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JAMESTOWN  
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St HELENA  
ISLAND

## GENERAL INFO

## ABOUT ST HELENA



There are currently no ATM's on the Island. The Bank of St Helena, located in Market Square, Jamestown, does offer cash advances on most credit and debit cards. Cards used for this service must have a verification number. You will need to provide a valid photo ID (passport or driver's license) to use this service; however, the bank will accept a photocopy of the passport page showing the photograph and holder's information.

The local currency, the St Helena Pound, is equivalent to the British Pound (Sterling). The US Dollar, South African Rand and Euro in the form of notes are also accepted at the bank.



SURE's mobile service enables local and international calls and SMS's. SIM cards and Pay As You Go/Monthly vouchers can be purchased from vendors all over the island.

International phone cards can be bought in Jamestown from SURE, Chad's Shop, Wellington House Shop, Rose and Crown, and Warrens Store and in Longwood from Longwood Supermarket, Rose and Crown DIY and Pub Paradise. These cards can be used in pay phone booths around the island.

Wi-Fi vouchers can be purchased and used at the Consulate Hotel, the Inkwell, Anne's Place and The Sandwich Bar in Jamestown, and Tasty Bites at Ladder Hill.



Jamestown has a General Hospital and a Dental Surgery. All visits are by appointment only, except emergencies. Telephone 22500. In the case of an emergency, dial 911 for ambulance and 999 for Police, Fire or Sea Rescue.



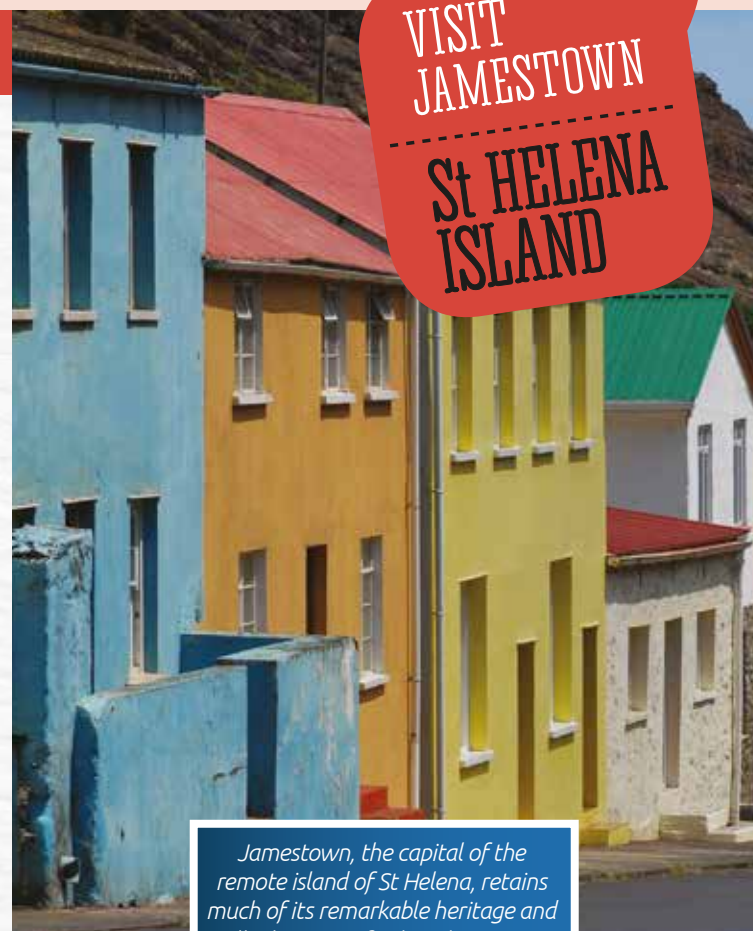
Most roads are single lanes. Etiquette requires the driver coming down to make way for the up-coming traffic. Drive on the left-hand side of the road. Road signs are shown in miles per hour. The speed limit in Jamestown is 20 mph. There is a taxi rank in Market Street, Jamestown. Car hire and taxi information can be obtained from the Tourist Office.

Petrol, diesel and bottled gas can be bought from Solomon's Fuel Station, Backway, Jamestown.

St Helena is a small British Overseas Territory situated in the South Atlantic Ocean. One of the remotest places on Earth, it is also one of the most extraordinary places to visit. Its unique character and unspoilt beauty lies in contrasting and spectacular scenery, a rich cultural heritage and an environment extremely rich in biodiversity.

These are just a few of the reasons why this remote jewel is a perfect location for active exploration and discovery, especially now that it can be reached by plane for the first time.

- Walking and hiking
- Birding and wildlife
- Indigenous Fauna and Flora
- Diving, snorkelling, fishing and other marine activities
- Whale Shark, dolphin and whale tours
- Historic legacy and cultural tours
- Napoleonic heritage
- Astronomy and photography



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## JAMESTOWN THROUGH THE CENTURIES

Jamestown is the capital of the remote island of St Helena, situated in the South Atlantic Ocean. This Georgian seaport nestles in a deep valley and retains a remarkable heritage; a 500- year history waiting to be discovered. The town's streets echo with impressions recalling the past – Napoleon walked this way as did the Duke of Wellington, Captain Bligh, Edmund Halley, Charles Darwin and Captain James Cook. Jamestown's overwhelming texture tells of colonial conquest, slavery, imperialist ideals, the age of sailing ships, war and exile. Jamestown has a unique quality; it's a town which brings the past boldly into the present.

- 1502** On a return trip from India, the Portuguese admiral João da Nova sighted St Helena. The island was uninhabited when he landed on 21st May 1502 - the anniversary of Emperor Constantine's mother, Saint Helena.
- 1588** Captain Thomas Cavendish, an English explorer, arrives on the *Desire*.
- 1589** The Portuguese kept the island a secret and little is recorded until 1589 when the Dutch pilot Johan van Linschoten described in his journal the fleet landing at Jamestown, then known as Chapel Valley.
- 1659** Island annexed by the English East India Company. The Castle is built and Captain Dutton commissioned to "settle, fortify and plant."
- 1673** Island taken by the Dutch. Island recaptured for England by Sir Richard Munden.
- 1700** The population, some 700 individuals, includes soldiers, Huguenot refugees, victims of the Fire of London and there are 300 simple dwellings, mostly in Jamestown.
- 1774** St James' Church is built near the site of the original chapel.
- 1829** The construction of Jacob's Ladder, a prominent feature of Jamestown. It comprises of 699 steps leading up to Ladder Hill Fort.

*During the 18th century new buildings took on a Georgian flavour, later to be coloured by Victorian embellishment. All these treasures give Jamestown its distinct and unmistakable character.*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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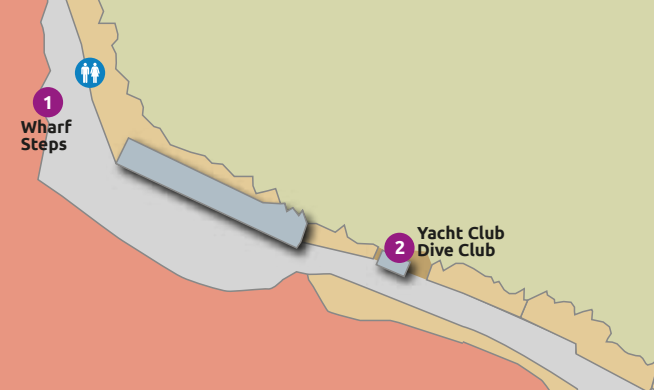
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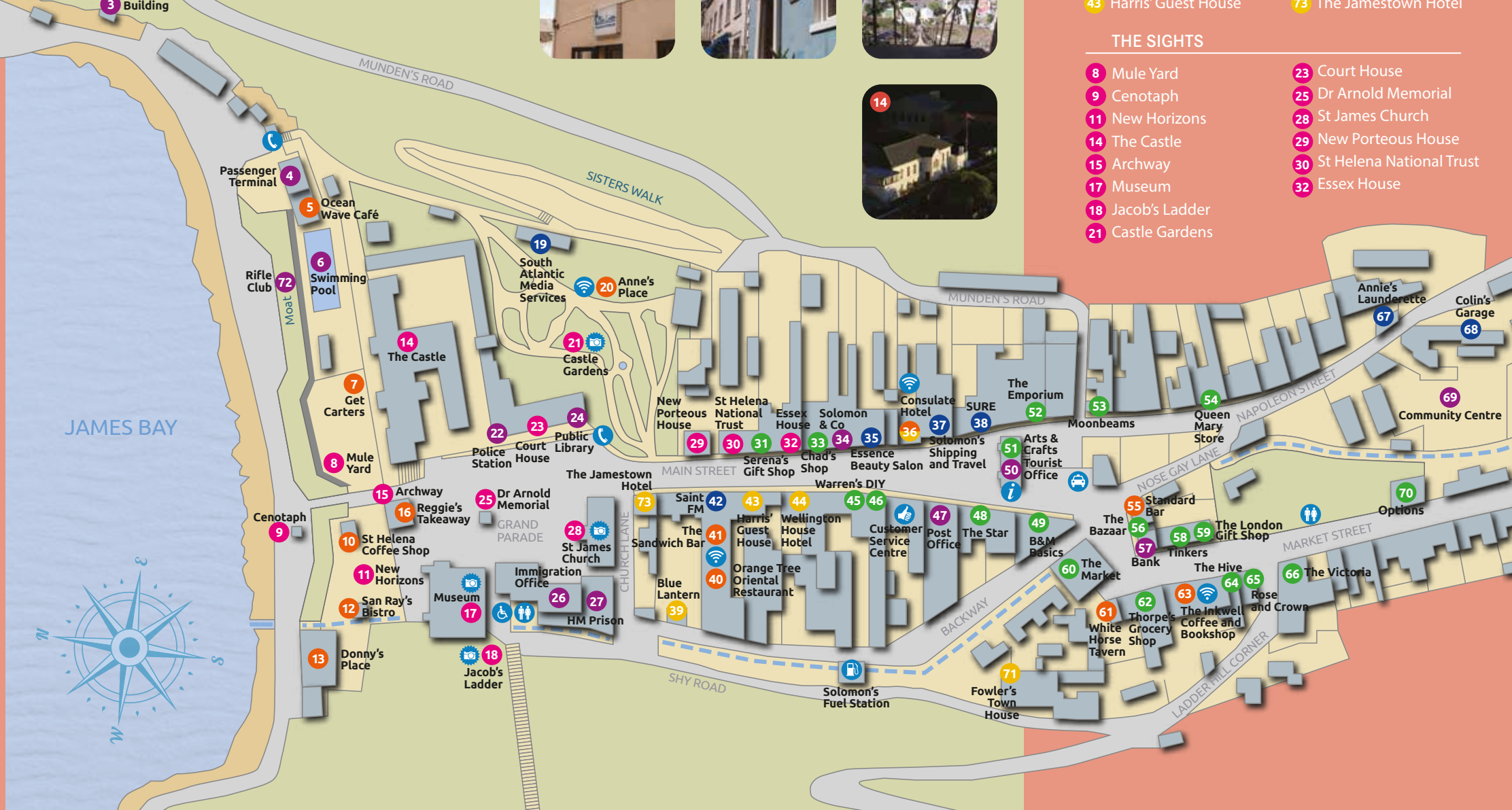
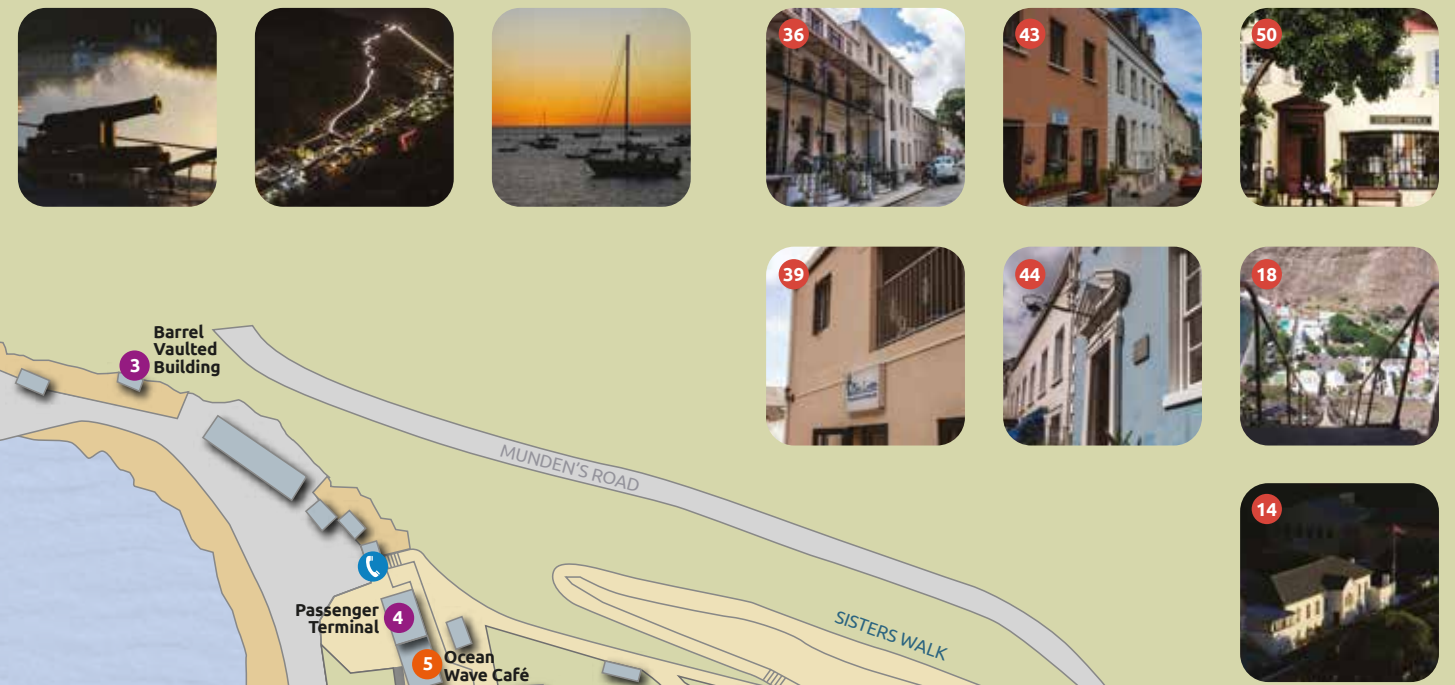




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