

9 Day Norfolk Island Tour 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 clifftops and patches of sub-tropical rainforest set amongst convict ruins and the famous Norfolk Pines

Day 1 ADELAIDE TO SYDNEY Sunday 11 August (D)

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

Rydges Sydney Airport Hotel (ph 02 9313 2500)

Day 2 SYDNEY TO NORFOLK ISLAND Monday 12 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 **Paradise Hotel & Resort**. Nestled on 11 acres of beautifully manicured subtropical gardens, we will be reminded daily that we have escaped to an island paradise. Settle in and unpack and relax prior to dinner.

Paradise Hotel & Resort, Norfolk Island (ph 0011 6723 22177)

Day 3 DISCOVER NORFOLK ISLAND Tuesday 13 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. Later today we visit **Cyclorama**, where we

can walk inside a continuous 360 degree panoramic painting! It will feel as though we are standing on a pier or ship's deck and part of the scenes. A spectacular 3D effect is achieved with realistic perspective and detailed artwork stretching all the way to the visitor's feet. Storyboards, lists and maps explain the history in an easy to understand way. Dinner is at our resort this evening.

Day 4 NORFOLK TODAY & YESTERDAY Wednesday 14 August (BD)

After breakfast we join the **Norfolk Today Tour**. We'll learn how Norfolk Islanders live in the 21st 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. This afternoon we visit a clean, green and sustainable dairy goat farm. We'll 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 5 FARMS & FEAST Thursday 15 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**. A free afternoon allows us to enjoy a wander through the shops of Burnt Pine or simply relax. Early evening we are off to the western side of the island for the wonderful **Island Fish Feast**. Perched on the clifftop 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.

Day 6 BOOKS & TASTINGS Friday 16 August (BD)

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. Our afternoon is all about **the Taste of Norfolk**. We'll meet a beekeeper and a butcher as well as taste some of the local wettles (food), along with a glass of wine!

Day 7 BREAKFAST AMONGST THE PINES Saturday 17 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

1. Payment - Non Refundable deposit of \$200 per person is required within 7 days of making initial booking with balance due 4 weeks prior to departure unless otherwise advised, or 8 weeks for tours that include cruise/rail/air components. There will be times that Victor Tours is obliged to vary this policy. Please ask about this possibility for your tour. **Single Supplements** - If travelling by yourself a suitable companion may be arranged however, in the event that no suitable companion is available the single supplement rate will apply.

2. Cancellation Policy -Less than **30 days** or whilst on tour - No refund, **31-60 days** prior to departure 50%, **> 61 days** - full refund less any costs already paid to suppliers and a Victor Tours administration fee of \$50.

Please note that suppliers used in conjunction with a Victor Tours product will have separate cancellation policies.

3. Courtesy Pick Ups - Are offered at the sole discretion of Victor Tours management and are dependent on the routing of the tour and also the location of all clients booked on the tour. At the time of booking, confirmation of a home pick up can be advised. If not included in your tour price, home pick-ups can be arranged on your behalf for an additional cost. Victor Tours will continue to offer a courtesy home pick up service to clients, however, will not incur any out of pocket expenses or inconvenience to other clients whom have booked on the tour.

4. CERFUL TRAVEL Pty Ltd trading as Victor Tours offers a duty of care to all of our customers, however, it is solely the customer's responsibility to get to and return from the agreed pick up point, at your own cost. Do not request the driver to drop you off at a different point than where you got on. A driver is able to make a phone call on your behalf for a minimal cost. If you wish to travel with a companion, it is important that you get on at the same pick up point.

5. General Information Victor Tours will make every reasonable effort to adhere to itineraries, however it reserves the right to cancel or alter the itinerary without notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

6. Whilst Victor Tours take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, it accepts no responsibility for loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. Victor Tours further accepts no liability for any loss beyond its reasonable control, and cannot accept responsibility for the services provided by other operators, which are not under the direct control of Victor Tours. Victor Tours takes all reasonable care in selecting these operators, but does not accept responsibility for those operators' conduct (including conduct of their representatives or employees) or for any ramifications of that conduct. Due to volatile economic conditions there may be instances where an additional fee is required to cover increased costs e.g. fuel. If this situation occurs the amount payable will be in writing to you 4 weeks prior to the tour departure.

7. Goods and Services Tax - Is included in the price of tours.

8. Luggage Requirements - Each passenger is entitled to **one medium size suitcase**, the sum of its length, width & depth not to exceed 160cm (63 inches) per person, **and** one piece of hand luggage. Maximum **combined** weight not to exceed 20KG for the duration of the tour. Your luggage may be weighed at the commencement or during the tour to ensure luggage restrictions are met, overweight bags **will not** be carried by the driver.

9. Porterage is NOT included in the tour price. *However assistance will be given when asked for, remember if you pack it you should be able to carry it!*

10. Outback tours.... Please be aware that you are travelling in very remote places and there may be instances arise that can cause delays. It is strongly recommended that any person travelling on Outback tours are fit and healthy and able to manage outback accommodation and terrain. Comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear is essential, as is your camera and a good sense of fun. Passengers should be aware that if delays occur through weather or breakdown that they will be responsible for any extra accommodation or activities if required. Victor Tours will make every effort to run the tour as per the itinerary.

11. Seat Rotation - Victor Tours policy is to have daily seat rotation on all extended and short tours.

12. Smoking Policy - Government regulations forbid smoking on coaches. Requests for smoking or non-smoking rooms will certainly be passed on to accommodation venues but satisfaction cannot be guaranteed.

13. Tour Conditions - Tours are open to all people, however any person who is unable to travel independently or needs special assistance must be accompanied by a companion who will provide full assistance to this person.

14. Tour Director Service - Victor Tours provides a tour director or hostess. However Victor Tours reserves the right to withdraw any service if pre-determined minimum numbers are not met.

15. Travel Insurance is available and is strongly recommended to cover unforeseen circumstances.

16. Health and Fitness – Payment of deposit to Victor Tours acts as a warranty that the traveller/s is/are reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in the tour and the traveller/s indemnifies Victor Tours from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any want of health and fitness. Victor Tours reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if their health and/or fitness interferes with the tour or other traveller(s) tour experience in any way. Travelling with a wheel chair is subject to availability at the time of booking as each tour is subject to the availability of a wheel chair equipped coach.