

Norfolk Island Getaway



8 Day Norfolk Island Getaway

14 - 21 March 2022

Come and join us on our Norfolk Island Getaway. Whether you're a history buff or not, it won't take you long to get swept up in Norfolk Island's fascinating past, and to see that our history and culture are intricately entwined. Our heritage plays an important role in our traditions and everyday lives, from our foods to our music and folklore. On this tour there will be time to relax and time to experience the Island with some wonderful tours like "Discover our World", "Trial of 15", "Commandants' Dinner", and "Colleen McCullough's Home Tour", just to name a few.

8 days from

\$1,850 pp

twin share

Single Supplement - \$925

Land Only

INCLUSIONS:

- 7 nights accommodation at the Paradise Hotel
- Full breakfast daily
- Return airport transfers
- Discover Our World tour
- 1856 The Untold Story
- Colleen McCullough Home Tour
- Convict Kingston Tour
- Progressive Dinner
- Commandants Dinner
- Who Killed the Surveyor
- Special Offer – 6 days car rental included



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Day 1: 14 March 2022

On arrival on Norfolk Island, you will be met and transferred to the Paradise Hotel for 7 nights' accommodation. Your afternoon is at leisure to relax and settle in.

Who Killed the Surveyor – a new murder mystery dinner set in 1859 on Norfolk Island. Go back in time and dine with the Chief Magistrate Frederick Young and his wife Mary. Frederick is hosting this dinner to honour His Excellency, Governor General Denison who is making yet another visit to the island. A young English surveyor from Sydney is found washed up on the cove southeast of Point Hunter. Dine on a 3-course dinner while you help solve the mystery of "Who Killed the Surveyor?" The tour takes place in one of the original, elegantly restored Georgian houses at No. 9 Quality Row, on the beautiful Kingston foreshores.

Day 2: 15 March 2022

Discover Our World – is an informative tour to Discover Norfolk Island to introduce you to the beauty and diversity of our Island paradise. Tour the Island with informative local guides to set the scene for your stay.

Colleen McCullough Home Tour – Colleen McCullough, world-renowned author of 24 books called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years. She and husband, Norfolk Islander, Ric Robinson, created a luxurious hideaway and maintained their privacy 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. Be escorted through her magnificent home and view Ric and Colleen's priceless collection of artefacts gathered on their travels all over the world. This is a glimpse into the life of a modern-day literary icon. If you have read her amazing books, you will love the experience of sharing the world of Colleen McCullough, author of "Tim", "The Thornbirds" and "Morgan's Run".

Day 3: 16 March 2022

Convict Kingston Tour – On the Convict Kingston Tour you'll learn about World Heritage Listed Kingston. You'll hear about our first settlers, the Polynesians who came 900 years ago. And gain an insight into our First and second settlements as well as the facts and legends associated with each. After that you'll learn how Norfolk became home to the descendants of the infamous Bounty mutiny. Walk through the historic cemetery.

The Trial of the Fifteen – An Historical Drama by Peter Clarke. You are an eyewitness to a courtroom drama. Fifteen extraordinary characters step on stage to expose Norfolk's colourful and sometimes turbulent past. The testimony of those on trial reveals the story of Norfolk Island. Starting with Polynesian visitation, European discovery, to convict misery and finally the arrival of the Pitcairn Islanders.

Commandants' Dinner – This factual yet fun dinner theatre is Norfolk Island's newest interactive show and a great way to learn about Norfolk's history. The cast of actors will take you on an entertaining journey back in time. You will be enthralled by the Commandants' stories about the notorious Convict Settlements on Norfolk Is. and how the convicts were treated by sadists and reformers alike.

Listen to a chilling recall of one of the infamous rebellions. 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 is a night of great entertainment, delectable food and loads of fun.

Day 4: 17 March 2022

Join us on a morning bushwalk and breakfast. This tour caters for everyone and gives you the opportunity to enjoy a walk in the great outdoors, with a delicious breakfast waiting at the end! Take your choice of a stroll through Palm Glen Reserve or for the more energetic, a leisurely 3.5 km walk through scenic Mt. Bates – the highest point on the island to Captain Cook Monument. It stands at the spot where Captain James Cook and his officers landed in 1774 – and has spectacular views of the coastline. At the end of the walks, we all meet up on the clifftop for a delicious breakfast barbecue.

This tour is also flexible – if you would prefer to sleep in and skip the bush walk, but would like to have breakfast on the clifftop, you can join the walkers at Captain Cook Monument and share in the festivities.

OPTIONAL: Glass Bottom Boat Tour \$85.

Day 5: 18 March 2022

Progressive Dinner – The three course Progressive Dinner is the perfect way to get a taste of the real Norfolk lifestyle. Baunti's Progressive Dinner takes you to lovely Island homes.

All you must do is relax and enjoy the home-cooked food, bursting with the goodness of fresh island produce, chat with your fellow diners and soak up the stories of your island hosts as they share their passion for their little island paradise.

Day 6: 19 March 2022

OPTIONAL: Pitcairn Settlers Village \$75 – Visit the Pitcairn Settlers Village. Here you'll experience the proud history of the Pitcairn Island Settlers. Your guided tour will take you through the gracious original Bailey homestead & gardens. Then on to a stroll through the barn, dairy and out-buildings. Wander through the Museum filled with items of nostalgic and historic interest. See the oldest working forge in the Pacific. After that there's an Ex New Zealand Army hut, with war-time memorabilia. And finally, there's an exclusive film of Norfolk Island interest and complimentary refreshments.

OPTIONAL: Island Fish Feast \$85 – You will have an eagle-eyed view of the tiny crescent shaped beach & the magnificent spread of ocean stretching to the far horizon. The beautifully set tables will delight you – it's the most glamorous picnic you will ever attend! Scrumptiously fresh, local fish is prepared the local way and accompanied with a range of seasonal island dishes including those passed down from our Polynesian fore-mothers. This extends even to dessert. Our feast kicks off with entertainment, by a local singer and Tahitian-style dancers.

1856 The Untold Story – On 8 June 1856 a total of 194 people, descendants from the Bounty, arrived on Norfolk Island from Pitcairn 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. It was a large and frightening testimony of man's inhumanity to man. The 1856 untold story will follow their journey in the World Heritage Listed Kingston area. Baunti Escapes will bring the past to life with an audio aboard their coach, recounting stories of the families, where they lived and how they adapted to their new life on Norfolk Island. This 1-hour tour is very evocative.

Day 7: 20 March 2022

Day at leisure to explore the island.

Day 8: 21 March 2022

Morning at leisure before transfer to the airport for your departure flight.