# NORFOLK ISLAND 10 DAYS

## "A beautiful island with a colourful past"

DEPARTING THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY TO SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 MOTEL ACCOMMODATION



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Norfolk Island a 3 million year old volcanic outcrop is located in the South Pacific Ocean, east of the Australian mainland. It has an area of 34.6 square kilometres with no large-scale internal bodies of water and 32 km of coastline. The island's highest point is Mount Bates 319 metres above sea level and located in the northwest quadrant of the island. The majority of the terrain is suitable for farming and other agricultural uses. This sub-tropical paradise is surrounded by millions of empty square kilometres of seascape. Discovered by Captain James Cook, it was claimed by him for Great Britain and named in honour of the Duchess of Norfolk. Cook's crew were struck by the island's rugged beauty and the abundance of flax and pine.

In 1856 the island received those who call it home to this day - the Pitcairners, descendants of the Bounty Mutineers. During the intervening 140 years these people have nurtured the island to make it a prosperous, tranquil and beautiful place. Thousands of people from all over the world now come to experience the history, beauty and unique Pitcairn culture that make Norfolk Island a paradise on earth. Norfolk's sub-tropical climate is tempered by the surrounding sea so it is never blazingly hot, and rarely cold enough to demand more than a pullover or cardigan. Light casual clothing is suitable, with smart casual wear for special functions.

#### DAY 1 – THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY HOME TO SYDNEY

This morning after your pick up from home you will be taken to Melbourne Airport Tullamarine for departure and the Qantas flight to Sydney. On arrival in Sydney we transfer by shuttle to Rydges Sydney International Airport Hotel which is our overnight accommodation for the first night. Relax and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Accom: Rydges Sydney International Airport Hotel. Ph 02 9313 2500

#### DAY 2 – FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY SYDNEY TO NORFOLK ISLAND

An early breakfast at the hotel this morning before we make our way across to the airport in time for the flight to Norfolk Island with Qantas. On arrival on the island we will be met and transferred to our hotel. The South Pacific Resort Hotel is centrally located within walking distance of the town centre, and only minutes' drive from the historic Kingston precinct.

Accom: South Pacific Resort Hotel. +67 2322166

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#### DAY 3 – SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY HALF DAY TOUR / SCENIC BBQ

We start the day off with a full buffet breakfast served in the hotel before a half day orientation tour which is a must for every visitor. We visit historic Kingston, Cascade, and Longridge. On tour we see and hear about the famous convict buildings, beautiful beaches and golf course, the renowned Melanesian Chapel, local Government laws and lifestyle. This full commentary conducted tour will ensure we enjoy views from the best scenic localities on the island. We will stop for a delicious afternoon tea in the garden of an historic island home. Our dinner tonight is the Scenic BBQ which is a great opportunity for you to experience the casual outside dining at a Scenic location on the Island.

#### DAY 4 – SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY

#### **CONVICT SETTLEMENT TOUR / BOUNTY BAR & GRILL**

After Breakfast our guide will take us on the Convict Settlement Tour of the historic Georgian Settlement of Kingston. We walk through the cemetery and hear the history of interesting convict and colonial headstones, and hear stories of the houses along Quality Row. We walk through the ruins of the New Gaol; see the Pier Store, Boat Shed and the Crank Mill. Afternoon tea is included. Tonight we will enjoy a 2 course dinner at the Bounty Bar & Grill.

#### DAY 5 - MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY

FLETCHER'S MUTINY CYCLORAMA / GLASS BOTTOM BOAT / WONDERLAND BY NIGHT This morning after the full buffet breakfast we will head off to Fletcher's Mutiny Cyclorama an unforgettable experience. Experience a walk inside the continuous 360 degree panoramic painting that traces the history of the Bounty leaving England through Tahiti, Pitcairn Island and arrival at Norfolk Island in 1856. This afternoon we can discover Norfolk's unique marine life in a glass bottomed boat. We can view beautiful coral gardens and tropical fish inside the calm crystal waters of the lagoon. (This tour is subject to weather conditions). Dinner tonight is in the South Pacific Resort Restaurant. After dinner tonight we experience Wonderland by Night. The setting is 10 acres of magical Norfolk pines and bushland lit up like an enchanted forest. Meander along (or ride in the 'moon buggy') a gentle winding path with a descendant of the Bounty mutineers, as he recites his poems and lights up the dioramas.

#### DAY 6 - TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY

#### CHRISTIAN'S 4WD TOUR / NIGHT AS A CONVICT

This morning we join some of the descendants of the Bounty mutineers on an exciting 3 hour tour to points of Norfolk accessible only by 4WD. This back of beyond tour takes us through private properties and the National Park featuring spectacular scenery, native flora and bird life. It also includes delicious homemade cakes with tea and coffee at a beautiful island home. This afternoon is yours to spend at leisure prior to a fun night out. With outfits supplied you can dress as a convict and join in with the Commandant for an evening of gaiety, feasting, singing and dancing. Great food and great fun! This is Norfolk's only dinner and dance night, and is the most popular feature dinner on Norfolk.

#### DAY 7 – WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

**BREAKFAST BUSH WALK / GREEN FINGERS TOUR / PROGRESSIVE DINNER** 

A good choice this morning of a stroll through One Hundred Acres Reserve or for the more energetic, a leisurely 3.5km walk through scenic Mt Bates to the Captain Cook Monument. At the end of the walk we meet on the cliff top for a delicious breakfast barbecue. Those who prefer not to rise early and bush walk, but would like to have breakfast on the cliff top, join the walkers at Anson Bay and share in the delicious barbecue breakfast. This afternoon is a delightful half-day tour to explore the island's most enchanting gardens. Stroll through lush gardens that boast magnificent views, including the island's only maze, and a private garden that will take your breath away. Discover the unique flora and fauna that are native to Norfolk Island, and learn how past settlements have influenced the gardens that exist today. As you take in the scenery, you'll also enjoy a lovely afternoon tea at a picturesque location. This is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in Norfolk Island's natural beauty. Another special treat tonight as we enjoy a 3 course meal progressing to different Norfolk Island family homes. A fun night, and a great way to meet the local people and sample some of the Island dishes.

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#### DAY 8 – THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY OVER THE CATTLESTOPS / ISLAND FISH FRY

After the full buffet breakfast today we travel to Anson Bay for the Over the Cattlestops Tour and visit a small hobby farm, which has been instrumental in improving our local livestock industry. Close by see a demonstration at Norfolk's major pottery and browse at the Cottage Pottery shop. Meet the skilled artisans and entrepreneurs behind the island's thriving businesses as they showcase their unique crafts and specialties. From handcrafted pottery to locally made soft drinks, you'll have the chance to taste and purchase some of the finest locally-made products. Along the way, we'll stop at a stunning scenic spot for morning tea, where you can soak up the breathtaking natural beauty of the island. Tonight for dinner what better way to sample the local seafood than with an Island Fish Fry. This is a feast of island dishes, salads, homemade bread and fresh fried fish, followed by island desserts and tea or coffee. We will watch the sun set on Norfolk's beautiful western coastline, and enjoy some local entertainment.

#### DAY 9 – FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY NORFOLK ISLAND TO SYDNEY

Our last day on beautiful Norfolk Island today, and after our buffet breakfast we are transferred to Norfolk Airport in time for our departure flight to Sydney with Qantas. On arrival in Sydney we transfer to the Rydges Sydney International Airport Hotel. Dinner tonight will be at our hotel.

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#### DAY 10 – SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY SYDNEY TO HOME

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning before our coach will transfer us to the airport in time for our flight to Melbourne with Qantas where you will once again be met and transferred to your home after a memorable ten days touring the beauty of Norfolk Island.

PRICE:	\$6060.00
SINGLE SUP:	\$1290.00
Price includes GST	

**PRICE INCLUDES:** 

All meals as specified: B = Breakfast. D = Dinner.

Luxury Coach Travel

Brendan's Australian Tours Travel Bag & Wallet

**Accommodation - Twin Share** 

All Cruises & Admissions as specified.

Airfares: Melbourne to Sydney, Sydney to Norfolk Island, Norfolk Island to Sydney, Sydney to Melbourne

The above price includes the compulsory departure taxes associated with this tour

Pick up & return to your home.

Travel Insurance is highly recommended and is the responsibility of each passenger.

#### Please note: You DO NOT require a passport to travel to Norfolk Island

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