

## 10 Day Norfolk Island Tour August 2019



Progressive Dinners, Peaceful Pine Trees and Perfect Sun Sets.  
You Will Wish You Were a Local.

*Be immersed in the warm embrace of local living and discover the rich heritage of the landscape from steep ocean cliff tops and patches of sub-tropical rainforest set amongst convict ruins and the famous Norfolk Pines*

### Day 1 ADELAIDE TO BRISBANE Monday 19 August (D)

Welcome to a **Norfolk Island** adventure with **Victor Tours**. Today we arrive at the Adelaide Airport ready to board our flight to **Brisbane**. Transferred to our nearby accommodation, we check in and prepare for our onward journey in the morning (*dinner in hotel*).

*Ibis Brisbane Airport Hotel (ph 07 3139 8100)*

### Day 2 BRISBANE TO NORFOLK ISLAND Tuesday 20 August (BD)

Arriving at the international terminal after breakfast, we are ready to board our flight across to **Norfolk Island**. A short while later, the iconic pine trees and green hills of Norfolk Island will come into view from our window and our anticipation will begin to build. A representative from **Baunti Escapes** will be there to welcome us to the island and see us to our accommodation at the **South Pacific Resort**. Set in lush subtropical gardens with mountain and valley views, we have the perfect surroundings to ease ourselves into our environment. The resort is located in the township of Burnt Pine so we'll have the ability to wander through the shops during our free time. Early evening we are off to the western side of the island for the wonderful **Island Fish Feast**. Perched on the cliff top above Anson Bay we will have an eagle-eyed view of the tiny crescent shaped beach and the magnificent spread of ocean stretching to the far horizon. We'll enjoy paddock to plate freshness including local fish, prepared the local way! We'll be entertained by an entertainer and Tahitian-style dancers.

*South Pacific Resort, Norfolk Island (ph 0011 6723 22166)*

### Day 3 MAGICAL NORFOLK ISLAND Wednesday 21 Aug (BD)

We wake to the peaceful sound of birds, a terrific way to start the day. Today we are collected by Baunti Escapes for the **Discover Our World tour**. We will be introduced to the island to set the

scene for our stay. Our tour includes a visit to the convict buildings in historic Kingston and St Barnabas Chapel, built from the ruins of the New Gaol. This afternoon we visit a clean, green and sustainable dairy goat farm. We meet Emily from **The Hilli Goat – the Norfolk Whey tour** where we'll watch the milking of the goats, walk the edible garden and see the cheese making. A fun and interesting tour that finishes with a delicious array of tastings. Following dinner we travel into the bushland of Norfolk Island. It is here that we are treated to a **Wonderland By Night**. The setting is 10 acres of magical Norfolk pines and bushland lit up like an enchanted forest. We'll meander along (or ride in the 'Moon Buggy') a winding pathway with Archie, a descendant of the Bounty Mutineers, as he recites his poems and lights up the dioramas throughout the bush. Afterwards we enjoy a light supper.

**Day 4 NORFOLK TODAY & YESTERDAY Thursday 22 August (BD)**

After breakfast we join the **Norfolk Today Tour**. We'll learn how Norfolk Islanders live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and make life on this tiny South Pacific Island possible. How is petrol and gas brought to the island? How is the island powered? This is a **behind the scenes** tour where we'll meet the locals and see how Norfolk plays a role in the worldwide weather monitoring as well as visiting the community radio station. Our afternoon is free to explore the lovely shops of Burnt Pine. Following dinner at the resort we head to our entertainment, the **Mutiny on the Bounty Show**. See descendants of the mutineers bring the story of the famed Mutiny on the Bounty and its surrounding events to life in a one and a half hour show in an outdoor amphitheatre on Norfolk's western coastline.

**Day 5 FARMS & BOOKS Friday 23 August (BD)**

This morning we embark on the **Farm & Industry Tour**. Tourism to the island might be the Norfolk's largest industry but it is by no means its only one. On this tour, we take you to a selection of the many other enterprises that sustain our community. These might include: raising meat producing sheep, market gardening, pig farming, manufacturing soft drinks and liqueurs, gardening or exporting Kentia seedlings. Our tour will also include **morning tea**. One of Norfolk Island's more famous residents was **Colleen McCullough** and today we have exclusive access into her private world. The well-known author of 24 books called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years and she and husband, Norfolk Islander, Ric Robinson, created a luxurious hideaway together. They maintained their privacy religiously to ensure that Colleen had the perfect environment for her writing. Some of her most powerful titles were created in this much loved sanctuary. Her beloved property "Out Yenna" is now open and we are escorted through her magnificent home where we are able to view Ric and Colleen's priceless collection of artefacts gathered on their travels all over the world. We will see where her books were researched and where she worked into the wee hours creating the incredible tales that have sold in their millions in so many different languages.

**Day 6 BREAKFAST AMONGST THE PINES Saturday 24 August (BD)**

We have a different breakfast setting this morning as we are taken on a gentle-paced walk through a diverse habitat from rainforest to the **Captain Cook Memorial**. As we ramble along the track our guide will identify local grasses, ferns, shrubs as well as bird species. Our efforts will be rewarded with a delicious **barbeque breakfast** with all the trimmings. It will be a wonderful way to start our day. Later we visit a boutique cheesery founded by island brothers John and Glen Christian on the **Christian Brothers Cheese Tour**. Milking a small herd of organic cows on pristine Norfolk Island they produce a range of tasty and tempting cheeses. We'll also see a local sawmill and honey production to learn about the Norfolk Pine Timber. Finishing at a beautiful property with ocean and valley views, we can sample the range of organic Feta, tasty Haloumi and Cheddar.

**Day 7 MARKETS & HIGH TEA Sunday 25 August (BHTD)**

This morning we have the chance to enjoy a wander through the **Sunday Markets** with plenty of time to snap up a bargain or two, or the opportunity to enjoy a **morning Church Service**. Later we are

collected by Baunti Escapes for our visit to the clifftop property of **Forresters Court**, overlooking Cascade Bay. On the magnificent lawns we'll be served a delicious **High Tea** with decadent food and a glass of sparkling wine. A beautifully presented setting with linen and fine china we enjoy our tea and coffee and a selection of local liqueurs to round out our indulgent afternoon. The remainder of the day is at our leisure.

**Day 8** **CONVICTS** **Monday 26 August (BD)**

We join the **Convict Kingston Tour** this morning and learn about world heritage listed Kingston. We'll hear about the first settlers, the Polynesians who came 900 years ago and learn the facts and legends associated with the first and second convict settlements. This evening we participate in a fixture of Norfolk Island that is the legendary **Progressive Dinner**. This is the perfect way to get a taste of the real Norfolk lifestyle. Our first stop is at the northern tip of the island to enjoy pre-dinner nibbles at a clifftop home with amazing ocean views. The evening finishes with main course and dessert at a large family home on the southern side of the island. Our host will also entertain us with some of his island experiences and share some of the historical practices and industries.

**Day 9** **NORFOLK ISLAND TO BRISBANE** **Tuesday 27 August (BD)**

Having had a wonderful holiday, we now prepare for our return home. We store our luggage and have the morning at leisure to do some last minute shopping before our departure. In Brisbane we stay overnight at a nearby hotel and freshen up for dinner.

*Ibis Brisbane Airport Hotel (ph 07 3139 8100)*

**Day 10** **BRISBANE TO ADELAIDE** **Wednesday 28 August (B)**

Returning to the terminal, we board our flight back to **Adelaide**. We are collected and delivered back to Victor Harbor with fond memories of being a Norfolk Island local for a short while.

*All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures and inclement weather.*