





NORFOLK ISLAND FOUNDATIONS

8 Days

Fully Escorted

02 – 09 March 2024

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Breakfast Bushwalk
- Sunset Island Fish Fry
- **Foundation Day Celebrations & Lunch**
- Progressive Dinner
- Farm & Industry Tour
- Colleen McCullough Home Tour
- Convict Settlement Tour
- 1856 The Untold Story
- Night as a Convict Dinner
- And so much more!

INCLUDES:

- **Flights** Return Economy Class including Taxes ~ departing Brisbane*
- **Private, Self-Contained, Garden Apartment**
- **Meals** as per the itinerary, 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- **All Sightseeing** Tours and Transfers as per itinerary
- **Tour Host** – travels with group from/back to Brisbane
- Local Guides

EXCLUDES:

- Any flights, meals, tours, excursions or transfers other than mentioned above or in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc
- Travel Insurance

Priced from \$4,259* per person

Terms and Conditions apply. Economy class airfare with Qantas on a "group fare". *Airline Taxes included to the value of \$200. Luggage allowance of 30kg per passenger. Solo Connections reserves the right to amend all hotels, airlines, restaurants and tours for an equal substitute at any time. Beverages, additional meals, hotel mini bars, laundry, phone calls, any items of personal nature not included. Tours subject to availability. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



Saturday, 02 March 2024
Brisbane – Norfolk Island

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This morning we will meet our Tour Host and fellow travellers at Brisbane International Airport for our flights to Norfolk Island.

On arrival we will be welcomed by a representative who will assist with luggage and coach transfer to our centrally located hotel. There will be plenty of time to relax and settle in with the afternoon at leisure.

This evening we will be picked up and transferred to **Bounty Lodge Bar & Grill** for dinner.

Accommodation – Aloha Apartments (7 Nights)

Sunday, 03 March 2024
Norfolk Island

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This morning enjoy breakfast and some free time to explore the local markets, just a short walk from our accommodation.

Early afternoon we are picked up for a **Half Day Island Orientation Tour**. The half day tour is a must-do Norfolk Island experience, introducing travellers to the island's history and life as it is today. From the historic Kingston to famous convict buildings and beautiful beaches the tour offers plenty of opportunities for travellers to take some photos and be fully informed about this fascinating island.

This evening we go back in time to 1859 on Norfolk Island and dine with the chief magistrate Frederick Young and his Wife Mary. Dine on a 3 Course dinner while you help solve the mystery of “**Who killed the surveyor?**”

Monday, 04 March 2024
Norfolk Island

B-D

After breakfast today we will be taken to **Kingston**, for the **Convict Settlement Tour**, an in depth tour of the historic Georgian settlement of Kingston.

We return to our accommodation late morning.

This afternoon we make a visit to **Fletchers Mutiny Cyclorama**, a continuous 360degree panoramic painting that tells the story of the mutiny on the Bounty. This will be followed by a stroll through **Queen Victoria's Garden** after which you may choose to walk back into town or take the short bus ride back.

Tonight we are taken on a **Progressive Dinner to Island Homes**. We get to enjoy a 3-course meal progressing to different Norfolk Island family homes throughout the evening. This is a fun night and a great way to meet the local people and sample some of the Island dishes.



Tuesday, 05 March 2024
Norfolk Island

B-D

An early start today sees us taking a leisurely **Breakfast Bushwalk** through the National Park. At the end of the walk, we meet on the clifftop for a delicious breakfast barbeque.

We return to our accommodation mid-morning and have some free time to visit the shops, take a walk or simply relax by the pool.

This afternoon on **BOC's Farm & Industry tour**, we are taken to a selection of the many other enterprises that sustain the island community. These might include: raising meat producing sheep, market gardening, manufacturing soft drinks and liqueurs & exporting Kentia seedlings.

Early evening we will be transferred to **Hilli Restaurant** for dinner before boarding the bus for this evening's tour.

1856 The Untold Story recounts the arrival of the Bounty Mutineers' descendants from Pitcairn Island. The 8th of June saw 194 people arrive on Norfolk Island aboard the Morayshire. This consisted of 40 men, 47 women, 54 boys, and 53 girls. They arrived in cold, wet blustery conditions. Few had ever been to sea before; they were seasick, homesick and heartsick. The journey of 6,000 km/ 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 and memories.

Wednesday, 06 March 2024
Norfolk Island – FOUNDATION DAY

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Today is Foundation Day and is celebrated every year on the 6th March to commemorate the day on which Lt. Philip Gidley King arrived on the island in 1788, establishing the very first European settlement there. He left Port Jackson earlier that year on the HMAS Supply along with 22 people, 15 of whom were convicts.

Following breakfast this morning we are taken to **Kingston**, to enjoy a re-enactment of the first landing on Norfolk Island in the annual **Foundation Day** celebrations.

This is then followed by a **sumptuous lunch** of traditional Island fare and local entertainment.

This evening dinner is at our *own expense* however we will have a reservation at the Bowling Club Bar & Bistro, one of Norfolk's most popular places which is just a short stroll next door, for anyone that would like to join.

Thursday, 07 March 2024
Norfolk Island

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This morning after breakfast we are taken on an exclusive guided tour to the home of world renowned author, the late **Colleen McCullough**, who made Norfolk Island her home in 1979 and stayed until her passing in 2015 with her husband Ric Robinson.



This afternoon, we are picked up and taken to an **Island Cultural Lunch**. We will enjoy a delicious, traditional, lunch at Taveners Farm. Learn about the cooking traditions that came from the Tahitian foremothers and ancestors of old. Lou Taveners is a renowned Island cook who'll provide us with a scrumptious lunch. We also get to hear about the Norfolk Language; what it is and how the Islanders are working to preserve it. Lou is a Norfolk Islander with many years working in the provision of Norfolk language stories, plays, songs and games for the school & online as well as in plays & events for the community.

Late afternoon we will be collected and transferred to this evening's **Island Fish Fry**. Enjoy the stunning cliff top scenery and feast of Island dishes, along with local entertainment and the sunset.

After dinner we return to our accommodation. Those that are not ready to turn in for the night may like to wander next door to the Bowling Club for a night cap.

Friday, 08 March 2024
Norfolk Island

B-D

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and a free morning. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone that needs assistance or would like company.

This afternoon we have the **Indulgence Tour**. We'll visit some favourite local spots offering opportunities for great photos.

As this evening is our last night on Norfolk Island, it's only fitting that we have a **Night as Convict Dinner**. Tonight is sure to be a fun time as we dress* like convicts and join in with the Commandant for an evening of gaiety, feasting, singing & dancing.

**convict outfit supplied.*

Saturday, 09 March 2024
Norfolk Island - Brisbane

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Sadly, today is our final day in this remote paradise. We enjoy breakfast and then our morning is at leisure.

For those wanting to do a bit more shopping you can stroll down to Burnt Pine Shopping Centre and pick up those last minute purchases or just relax in your apartment until it's time to check out.

We will be transferred to the Norfolk Island airport to check in for our return flight to Brisbane.

***Please note:** Itinerary is subject to change