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## Cape Town-St Helena seasonal midweek flight launched

Cape Town Air Access, together with the St Helena Government (SHG) and Airlink, are launching a new connection between Cape Town and St Helena with a seasonal flight scheduled weekly on a Tuesday, operating from 3 December 2019 to 31 March 2020.



St Helena. Image source: Facebook

Helena Bennett, director of Tourism for St Helena, said: "St Helena has for many years held a special connection with Cape Town which was once the port of call for the island's Royal Mail Ship before it was decommissioned in February 2018. For the island to be once again connected with Cape Town provides our tourism industry with this much desired link. Being able to provide our visitors with the option of a two-stop holiday where they can explore the magnificent Cape Town and then hop on a flight and spend a few days discovering the many treasures and beauty St Helena has to offer, will be a huge benefit to the island and our stakeholders."

The midweek Cape Town service supplements Airlink's Saturday service to OR Tambo International Airport and will connect the Western Cape to the South Atlantic island during the peak season. With the opening of the St Helena airport in 2017, access to island has been made quicker and easier.

Wesgro CEO, Tim Harris, said that this was the fifteenth non-stop route added by the Cape Town Air Access since its inception in 2015: "Following the game-changing news that Cape Town will now be connected to North America through a non-stop flight, we are delighted to welcome yet another route to Cape Town International Airport. By connecting Cape Town to other tourists attractions around the world, we are able to help visitors put together itineraries with Cape Town at the centre. This strengthens our tourism offer considerably."

Cape Town Air Access is a partnership between the Western Cape Government, the City of Cape Town, Wesgro, Airports Company South Africa, Cape Town Tourism, South African Tourism and private sector partners.

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