



[Home](#) » [Travel News](#) » [Airline News](#) »

## First ever plane lands in St Helena

35 9 Share

yesterday



History was made on the island of St Helena earlier, as a Beechcraft King Air 200 aircraft arrived from Angola and touched down at the new Airport, prior to conducting a series of calibration flights.

### FOLLOW BREAKING TRAVEL NEWS



Latest News

Popular News

Week | Month

[easyJet launches new routes for spring sale](#)

[Etihad Airways rolls out new baggage policy](#)

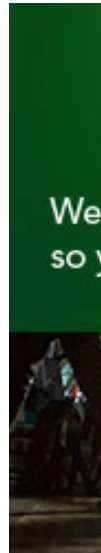
[First ever plane lands in St Helena](#)

Stepping out of the aircraft, captain Grant Brighton said: “It feels fantastic and we’re privileged to have flown the first plane to land on St Helena and to be part of your wonderful project.

“The trip over was good.

“It was interesting landing here, a bit windy on the threshold but a terrific runway, surface, airport and facility.”

ADVERTISEMENT



The aircraft crew comprised Brighton, co-pilot and first officer Dillan Van Niekerk, chief aircraft engineer Jeffrey McKenzie - all of TAB Charters, SA - together with FC SL chief pilot, Stuart Rawlinson, and chief flight inspector Nick Whitehouse, also of FC SL.

Greeting the crew on the apron, governor Mark Capes remarked: “Today we witnessed an event that will feature prominently in the history of this Island.

“For the airport project another important piece of the jigsaw has slotted firmly into place.

“There are a few more vital pieces to be added before the picture is complete, but we are nearly there and I warmly congratulate everyone who has played a part in this extraordinary project.

“When we launched this work almost four years ago, such were the many obstacles to overcome that there were those who doubted that it would succeed and yet, behold, a plane has landed at St Helena airport.”

The calibration tests will now commence.

Several flights each day - weather permitting - will be undertaken from the British UK Overseas Dependency.

Tags: [st helena](#)

[British Airways to launch 787-9 Dreamliner flights to Muscat](#)

[Qatar Airways boosts European route network](#)

[Malaysia Airlines Berhad rebuilds with new aircraft](#)

[Scandinavian Airlines launches new route to Hong Kong](#)

[New leadership for Thomas Cook in UK & Ireland](#)



#### MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS



[Share this article](#)

## COMMENTS

0 Comments



Add a comment...

[Facebook Comments Plugin](#)

## RECOMMENDED FOR YOU

## RELATED ARTICLES

**Pickard takes over leadership of St Helena tourism**

26th Aug 2015

**Mantis to open St. Helena resort hotel**

19th Apr 2013

**New era for St Helena with new director of tourism**

11th Dec 2012

Logos include: Asia, CUGGHI, The Travel Marketing Store, Serviced Apartment Summit, world travel market (2-5 November 2015 - London), ijimex, ARABIAN HOTEL INVESTMENT CONFERENCE, WORLD TRAVEL & TOURISM COUNCIL, routes online, and UBM Aviation (The freedom to innovate).

THE LUXURY HOTEL RESIDENCES COLLECTION  
WORLD HOTEL RESIDENCES

Transcreation Services  
Creative translation for the Hotel & Travel Industry  
IPPWORLD  
trusted since 1994

THE WORLD AWAITS  
HNA TOURISM

MEGACARHIRE.COM

Breaking Travel News  
5,284 likes  
Like Page Share

Be the first of your friends to like this



## ABOUT

About  
Contact  
Forward Features  
Privacy Policy  
Terms of Use

## CONNECT

New sletter  
Mobile  
RSS  
Twitter  
Widgets

## ADVERTISE

Online Advertising  
Print Advertising

## SUBMIT

Submit an Article  
Submit a Press  
Release  
Submit an Event

Copyright © 2015 Breaking Travel News  
All rights reserved