

St Helena is open for business

COMAIR has been appointed the official provider of air services to St Helena, with the Island's first airport opening in 2016. St Helena is a tropical island of volcanic origin in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Comair will operate a scheduled service between Johannesburg (OR Tambo International Airport) and St Helena Airport. The weekly Saturday service will be operated using a new B737-800 aircraft in a two-class configuration (business and

economy class). The flight time from Johannesburg to St Helena is approximately five hours.

Bookings will open for sale later this year, subject to the conclusion of regulatory approvals.

Mantis has been selected as the preferred operator to manage the 32-room hotel to be created at 123 Main Street out of three historic buildings in St Helena's capital, Jamestown. Construction is due to start in July and the hotel is

expected to open during the first half of 2016.

"For a new and developing international tourism and investment destination, quality and trust are paramount. That St Helena is entering into partnership with two of the most respected and trusted brands in their respective fields – Comair and Mantis – sends out a very strong message. St Helena is open for business," says Enterprise St Helena's chief, **Niall O'Keeffe.** ■