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NORFOLK ISLAND FOUNDATIONS

8 Days

Fully Hosted

02 - 09 March 2027

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fitzys Lavender Farm
- Sunset Island Fish Fry
- **Foundation Day Celebrations & Lunch**
- Norfolk Today Tour
- Breakfast Bushwalk
- Women of Norfolk
- Convict History
- Colleen McCullough
- Barney Duffy BBQ
- 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 & Drivers

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 \$5,583* 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 \$260. 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



Day 1: Tuesday, 02 March 2027
Brisbane – Norfolk Island

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This morning we will meet our Tour Host and fellow travellers at **Brisbane International Airport** for our flight 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 a little bit of time to settle in and freshen up.

This evening **The Barney Duffy BBQ** offers an ideal prelude to the **Wonderland by Night** experience. We'll indulge in a hearty BBQ feast featuring steak, sausages, and a variety of sides and trimmings. We'll be joined by local guest speakers as they share memorabilia, stories, and fascinating insights into the Island's history and governance.

After dinner, we embark on the breathtaking **Wonderland by Night** tour and then return to 'the shed' for a delicious dessert.

Accommodation – Aloha Apartments (7 Nights)

Day 2: Wednesday, 03 March 2027
Norfolk Island

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This morning enjoy breakfast before we are picked up for a **Morning 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.

After lunch, (*at own expense*), we will be collected and taken on the **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 and Marie Bailey, a key figure in Norfolk Island's tourism industry. 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 before we are collected for a very unique experience. We step inside the historic **St Barnabas Chapel** for **In the Sweet By and By**, a 90 minute musical tribute where rare archival recordings, expert commentary, and a live organ recital combine in one of the South Pacific's most beautiful sacred spaces.

We then continue to this evening's **Progressive Dinner**. 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 3: Thursday, 04 March 2027
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.

In the afternoon 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.

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.

Day 4: Friday, 05 March 2027
Norfolk Island

B-D

This morning, following breakfast is our **Norfolk Today** tour. We will learn how Norfolk Islanders live in the 21st Century and the essential services that make life on a tiny South Pacific island possible. How they bring petrol and gas onto the island; power their world; deal with waste; forecast the weather; keeps themselves informed and make a global contribution. This is a real behind the scenes experience, which shows the true workings on Norfolk Island.

We are taken to **Fitzy's Lavender Farm** for 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.

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.*

Day 5: Saturday, 06 March 2027
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.



Day 6: Sunday, 07 March 2027
Norfolk Island

B-D

After a leisurely 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.

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

Early evening we will be transferred to **Hilli Restaurant** for tonight's dinner.

Day 7: Monday, 08 March 2027
Norfolk Island

B-L-D

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we board the bus for the **Paddock to Plate** tour.

Norfolk Island's seasonal food has zero food miles; it's truly paddock to plate. On this tour, we'll visit a market garden that supplies vegetables to the Island and learn about providing seasonal produce. We'll also tour a farm with beef cattle to understand the unique farming practices on Norfolk Island. Next, we'll visit a free-range chicken farm and learn how they supply the Island with farm fresh eggs. Our final stop will be at a local home for a delicious two-course lunch featuring local ingredients.

We return to our accommodation and have the afternoon at leisure.

For our last night together, this evening we go back in time to 1859 on Norfolk Island and dine with the chief magistrate Frederick Young and his Wife Mary. Whilst enjoying a 3 Course dinner we'll help solve the mystery of **"Who killed the Surveyor?"**

Day 8: Tuesday, 09 March 2027
Norfolk Island - Brisbane

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Enjoy breakfast this morning before we check out and are then 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.

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*