

## Norfolk Delights

Classic Land Tour | 8 Days | Ex Brisbane Departure

Norfolk Island



An undiscovered Island paradise, tucked away between Australia and New Zealand, Norfolk Island will surprise and delight at every turn. Iconic, moody seascapes, sparkling turquoise waters, historical landmarks and gastronomical delights aplenty.

Join us on an exploration through this paradise island.

### Tour Highlights:

- Celebrate like the locals on our exclusive Bounty Day departure, enjoying the festivities and ceremony of Norfolk Island's history. Be amongst the crowd as you witness the Bounty Mutineer descendants re-enact the landing of their ancestors at what is now the oldest pier in the Southern Hemisphere
- Immerse yourself within the beauty of the coral reef that encircles the island. Enjoy the kaleidoscope of colour of the underwater world within Emily and Slaughter Bay as we cruise aboard a glass-bottom boat.
- Perched between the sea and the sky, enjoy a luxurious High Tea from the prestigious lawns of Forrester Court, an award-winning property with unrivalled views of Cascade Bay. Enjoy the exclusive clifftop setting and the decadent High Tea ceremony regaling in the property's links to history dating back to 1791.
- Chef Julien Vasseur, an organic cookery advocate has relocated to the Island to establish a new school that specialises in paddock to plate cooking. We are thrilled to be amongst the first visitors and participate in a hands-on Masterclass with the Chef himself! Learn tips and tricks on preparing authentic Asian street food and then, the best bit, relish in your creations!
- Be sure to bring your photographic skills, as picture perfect vistas greet you at every turn. Combine this with an important and significant place in our nation's history and you have an unmissable experience



#### Norfolk Delights Tour inclusions:

- All accommodation 3 -Star
- Most Meals (7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinner)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- Expert Tour Leader
- Specialist customer service from our passionate and experienced Travel Consultants

### Classic Land Tours:

On our Classic Land tours, the only extra's you will have to pay are items of your choosing, such as drinks, optional activities, insurance, tipping, early check-in/late check-out, and other items not specified on the itinerary.

This program has been specially crafted for you to enjoy the 'must see' sights and attractions and receive specialised, local knowledge through our expert tour leader. We take care of just about everything, leaving you to simply sit back, relax and enjoy every single moment.

### Physical Level 1:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights.

This tour is rated as a **physical level 1** tour. A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps. There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time.

Our Tour Leader will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

### Joining Your Tour

The tour is 8 days in duration. Tour price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific instructions pertaining to your departure.

Join the tour on Day 1 in Norfolk and end the tour on Day 8 in Norfolk. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

### Itinerary Changes:

It is our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate. In these circumstances, we will make the best possible arrangements maintaining the integrity of your trip.

## Itinerary – Norfolk Delights

### Day 1: Arrive Norfolk Island

Welcome to Norfolk Island! You will be greeted by a Wendy Wu Tours driver and transferred to your hotel.

Start your evening with a traditional Island Fish Fry, a welcoming Polynesian feast filled with singing, dancing and lots of atmosphere. Enjoy the stunning setting of the crescent-shaped beach and the magnificent spread of ocean stretching far into the horizon. The beautifully set tables will delight – it's the most glamorous picnic you will ever attend! Scrumptiously fresh, local fish is prepared the traditional way and accompanied with a range of seasonal island dishes, passed down from Polynesian foremothers.

Later this evening enjoy a private coach tour, that follows the journey of 1856 in the World Heritage Listed Kingston area. You will experience the past brought to life as you hear emotive stories of the families, where they lived and how they adapted to their strange, new life on Norfolk Island.

**Hotel:** Governor's Lodge – Executive Unit

Dinner is included

#### Destination Information

**Norfolk Island** – Norfolk Island is a former penal colony of Australia, and the remote island is both naturally stunning and intriguing. The island is surrounded by bays and reefs with crystal clear water and the iconic pine trees.

### Day 2: Norfolk Island & Reef Cruise



In the morning enjoy an orientation drive through the most important landmarks, with some photo opportunities for our budding photographers.

Afterwards enjoy a cruise within the lagoon of Emily and Slaughter Bays. Here you will witness the beautiful coral gardens as you cruise the crystal-clear pristine waters of the lagoon on a glass-bottom boat. Norfolk Island has the second southernmost coral reef in the world and attracts a diversity of marine life.

In the evening enjoy a traditional island BBQ at a scenic location.

**Hotel:** Governor's Lodge – Executive Unit

Breakfast and Dinner are included

#### Destination Information

**Emily Bay** – The second most southern coral reef in the world calls the waters around Norfolk Island home and is full of some gorgeous and unique marine wildlife

## Day 3: Cooking Masterclass & Murder Mystery Dinner

Today begins with a museum exploration within the Kingston Heritage Area. Wander through renovated buildings that date back to the early 1800's, learning more about the island's unique settlement history. There will also be an opportunity to walk through the historic cemetery.

View archaeological artifacts discovered on the Heritage Kingston and Arthurs Vale historic area (KAVHA) site and uncover their links to the Polynesian 1<sup>st</sup> settlers and the convict settlers that followed in the late 1700s.



For lunch roll up your sleeves and enjoy an exclusive masterclass with Chef Julien Vasseur, an organic cookery advocate who has recently relocated to the Island to establish a new cooking school specialising in paddock to plate cooking. Use local organic produce to recreate Asian street food dishes, whilst undoubtedly picking up new skills that you can impress upon friends and family! Be one of the first to participate in this interactive and immersive experience.

To finish the evening, we have created a fun, interactive experience. Travel back in time to 1859 and dine at the elegantly restored Georgian house at No.9 Quality Row, right on the beautiful Kingston foreshore. Here you will take part in a real-life game of Cluedo – aptly titled “Who Killed the Surveyor?”

**Hotel:** Governor's Lodge – Executive Unit

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are included

### Destination Information

**Kingston** – Is located to the South of the island and it is the second oldest settlement in Australia. Here you will find the Kingston World Heritage site that also houses the oceanfront Norfolk Island cemetery.

## Day 4: Norfolk Island History

Visit famed Australian author Colleen McCullough's property 'Out Yenna'. The world-renowned author called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years. She and her husband, Norfolk Islander, Ric Robinson, created a luxurious hideaway here. Colleen sought refuge in the tranquillity of her island home and created the perfect environment for her writing. On this exclusive access experience, you will tour the property, and appreciate why this spot inspired creativity for so many of her popular books including cult favourites 'The Thorn Birds' and 'Morgan's Run'.

This afternoon indulge in a luxurious private high tea, another of our exclusive experiences. Set on the magnificent lawns of Forrester Court, a multi award winning property positioned on the cliffs' edge overlooking Cascade Bay.

Finish the day with a fun, interactive dinner theatre experience, where the performers take you on a journey back in time and share the generational stories of times past. The Commandant's stories about the notorious Convict Settlements on Norfolk Island will have you enthralled.



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During the evening, hear how the convicts were treated by sadists and reformers alike. Listen to a chilling recall of one of the infamous rebellions. Then marvel at how the Commandants and their families adapted to life in a Norfolk Island penal colony, recreating a little piece of England in the Pacific. Explore their great challenges, impressive successes, and shameful secrets.

The Commandants dinner of traditional English fare and show will leave you in stitches, from food and laughter!

**Hotel:** Governor's Lodge – Executive Unit

Breakfast and Dinner are included

#### **Destination Information**

**"Out Yenna"** – The magnificent home of Colleen McCullough's, where she worked on her novels. Including Rick and Colleen's priceless collection of artifacts gathered on their travels all over the world. Colleen authored some 24 books during her lifetime. Some of the more noteworthy, for instance, include "Tim", "The Thornbirds" and "Morgan's Run".

#### **Day 5: Bounty Day Picnic**



The main attraction of our visit has arrived! Today you become honorary locals, as you join the pomp and ceremony of the National Holiday – Bounty Day. It celebrates the arrival of the Pitcairn Islanders and the establishment of the current settlement on Norfolk Island. The day commences with an 8:30am pick up from reception with Kingston as your destination.

Venture down to Kingston pier to watch Bounty Mutineer descendants enact the landing of their ancestors. Delight in the festive atmosphere as you follow the procession of the Bounty Mutineer descendants, all dressed in period costume. First stop is at the Cenotaph to pay respects to fallen heroes where hymns are sung. Then, it's onto the Cemetery where wreaths are laid, local hymns and the Pitcairn Anthem, (Norfolk Island's national anthem) are sung.

Finally, it's off to The Compound for morning tea followed by one of the days' highlights – the traditional picnic lunch, where you can savour the local 'wettles' (food). Evening at leisure.

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Breakfast and Lunch are included

## Day 6: Breakfast Bushwalk

This morning take part in a relaxed, scenic bushwalk through the National Park. Take in the beauty of the dramatic seascapes, the lush Norfolk Pines towering above and the unique flora and fauna that call the island home. Walk along the Bridle Track to Captain Cook's Memorial and keep your cameras handy!

For those that wish to sleep, we can easily arrange a pickup at 8.30 am to join the walkers for breakfast. Walkers will depart the hotel at 7:30am. Breakfast will be served alfresco, BBQ style.

In the afternoon embark on a foodie adventure as you meet passionate local farmers and sample their organic produce. First stop will be to a beekeeper's home where you will view their flow hives and learn about local honeybees. View their incredible flight path to their hives. Next stop is a local farm, followed by a cooking demonstration where you will create green banana fritters flavoured with local honey. Yummy!



Dinner tonight is at the Homestead Restaurant, famed for its 'cooking over embers' that locks in flavours. At this farewell dinner, you will have the chance to reminisce over wonderful, shared experiences in Norfolk and look ahead to your next adventure!

**Hotel:** Governor's Lodge – Executive Unit

Breakfast and Dinner are included

## Day 7: Garden Tour

A personalised garden exploration that will enthrall any garden enthusiast. First, step behind the scenes of a busy flower market and then venture out to a secluded old Island home and marvel at the beauty and colour of its surrounding gardens, still irrigated by a hand dug well from the convict era. The next stop is the 'Labour of love garden' which is inspirational. You will enjoy a light morning tea in the gardens surrounds, amongst the picturesque setting.

Tonight, enjoy a Dinner with part of your group at Hilli Restaurant.

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## Day 8: Cyclorama and Depart Norfolk Island

In the morning there will be a complimentary transfer to one of the Island's most popular attractions, the Cyclorama. Based on a popular art form from the 1800's it gives a unique 360-degree portrayal of the history of the Bounty Mutiny and the history of the people. It is one of only a few in the world and will impress with its realistic artistry.

Later, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight

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## Norfolk Delights - Travel Information

### Visas

Please be advised that your passport must have at least six months validity left on it when you arrive back into New Zealand. Visas are not required for New Zealand passport holders for entry into Norfolk Island.

At the time of booking Visa conditions may have changed, currently no visa is required for New Zealand passport holders. Your travel consultant will inform you if any changes are applicable prior to your departure.

### Insurance

We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

We also encourage all customers to bring details of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant contact numbers). It is also a good idea to check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure.

### COVID Safe

Your safety and well-being will always be our Number 1 priority which is why we've instituted the most stringent COVID health and safety protocols on all of tours.

As we continue to monitor current restrictions and operational impacts, these protocols will evolve, and we will provide detailed guidelines for your particular tour prior to departure.

For Further details, please go to the following link <https://www.wendywutours.co.nz/about-us/travel-with-confidence>

### Accommodation

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, the hotel is rated as local three-star standard. All group tour hotels have private bathroom facilities, TV, kitchenette and telephone. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your Tour Leader. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

### Porterage

Please be aware that porterage is included on our tours in Norfolk.

### Transport

**Coaches:** Our coaches are airconditioned for your comfort and used on tours during city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. The group may be split into smaller vehicles to reach sites off the main roads.

### Group Size

This departure will only become a guaranteed departure when a minimum of 20 travellers have confirmed their participation (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size wherever viable. Please do not issue flights until advised the departure is guaranteed.

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## Tipping Policy

Although tipping in Norfolk is not customary, if you feel you have received an excellent service, please feel free to tip at your discretion.

## Climate

Due to the island's subtropical climate the weather is quite temperate year-round. Temperatures will average 15-22 degrees in June, and it is common to get 4 seasons in one day, packing a travel umbrella is a good idea.

We recommend packing a light jumper for cooler evenings and mornings. Interestingly mosquitos are not a problem in Norfolk like they are on other pacific islands, although as some evening meals are outside, we do recommend packing some insect repellent.

## Luggage

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 23kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 7 kilograms. It is essential that your luggage is lockable. Please note that authorities will only allow bottles onto the aircraft if they have been checked in as main baggage.

## Personal Expenses and Optional Tours

**Personal Expense** - You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry, and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that you may like to experience. Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of NZ\$300 per person should be sufficient; however, for those that cannot resist a bargain or may wish to participate in all of the optional excursions, consider allocating a higher amount.

Norfolk forms a part of Australian Territory and as such the Australian Dollar is the currency used. Eftpos and access to banks is available. However, due to covid most stores may request Credit Card/Eftpos payments over cash.

Please note that at some of the restaurants on your itinerary, you can BYO drinks/beverages. We recommend you buy your alcohol on arrival at Norfolk Island and benefit from duty free rates **and** support local businesses.

## Vaccinations and your Health

We recommend that you contact either your doctor or local Health Centre for advice on vaccinations and travel health. The NZ government Safe Travel site has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful [safetravel.govt.nz](http://safetravel.govt.nz)

## Before You Leave

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with [www.safetravel.govt.nz](http://www.safetravel.govt.nz) as in the event of an emergency, New Zealand Consular assistance will be more readily available. You can also access the New Zealand Government's travel advisory service for up to date information about your destination on the same website

## After Your Booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation, which includes a visa application form (if applicable). Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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