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## NORFOLK ISLAND FOUNDATIONS

8 Days

Fully Escorted

01 – 08 March 2025

### ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Breakfast Bushwalk
- Sunset Island Fish Fry
- **Foundation Day Celebrations & Lunch**
- Progressive Dinner
- Island Cultural Lunch
- Women of Norfolk Tour
- Convict Settlement Tour
- 1856 The Untold Story
- Bounty Show Dinner
- And so much more!

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### 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

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### 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 \$4,520\* per person**

Terms and Conditions apply. Economy class airfare with Qantas on a "group fare" departing Brisbane ONLY. \*Airline Taxes included to the value of \$235. Tour checked luggage allowance of 20kg 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, 01 March 2025**  
**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.

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.

**Accommodation – Aloha Apartments (7 Nights)**

**Sunday, 02 March 2025**  
**Norfolk Island**

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This morning enjoy breakfast before 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. During our tour we will also enjoy time at the local craft markets.

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

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.



Monday, 03 March 2025  
Norfolk Island

B-L-D

Enjoy breakfast and a leisurely morning with free time to visit the shops, take a walk or simply relax by the pool.

Later on 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.

Whilst doing time 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.*

Tuesday, 04 March 2025  
Norfolk Island

B-D

Enjoy breakfast before we are collected for the **Over the Cattlestops** tour. We explore the heart and soul of Norfolk Island on a captivating day tour, where we'll discover the hidden gems of the local industries. Meet the skilled artisans and entrepreneurs behind the island's thriving businesses as they showcase their unique crafts and specialties. From handcrafted pottery to locally made soft drinks, we will have the chance to taste and purchase some of the locally-made products. Along the way, we'll stop at a stunning scenic spot for morning tea, where we can soak up the breathtaking natural beauty of the island.

Early afternoon we will be transferred to the **Bounty Folk Museum**, a treasure chest of history, an Aladdin's cave full of fantastic collections, excellent learning resources and inspiring information stretching back to 1788. The Bounty Folk Museum tells the strange and startling history of Norfolk Island, from the harrowing tales of ill-fated convicts brought here, to the against-the-odds survival of the Bounty mutineers and their Tahitian wives. Though small in size, the museum is wide in scope, with lots of artefacts to pore over. Discover Bounty memorabilia, early photographs of Pitcairn settlers, old weapons and some frankly quite terrifying antique medical instruments.

We return in time to freshen up before being transferred to this evening's dinner show – **The Bounty Show**.

We'll taken on a journey from England to Tahiti with this fun, factual and interactive dinner show that will tell the story of life that led to the Mutiny on The Bounty. We'll have a night of feasting, frivolity and lots of laughs. The cast of the amazing feature show will have you enthralled as we all sail with Captain Bligh and the Mutineers from the famous Bounty whilst enjoying a 3 course dinner.



Wednesday, 05 March 2025  
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. Those that would prefer a sleep-in can be collected by the bus in time to meet for breakfast.

We return to our accommodation mid-morning and have some free time

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.

Returning to our accommodation there will be time to freshen up for this evening's **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.

Thursday, 06 March 2025  
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.



Friday, 07 March 2025  
Norfolk Island

B-D

Following breakfast we are taken to **Fitzy's Lavender Farm**.

The Lavender Farm Tour includes an informative talk on the journey to setting up Norfolk Islands first ever Lavender Farm. We'll hear about the challenges of importing bare rooted plants into the island whilst enjoying an easy walk round the farm. Learn about the 15 different Lavender Varieties that have been planted and see their other commercial plantings of Sage, Rosemary, Rose Geranium, Sunflowers and vegetables that are grown on Fitzy's Farm.

We return to town, and our accommodation, with time to purchase lunch (*own expense*) before we take this afternoons **Indulgence Tour**. We'll visit some favourite local spots offering opportunities for great photos.

We return to our accommodation with time to refresh before we are transferred this evening to **Bounty Lodge Bar & Grill** for dinner.

Saturday, 08 March 2025  
Norfolk Island - Brisbane

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After breakfast and check out 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.

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

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