

WATCH: First large passenger jet lands on St Helena

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Cape Town - The island of St Helena is one step closer to opening up to the world at large after the first large passenger jet aircraft, a Boeing 737-800 (ZS-ZWG), touched down at its airport on Tuesday and made a number of test flights on Wednesday,

The St Helena Government confirmed this is the actual British Airways Boeing aircraft, operated by Comair, which will serve the St Helena/Johannesburg route. †

See footage of the † *Implementation Flight* from OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg.



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Martin Louw, Operations Director for Comair, said on arrival, "We did a few practice approaches just to make sure we understood the approach - safety is always paramount."

Ahead of the commencement of scheduled air services, the objectives of the Implementation Flight include route assessment, airside operations, passenger and cargo handling, training and various aspects of safety at St Helena Airport.

The aircraft was also carrying a consignment of aircraft, plus spare parts which will remain on the Island.