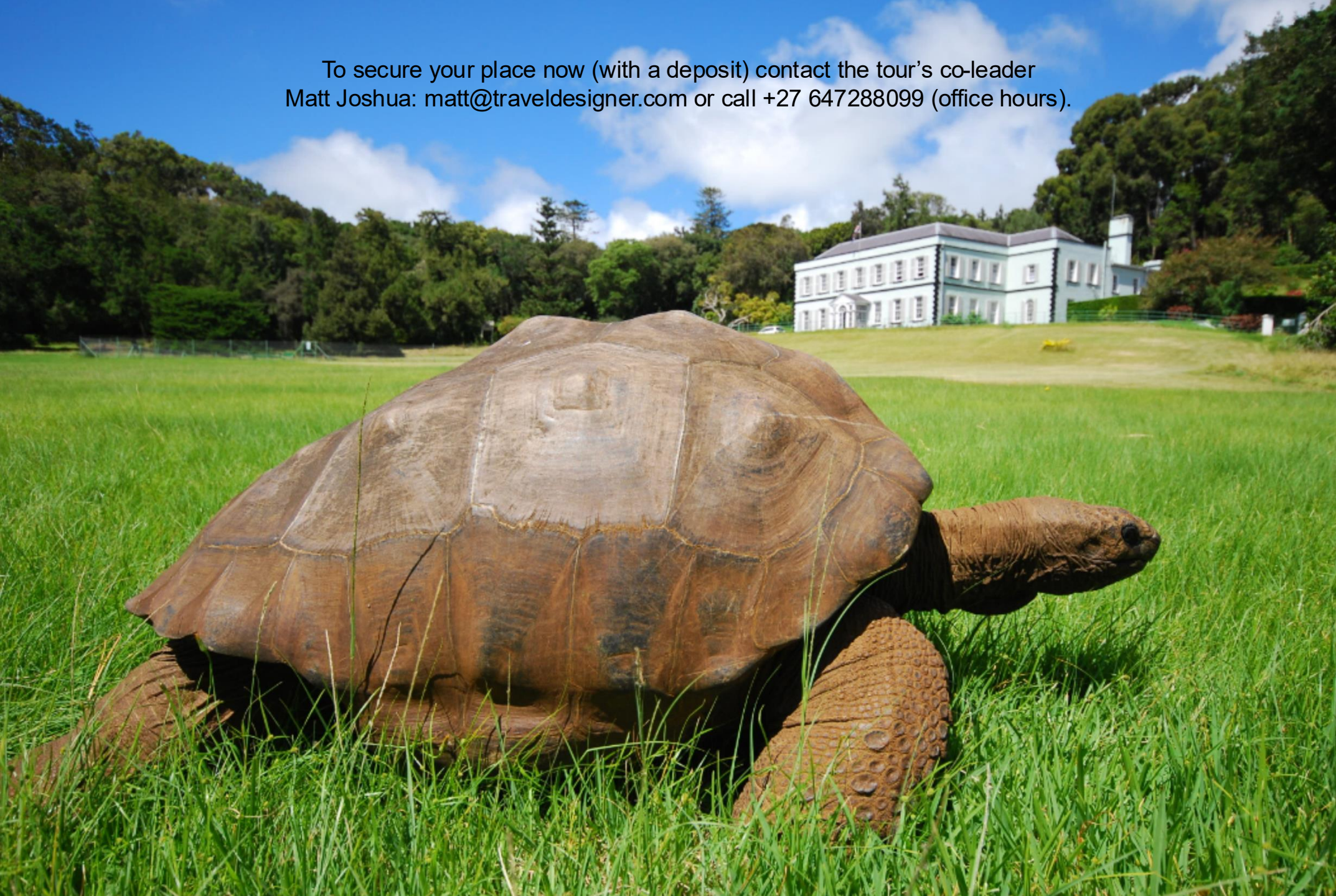
Day 6: In the morning, explore the legacies of Anglo Boer War, Zulus, African Slaves, East India Company and Chinese on St Helena. After lunch, enjoy a bean-to-cup coffee tour (St Helena has some of the most sought after coffee on the planet).

Day 7: Visit the three main Napoleonic sites: the Briars Pavillion, the French Emperor's long term residence Longwood House, and his Tomb. Lunch at the former house of Napoleon's General Henry Bertrand. An afternoon at leisure. Farewell dinner.

Day 8: Check out of Mantis St Helena. Depart St Helena, on your return flight to OR Tambo with Airlink.



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