

St Helena Island Night Tour.

On the evening of Saturday 17th November, 22 of us set off on the Cat-O-Nine Tails for what was once dubbed the 'hell hole of the Pacific' – St Helena Island for a theatrical night tour of the old prison. The Cat-O-Nine Tails needless to say is a catamaran and the journey across Moreton Bay took about 30 minutes. Due to the wind direction the water was a little choppy for the journey across but we all still managed to tuck into a surprisingly good salad and cold cuts buffet. There were a couple of other groups on board with us; some evidently thought it a sailing ship as they were already three sheets to the wind.



Female Actor 1

The tour was, as stated, a theatrical one where the life and times of some of the more notorious inmates and life in general as an inmate were acted out. Very harsh treatment by our present day standards but this was on average a century ago. We walked from one area to the next around the old ruins for the next instalment with the only light being moonlight and a small ground based spotlight for the performances.



Female Actor 2

The performances were informative and a change from the usual monologue from a tour guide. No ghosts were encountered on this tour.

For most of us this was our first encounter with St Helena Island and many of us were surprised at what and how much was there. I certainly would like to return in day light to have a better look around the old prison and the island in general.



Male Actor

The return trip was much smoother going and we had a range of yummy cakes and cheese cakes along with tea or coffee. All in all, an enjoyable and informative tour.

