

# Norfolk Island Experience

9 Days / 8 Nights - *Ex Melbourne*



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**Departs: Sunday 26 April - Monday 4 May 2020**



## Day 1. Sun 26 April: Melbourne - Sydney

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This morning we meet at Melbourne airport for our flight to Sydney.

**VA853**    **Departs Melbourne**            **1500**  
              **Arrives Sydney**                    **1625**

Upon arrival we are transferred to our accommodation for check in. We enjoy dinner at the hotel restaurant tonight.

**Overnight: Mantra Hotel at Sydney Airport**

## Day 2. Mon 27 April: Sydney - Norfolk

B, FM & D

We enjoy breakfast this morning before being transferred to the Sydney International airport to board our Air New Zealand flight to Norfolk Island.

**NZ762**    **Departs Sydney**                    **0950**  
              **Arrives Norfolk Island**            **1335**

Upon arrival we are transferred to our accommodation where we check in for the next 7 nights. Ahead of us is a wonderful week of Norfolk Island hospitality enjoying dinner every night and full hot breakfasts every day. After check in and rest we gather for a pre-dinner welcome drink. Enjoy a 2 course Welcome Dinner in "The Garden Restaurant & Bar" tonight.

**Overnight: Paradise Hotel & Resort**

## Day 3. Tue 28 April: Orientation Tour - Cyclorama - Hilli Goat The Norfolk Whey - 1856 The Untold Story

B & D

Our day begins with a delicious buffet breakfast at the resort.

### "Discover our World" Orientation Tour & Cyclorama

This morning we get to discover this wonderful Island. Our guide will explain all of the Island's history from Polynesian settlements many years ago to how life is today on Norfolk Island. We cover most of the Island and learn what it was like in the first settlement, penal times in Norfolk Island and the arrival of the Pitcairn Islanders, descendants of the famous Mutiny on the Bounty. We visit Kingston, Cascade, Anson Bay and the wonderful St Barnabas Chapel. We top off our morning at the amazing **Cyclorama**, a multi award winning Norfolk Island attraction. Cyclorama is an amazing 360 degree mural that vividly illustrates the journey of the Bounty aboard the HMS Bounty from England to Tahiti to Pitcairn Island and Norfolk Island. An experience not to be missed!

### Hilli Goat - The Norfolk Whey

At the Hilli Goat paddock to plate is a way of life. Come and meet some of the happiest and healthiest dairy goats on the planet. Everything we do is clean, green and sustainable. Watch the milking, walk the edible gardens and see the cheese making. A thoroughly informative and delicious tour will be had by all.

**BBQ Dinner in Paradise!** Enjoy a casual BBQ on the outside deck of "The Garden Restaurant and Bar".

### 1856 The Untold Story

On 8 June 1856 a total of 194 people, descendants from the Bounty, arrived on Norfolk Island from Pitcairn Island aboard the Morayshire. This consisted of 40 men, 47 women, 54 boys and 53 girls.



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### **Day 3 Continued.**

They arrived in cold, wet blustery conditions, few had ever been to sea before, they were seasick, homesick and heartsick. The journey of 6,000km / 3,700 miles took five weeks. They arrived to a recently abandoned penal settlement set aside for the 'worst of the worst', it was full of ghosts, terrible stories and horrific memories. It was a large and frightening testimony of man's inhumanity to man. The 1856 untold story will follow their journey within the World Heritage Listed Kingston area. Baunti Escapes will bring the past to life with an audio aboard our touring bus, recounting stories of the families, where they lived and how they adapted to their new life on Norfolk Island.

**Overnight: Paradise Hotel & Resort**

### **Day 4. Wed 29 April: Colleen McCullough Tour - Glass Bottom Boat - Commandant's Dinner**

**B & D**

After our buffet breakfast this morning we visit one of Norfolk's most iconic homes and garden.

#### **Colleen McCullough Home Tour**

Colleen McCullough, world renowned author of 24 books called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years. She and husband, Norfolk Islander, Ric Robinson, created a luxurious hideaway and maintained their privacy to ensure that Colleen had the perfect environment for her writing. Some of her most powerful titles were created in this much-loved sanctuary. Her beloved property "Out Yenna" is now open exclusively to Baunti Escapes customers. We are escorted through her magnificent home and view Ric and Colleen's priceless collection of artefacts gathered on their travels all over the world. This is a glimpse into the life of a modern day literary icon. Experience the world of Colleen McCullough, author of "Tim", "The Thornbirds" and "Morgan's Run".

#### **Glass Bottom Boat (Depending on tide times)**

Christian's Glass Bottom boat will take us on a cruise within the lagoon of Emily and Slaughter Bay. Norfolk Island has the second southernmost coral reef in the world and attracts a diversity of marine life. We will view varied species of coral and a wide variety of species of colourful fish as we cruise the crystal-clear pristine waters of the lagoon.

#### **Commandant's Dinner**

Imagine dining with a Commandant! This factual yet fun dinner theatre is the newest interactive show to hit Norfolk Island. The Commandant's Dinner is a "must do" for our Norfolk visit! The cast of actors will take us on an entertaining journey back in time. Be enthralled by the Commandant's stories about the notorious Convict Settlements on Norfolk Island and how the convicts were treated through punishment and reform. Listen to a chilling recall of one of the infamous rebellions. Marvel at how the Commandant's and their families adapted to life in a Norfolk Island penal colony, recreating a little piece of England in the Pacific. Explore their great challenges, impressive successes and shameful secrets. The Commandant's Dinner is a night of great entertainment, delectable hearty, wholesome British fare fit for a Commandant and his good lady wife, and loads of fun.

**Overnight: Paradise Hotel & Resort**

### **Day 5. Thur 30 April: Breakfast Bushwalk - Taste of Norfolk**

**B & D**

#### **Breakfast Bushwalk**

We rise a little earlier today to discover the incredible scenic beauty of Norfolk Island's natural environment on a relaxing and informative guided one hour bush walk. Learn about the unique ecosystems and endemic flora and fauna. Following our bush stroll we enjoy a well-deserved hearty breakfast within the park.

#### **Taste of Norfolk**

Our Taste of Norfolk Tour takes us to a bee keeper's home where we will view flow hives and learn about the fascinating local honey bees and view their incredible flight path to their hives. Next stop is a beef and dairy farm where we will learn about supplying milk to make local cheese and fresh milk for the market place. Our hosts will also give us a taste of local beef sausages. Last visit will be a cooking demonstration where we will see a traditional yorlor stone which came from Pitcairn Island on the Morayshire in 1856, have a yorlor on the stone to create green banana fritters flavoured with local honey. Sit back, relax and enjoy!

Tonight, enjoy a 2 course dinner in "The Garden Restaurant & Bar".

**Overnight: Paradise Hotel & Resort**

### **Day 6. Fri 1 May: Norfolk Today Tour - Farm & Industry Tour - Progressive Dinner**

**B & D**

Buffet breakfast awaits us in the restaurant before our full day touring.

#### **Norfolk Today Tour**

Learn how Norfolk Islanders live in the 21st Century and the essential services that make life on a tiny South Pacific island possible. How do we bring petrol and gas on the island? Power our world? Deal with our waste? Forecast the weather? Keep ourselves informed and make a global contribution? The Norfolk Today Tour will make it all clear! We will visit parts of the island that few tourists ever see, we will meet the locals who make sure these daily miracles and services keep happening. This is a real behind the scenes experience, which shows the true workings on Norfolk Island.

#### **Farm & Industry Tour**

While tourism is Norfolk's largest industry, this is by no means its only one. On this tour, we will visit some of the many enterprises that sustain the community. These include: raising meat producing sheep, market gardening, pig farming, manufacturing soft drinks and liqueurs, gardening and the export of Kentia seedlings.

#### **Progressive Dinner to Island Homes**

Tonight we are collected from our resort to experience a wonderful evening together. The 4 Course Progressive Dinner is legendary. The perfect way to get a taste of the real Norfolk lifestyle, we are taken to three lovely homes in three completely different parts of the island. All we need to do is relax and enjoy the home-cooked food, bursting with the goodness of fresh island produce, chat with our fellow diners and soak up the stories of our island hosts as they share their passion for their little island paradise.

**Overnight: Paradise Hotel & Resort**

### Day 7. Sat 2 May: Free Time - Convict Kingston - Island Fish Feast

B & D

Start the day with a full buffet breakfast before a bit of retail therapy and interesting experiences to follow.

#### Free Morning or Glass Bottom Boat (Depending on tide times)

This morning is free for us to browse the local shops and indulge a little or enjoy any number of optional tours on offer.

#### Convict Kingston Tour

On our afternoon tour we learn about World Heritage Listed Kingston. Hear about our first settlers, the Polynesians who came 900 years ago. Learn about our 1st and 2nd Convict Settlements and the facts and legends associated with each. Learn how Norfolk became home to descendants of the infamous 'Bounty' mutiny. Walk through the historic cemetery.

#### Island Fish Feast

This evening we enjoy one of Norfolk Island's most famous dinners - the **Island Fish Feast**. We will have an eagle-eyed view of the tiny crescent-shaped beach and the magnificent spread of ocean stretching to the far horizon. It's the most glamorous picnic we will ever attend! Scrumptiously fresh, local fish is prepared the local way and accompanied with a range of seasonal island dishes including those passed down from our Polynesian fore-mothers. This extends even to dessert. Our feast kicks off with entertainment with a local singer and Tahitian-style dancers. The Island Fish Feast is something that we will remember as a highlight of our Norfolk tour.

**Overnight: Paradise Hotel & Resort**

### Day 8. Sun 3 May: Church - Sunday Markets - Hilli Restaurant

B & D

Enjoy another delightful buffet breakfast at the resort before a fairly cruising day ahead.

#### Church Service or Sunday Markets

This morning, for those who wish to, attend the local church service to be held at either St Barnabas Chapel or All Saints (Kingston). For those of us that do not want to attend church we are transferred directly to the markets. At the local markets we will find many examples of local Norfolk Island handicraft.

#### Sunday Sessions on "The Garden Deck" at Paradise Hotel & Resort

Chill out and relax with our Sunday session on "The Garden Deck" and listen to live music. Happy hour prices for drinks & lunch/snack menu available (own cost).

#### Dinner Hilli Restaurant

Tonight we enjoy a 2 course dinner at the Hilli Restaurant. *The word 'hilli' is a word from our unique Norfolk language which can be defined as a drowsy, lazy feeling... A feeling of lethargy. Enjoy a relaxing atmosphere with delicious flavours and then laze back and savour the relaxing sensation.*

**Overnight: Paradise Hotel & Resort**

### Day 9. Mon 4 May: Norfolk Island - Sydney - Melbourne

B & F M

Our final buffet breakfast will be in the resort restaurant.

Sadly this is our last day on Norfolk Island. We are transferred to the airport where we check in for our flights home to Melbourne via Sydney taking home countless memories of a wonderful few days across on Norfolk Island with Trade Travel!

<b>NZ763</b>	<b>Departs Norfolk Island</b>	<b>1430</b>
	<b>Arrives Sydney</b>	<b>1630</b>
<b>VA886</b>	<b>Departs Sydney</b>	<b>1930</b>
	<b>Arrives Melbourne</b>	<b>2105</b>

#### Tour Highlights:

"Discover our World" Orientation Tour & Cyclorama; Hilli Goat - The Norfolk Whey; 1856 The Untold Story; Colleen McCullough Home Tour; Glass Bottom Boat; Commandant's Dinner; Breakfast Bushwalk; Taste of Norfolk; Norfolk Today Tour; Farm & Industry Tour; Progressive Dinner to Island Homes; Convict Kingston Tour; Island Fish Feast; Sunday Church Service or Sunday Markets; The Garden Deck Sunday Session; Dinner Hilli Restaurant & much more.



# Norfolk Island Experience



## Tour Price Includes:

- Return domestic flights Melbourne - Sydney - Melbourne
- Return economy flights with Air New Zealand - Sydney - Norfolk - Sydney
- 1 Night quality accommodation at Sydney Airport - Transfers, Breakfast & Dinner
- 7 Nights quality accommodation on Norfolk Island
- Full buffet breakfast daily - including 1 Breakfast Bushwalk
- 7 Dinners as per itinerary - including the following specialty dinners: Commandant's Dinner, Progressive Dinner & Island Fish Feast
- All bus touring, transfers, attractions & tours as per itinerary on Norfolk Island

## Tour Price Excludes:

- Optional touring
- Travel insurance
- Meals not specified in the itinerary

**Tour Cost: \$3395.00 per person Twin Share** (\$575.00 single supplement)

**(+ \$160.00 Airport Taxes, Levies & Fuel Surcharges)**

*Tour price based on minimum 20 paying passengers*

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*Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.*

**Deposit:** A deposit of \$500 per person is due now on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking forms

**Final Payment:** Due no later than **Friday 17 January 2020**

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