

# ARE YOU A SOLO TRAVELLER...?

## EXPERIENCE NORFOLK ISLAND

Join Solo Connections on our unique escorted small group tour from Brisbane, designed specifically for Solo Travellers over 50. An 8 Day experience of the beauty and history of Norfolk Island. You will learn of the turbulent convict years and today's vibrant Norf'k culture (born out of the infamous mutiny on the Bounty) through the many included tours and experiences that await. Spend 7 nights in comfortable quality accommodation with your own private room, most meals included and tailor-made sightseeing.

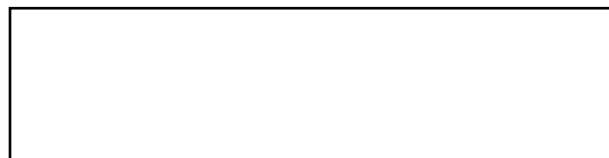
**Depart 19 October 2024 for 8 Days**

**From \$4,270\* per person - fully escorted including flights**

### Highlights

- ▶ ISLAND CULTURAL LUNCH
- ▶ BREAKFAST BUSHWALK
- ▶ SUNSET ISLAND FISH FRY
- ▶ 1856 THE UNTOLD STORY
- ▶ COLLEEN McCULLOUGH HOME TOUR
- ▶ CONVICT SETTLEMENT TOUR
- ▶ NIGHT AS A CONVICT DINNER
- ▶ WOMEN OF NORFOLK TOUR
- ▶ AND MUCH MORE!

For more information contact your friendly travel agent today!



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## **DAY 1** (D)

### **BRISBANE - NORFOLK ISLAND**

This morning you will meet your 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 accommodation. There will be plenty of time to relax and settle in with the afternoon at leisure. We will meet early evening and then be transferred to Bounty Lodge Bar & Grill for dinner. *Accommodation – Aloha Apartments (7 Nights)*

## **DAY 2** (B-D)

This morning enjoy a leisurely breakfast and a visit to the local markets, a short walk away from our accommodation. After lunch (own expense) we will be 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 everyone to take some photos and be fully informed about this fascinating island. Early afternoon we will be collected for The Scenic BBQ, an alfresco experience held at a scenic location. This is an opportunity to taste the local beef and dishes and we will be serenaded by a local entertainer surrounded by Norfolk's beauty.

## **DAY 3** (B-D)

After breakfast we are picked and 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. After lunch (own expense) we take The Taste of Norfolk tour. What we see on the day may differ, however it may include a beekeeper's home where we'll see the honeybees, perhaps a stop to see the beef and dairy farm where we learn about supplying milk to make local produce or a trip to the local liqueur factory as well as learning about the traditional island way of cooking. This evening 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.

## **DAY 4** (B-L)

Enjoy breakfast before we are transferred mid-morning to Fletchers Mutiny Cyclorama, a continuous 360 degree panoramic painting created by two local artists. This will be followed by a stroll through Queen Victoria's Garden and a delicious lunch at Hilli's Restaurant. The bus will be available to take us back to our accommodation or you may like to walk back as we have the afternoon at leisure. This evening is at leisure for dinner (also own expense) however there will be a table reserved for the group at the Bowling Club Bistro, which is a short walk next door to our accommodation. After dinner we embark on the 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. 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. It was a large and frightening testimony of man's inhumanity to man. This tour will follow their journey in the World Heritage Listed Kingston area and will bring the past to life with an audio aboard their coach, recounting stories of the families, where they lived and how they adapted to their new life on Norfolk Island.

## **DAY 5** (B-D)

Enjoy breakfast and the morning at leisure. You may like to use this time for some additional shopping or to take a walk. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone that would like company for the morning. After lunch, (at own expense), we will be collected and taken on the new Women of Norfolk tour. We learn the captivating stories of Norfolk Island's exceptional women who have played a pivotal role and helped shape its history. We trace the remarkable journeys of Olivia Gascoigne, who faced an imminent death sentence, Aunt Selina Buffet, a woman of enduring influence with an award bearing her name, Marie Bailey, a key figure in Norfolk Island's tourism industry, and Colleen McCullough, celebrated for her literary accomplishments and fervent advocacy for Norfolk Island. Walk in the footsteps of these extraordinary women who have triumphed over adversity and significantly shaped our beloved Norfolk community.

Do you want to hear some spooooooky stories, based on the history of Norfolk Island? Tonight we take The Norfolk Island Ghost Tour! Whilst walking; holding lanterns listen to talks and stories that will delight you, make you sad and send shivers down your spine! Dinner is included and will be held in a beautiful, historic Georgian Building - while the lantern walk takes us through the historic Kingston Ruins.

## **DAY 6** (B-L-D)

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 langwigs stories, plays, songs and games for the school; online as well as in plays; events for the community. Early evening 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.

## **DAY 7** (B-D)

Enjoy breakfast this morning before having time at leisure for shopping or relaxing. This afternoon, after lunch (own expense,) we are collected for the Indulgence Tour. We'll visit some favourite local spots offering opportunities for great photos. As this is our last night on the Island, it's only fitting that we have a Night as Convict Dinner. Tonight is bound to be a fun time as we dress\* like convicts and join in with the Commandant for an evening of gaiety, feasting, singing; dancing. Be sure to bring along your fun spirit and good sense of humour!

*\*convict outfit supplied.*

## **DAY 8** (B)

### **NORFOLK ISLAND - BRISBANE**

Sadly, today is our final day in this remote paradise. 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. Upon returning to our accommodation it will be time to pack and check out before we are transferred to the Norfolk Island airport to check in for our return flight to Brisbane.

