

NORFOLK ISLAND

10 DAYS

“A beautiful island with a colourful past”

DEPARTING THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER TO SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2020
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 15TH OCTOBER HOME TO SYDNEY

D.

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 16TH OCTOBER SYDNEY TO NORFOLK ISLAND

B.L.D

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 Air New Zealand. 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

DAY 3 – SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER**B.D****HALF DAY TOUR / THE BANYAN TREE ISLAND 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 Banyan Tree Island BBQ which is a great opportunity for you to experience a casual outside dining under the limbs of a spectacular Banyan Tree. We have a specially designed a 3 course meal which contains Tahitian Chicken, Island Steaks, Tahitian Fish with Local Salads. During the evening, we will be entertained by local duo Bhong & Kim.

DAY 4 – SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER**B.D****CONVICT SETTLEMENT TOUR / DINNER WITH THE DESCENDANTS OF FLETCHER CHRISTIAN**

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. Something special tonight with dinner with the descendants of Fletcher Christian. Some magic is added to our holiday as we experience a fun night full of laughter and sing along, while getting a real look into the local culture and traditions. This two-course dinner is a unique chance to experience the Norfolk Language, hear some island drumming and learn about local weaving and bone carving which has been passed down to each generation. Learn about Tahitian dancing taught to us by a true descendant of Fletcher Christian and Maimiti. This dinner is a great way to find out how the Pitcairn descendants really live as it is held in an island home.

DAY 5 – MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER**B.D****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 20TH OCTOBER**B.D****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 21ST OCTOBER**B.D****BREAKFAST BUSH WALK / ISLAND CULTURE 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 we will enjoy an Island Culture Tour. From the mutineer ancestors and their Tahitian wives came the arts of woodcraft, weaving, cooking and the Norfolk language. We see a woodturning demonstration, visit an island home where we will learn about the island cooking. An island weaving

demonstration and a presentation on the Norfolk language will follow the afternoon tea break. 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.

DAY 8 – THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

B.D

BEHIND THE HEDGES TOUR / ISLAND FISH FRY

After the full buffet breakfast today we travel to Anson Bay for the Behind the Hedges 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. After a delicious morning tea at a scenic location, we visit a beautiful private and commercial garden that supplies the local florists with stock. We finish our tour with a visit to a beautiful Banyan tree on a private property. Tonight for dinner what better way to sample the local sea food 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 from Puppy's Point on Norfolk's beautiful western coastline, and enjoy some local entertainment.

DAY 9 – FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

B.D

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 Air New Zealand. 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 24TH OCTOBER

B.

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: \$5390.00

SINGLE SUP: \$1120.00

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

