

# ARE YOU A SOLO TRAVELLER...?

## NORFOLK ISLAND BOUNTY

Join Solo Connections on our unique escorted small group tour from Brisbane, designed specifically for Solo Travellers over 50. Experience the Solo Connections difference and be treated like a local on one of our best selling tours, to Norfolk Island! Not only will you experience the beauty and history of Norfolk Island on this 8 day tour, but you will also be there for a day that is precious to Norfolk Islander's hearts – Anniversary Day, otherwise known as Bounty Day. This celebration takes place in remembrance of the day their ancestors arrived, from Pitcairn Island, on board the Morayshire and were met by the Commissariat Storekeeper and his wife. With many more included tours and experiences that await we learn of the turbulent convict years and today's vibrant Norfolk culture (born out of the infamous mutiny on the Bounty). Stay in comfortable quality accommodation with your own private room, most meals included and tailor-made sightseeing, including Bounty Day celebrations – a very special anniversary day on Norfolk Island.

**From \$4,270\* per person including flights**

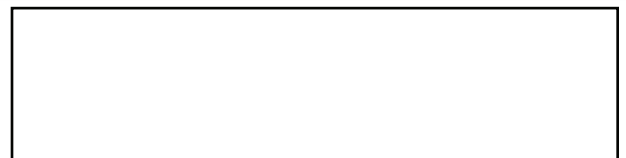
*Tour is fully escorted\**

### Highlights

- ▶ BREAKFAST BUSHWALK
- ▶ MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
- ▶ SUNSET ISLAND FISH FRY
- ▶ BOUNTY DAY CELEBRATIONS & LUNCH
- ▶ FARM & INDUSTRY TOUR
- ▶ ISLAND CULTURAL TOUR
- ▶ COLLEEN MCCULLOUGH HOME TOUR
- ▶ CONVICT SETTLEMENT TOUR
- ▶ NIGHT AS A CONVICT DINNER
- ▶ AND SO MUCH MORE!



For more information contact your friendly travel agent today!



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## **Day 1** (D)

### **BRISBANE - NORFOLK ISLAND**

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 the coach transfer to our centrally located hotel. There will be plenty of time to relax and settle in with the afternoon at leisure. You may like to visit "The Bond", the local bottle shop to pick up your favourite beverages for our BYO nights or pop across to the supermarket for soft drinks and snacks. We meet early evening and are then transferred to Bounty Lodge Bar & Grill for dinner.

*Accommodation – Aloha Apartments (7 Nights)*

## **Day 2** (B,D)

### **NORFOLK ISLAND**

This morning enjoy breakfast and some free time to explore the local markets, just a short walk from our accommodation. This 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. Returning to our accommodation this afternoon there will be time to relax before we go back in time to 1859 on Norfolk Island and dine with the chief magistrate Frederick Young and his Wife Mary. We dine on a 3 course dinner whilst helping to solve the mystery of "Who killed the surveyor?"

## **Day 3** (B,L)

### **NORFOLK ISLAND**

Today is a day that is precious to Norfolk Islander's hearts as they celebrate their Anniversary Day, otherwise known as Bounty Day. Every year a celebration takes place in remembrance of the day their ancestors arrived, from Pitcairn Island, onboard the Morayshire and were met by the Commissariat Storekeeper and his wife. This morning we will be picked up to watch the Bounty Mutineer descendants as they re-enact the landing of their forebearers. The landing takes place at the VKingston Pier, the oldest pier in the Southern Hemisphere. You can also observe the tradition of the children of the Bounty Mutineers descendants rolling down the Government House hill. Then it's off for morning tea followed by, perhaps the centrepiece of Bounty Day, a traditional community Island picnic lunch. Before lunch the Norfolk grace will be sung. We will enjoy some traditional Norfolk wetls with complimentary red and white wine, orange juice, tea and coffee. Island dancing and music also kicks in as the festive part of the day really begins. As the afternoon wears on the adults sit back with a 'baeli ful' (full belly) and watch the children play. When we're ready, we'll return to our accommodation. This evening is at leisure and for those that want to join, we'll wander next door to the Bowling Club Bar & Bistro, one of Norfolk's most popular places, for dinner (at own expense).

## **Day 4** (B,D)

### **NORFOLK ISLAND**

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. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the history of Norfolk's penal settlements and wander through some of the historic ruins. Returning to our accommodation we have the afternoon at leisure. You may like to this time for shopping or a walk to the botanical gardens or just relaxing. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone that would like company or assistance. Early this evening we will meet and be transferred to Hilli Restaurant for dinner.

## **Day 5** (B,D)

### **NORFOLK ISLAND**

After breakfast 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. 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. This evening we will be picked up and taken on a Progressive Dinner to Island Homes.

## **Day 6** (B,L,D)

### **NORFOLK ISLAND**

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 Norf'k 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 Norf'k langwig 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. Returning to our accommodation we will be taken on the 1856 The Untold Story, an evening bus tour that 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.

## **Day 7** (B,D)

### **NORFOLK ISLAND**

This morning enjoy breakfast and a leisurely morning. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone that needs assistance or would like company. After lunch (own expense) we are collected for this afternoons Indulgence Tour. We'll visit some favourite local spots offering opportunities for great photos and finish up the afternoon with nibbles in a scenic location. 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.*

## **Day 8** (B)

### **NORFOLK ISLAND - BRISBANE**

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. Sadly our time in this remote paradise is coming to a close and upon returning to our accommodation we will need to check out and meet in the transit lounge before we are transferred to the Norfolk Island airport to check in for our return flight to Brisbane.