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NORFOLK ISLAND

8 DAY TOUR

DEPARTING: WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

RETURNING: WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2024



TOUR COST:

\$3685 per person Twin/Double Share

\$4245 Sole Occupancy

Day of departure:

Please meet at the Canberra Airport—details to be advised in pre tour letter

DAY 1: (D) CANBERRA TO NORFOLK ISLAND: Wednesday 18 September 2024

This morning we meet at Canberra Airport for our early flight to Norfolk Island via Sydney (flight details to be advised). Upon arrival we are met by **Baunti Tours** and transferred to our accommodation at **The South Pacific Resort**. Set in subtropical gardens with mountain and valley views, the South Pacific Resort is centrally located in the township of Burnt Pine. Settle in, then have the remainder of the afternoon to relax or to take a look around. Dinner tonight is at the resort. **7 nights | South Pacific Resort, Norfolk Island, Ph: +672 3 22166**

DAY 2: (BD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Thursday 19 September 2024

This morning we start the day with the **Breakfast Bushwalk** (which caters to all levels of walking—or, alternatively, we can arrange for you to be collected). The Breakfast Bushwalk is a relaxed amble through the national park with a local guide—a BBQ breakfast and ocean view await us at the end. We then enjoy the **Discover Our World Tour**, a must for every visitor! Baunti Tours will introduce you to the beauty and diversity of their island paradise. We tour the island with an informative local guide to set the scene for your stay. Lunch is at your own expense, and the afternoon is at your leisure. Late afternoon we head out to an **Island Fish Fry** for dinner. A place for 'angels and eagles' was La Perouse's description of Norfolk Island when he failed to find a suitable landing place back in the eighteenth century. Perched on the clifftop on a beautiful private property close to Puppy's Point, you will have spectacular valley views and 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! And then the food! Scrumptiously fresh, local fish is prepared the local way in golden beer batter and accompanied with a range of seasonal island dishes including those passed down from the Polynesian foremothers. See how the locals make the most of their home grown produce and enjoy paddock to plate freshness. This extends even to dessert which is Norfolk Island pies made from local eggs and fruit in season. A cash bar offers wine, beer and juice, so you don't even have to worry about bringing your own. The feast kicks off with an entertainer and a very talented group of Tahitian-style dancers, silhouetted against the setting sun. And even when the sunset fails to dazzle, the singing and dancing will definitely set the tone for an evening of fun and relaxation. After a great evening we return to the resort.

DAY 3: (BLD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Friday 20 September 2024

This morning is free for you to relax or to do some shopping! Then we head off to **The Lavender Farm** to enjoy a **Tour with lunch**—includes an informative talk on setting up Norfolk's first ever Lavender Farm. You'll hear about the challenges of importing bare rooted plants into the island. Enjoy an easy walk around the farm with the owners. Learn about the 15 different lavender varieties that have been planted. View their other commercial plantings of Sage, Rosemary, Rose Geranium, Sunflowers and other vegetables that are grown on Fitzzy's Farm for use in our 'paddock to plate' farm experience. After the tour, head back to the farm building for one of the farm's home grown baked potatoes or sweet potatoes, with your choice of toppings. Also included is a beer or wine from the bar. Gift shop available for purchasing their locally made products after the tour. Tonight we head out to enjoy a **Progressive Dinner** which is the perfect way to get a taste of the real Norfolk lifestyle. We travel to some lovely local homes on the island. All you have to 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. They'll share their passion for their little island paradise. A complimentary glass of wine or juice accompanies the main course, tea and coffee served with dessert. You are welcome to BYO if you wish. After dinner we return to the resort.

DAY 4: (BD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Saturday 21 September 2024

The **Norfolk Island Culture Tour** is an immersion in Norfolk Island's rich cultural heritage. Learn about the rich history from the first Polynesian settlement, through to the Mutiny on the Bounty. The settlement of Pitcairn Island with the 12 Tahitian foremothers and the arrival of the Pitcairn Islanders on Norfolk Island in 1856, the whaling days, through to life today. See a Tapa beating and weaving demonstration. Hold history in your hands, with relics of the past. Fish brining and smoking demonstration with tasting and much more. Afterwards the rest of the morning is free. After lunch (own expense and arrangement) we enjoy a **Glass Bottom Boat** adventure that will take you out on the lagoon of Emily and Slaughter Bays. Norfolk Island has the second southernmost coral reef in the world and attracts a diversity of marine life. View beautiful coral gardens as you cruise the crystal-clear pristine waters of the lagoon. There's also a wide variety of species of colourful fish on display. Dinner tonight is at the resort.

Optional Tour—Please confirm at time of booking if you would like to book this tour at additional cost—Lantern Lit Ghost Tour. A lantern-lit tour through the historic streets of Norfolk's World Heritage Listed Area where the macabre and spine-tingling tales of murders, suicides and hangings come to life. Learn the bizarre and turbulent stories of our dark past as you are led by your local ghost host through the Olde Town.

DAY 5: (BD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Sunday 22 September 2024

This morning we have organised a transfer to and from the **Island Markets**, for those interested in having a look. The remainder of the morning is free to relax or do some personal **sight seeing**. This afternoon Baunti Tours take us on their **Convict Kingston Tour**. Learn about World Heritage Listed Kingston. Hear about the first settlers, the Polynesians who came 900 years ago. Learn about the First and Second Convict Settlements and the facts and legends associated with each. Learn how Norfolk became home to descendants of the infamous 'Bounty' mutiny. After our tour we return to the resort to relax before dinner out this evening. Tonight enjoy the **Who Killed The Surveyor** dinner, 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 6: (BD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Monday 23 September 2024

This morning we visit **Cyclorama**. Here we walk inside a continuous 360 degree panoramic painting and feel as though we are standing on a pier or a ships' deck. 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. While we are here we enjoy a **Morning Tea at Hilli's**. Lunch today is at your own expense and arrangement, then this afternoon we 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 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. Dinner tonight is at the Resort.

DAY 7: (BD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Tuesday 24 September 2024

This morning we enjoy the **Colleen McCullough Home Tour**. Colleen McCullough, world renowned author of 24 books called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years. She and her 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. Sadly, Colleen passed away in 2015 after a long battle with illness. Nevertheless, she stoically continued writing for as long as she possibly could and fulfilled her great wish to remain on Norfolk Island. Her beloved property 'Out Yenna' is now open exclusively to Baunti Tours customers. You are escorted through her magnificent home and are able to view Ric and Colleen's priceless collection of artefacts gathered on their travels all over the world. You 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. You will learn about how Colleen enjoyed her Norfolk paradise and how it inspired her with its rich history and natural beauty. Learn to how she gave back to Norfolk and touched many people's lives. 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*. Lunch today is at your own arrangement and expense. This afternoon enjoy the **Taste of Norfolk** and meet some passionate local producers. Visit a bee-keepers home to view flow hives, learn about the fascinating local honeybees, view their incredible flight path to their hives and taste the local honey. See how a Norfolk couple are trying their hand at tanning the skins of the cattle you see roaming the sides of the road. Visit another host who is making local salt from the oceans that surround the island. You will taste of our local beef and the salt they are producing for cooking and table. Then moving on to meet another Norfolk Islander where you'll view a cooking demonstration. You will see and hear about our traditional dishes that were handed down by our Tahitian foremothers. Watch us create green banana fritters flavoured with local honey or a similar dish depending on the seasons. **The Bounty Show and Dinner** is a world famous story. On this tour it will be told by a cast of actors hosted at a theatre restaurant. Come and join us for a night on the Bounty. Let us take you on a journey from England to Tahiti. This fun, factual and interactive dinner show will tell the story of life that led to the Mutiny on The Bounty, join us for a night of feasting, frivolity and lots of laughs. The cast of the amazing feature show will have you enthralled as we all sail with Captain Bligh and the Mutineers from the famous Bounty. Includes 3 course dinner. Return to the resort for your last night's accommodation.

DAY 8: (B): NORFOLK ISLAND TO CANBERRA: Wednesday 25 September 2024

After breakfast enjoy your morning at leisure and perhaps purchase some last minute gifts before we transfer to the airport to board our flight to Canberra via Sydney (flight times to be advised).

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DEPOSIT: is required within 7 days of a verbal or written confirmation of your reservation. If no deposit is received, Potter Travel reserves the right to cancel the booking. **The deposit for this tour is \$600 per person.** Qantas deposits are non refundable. Airfares are subject to change until final payment. Online Direct Debit transactions must include your **Booking Reference** noted on your **Booking Confirmation**.

FINAL PAYMENT: MONDAY 17 JUNE 2024

Online Direct Debit transactions must include your **Booking Reference** noted on your **Booking Confirmation**.

CANCELLATION BY YOU: You may cancel your booking by giving written notice to us or calling our reservation team. Cancellation fees and charges will be levied as follows irrespective of when notice of cancellation is received:

- any amounts we have paid or have contractually committed to pay to third parties to deliver your travel arrangements that we cannot reasonably recover (for example payments made or due to hotels, tour wholesaler, airlines, cruise companies, ticketing agents);
- where we operate any of the services included in your travel arrangements (for example, coach travel), a reasonable amount attributable to such services which we determine we cannot resell;
- a fee which is the greater of the deposit and 20% of the booking value to compensate us for work performed up until the time of cancellation;
- a fee not greater than 5% of the booking value to compensate us for processing the cancellation and any associated refund.

Cancellation fees and charges will not exceed payments received by us at the time of cancellation. If after the application of these fees and charges there is a surplus of payments you have made to us, we will refund this to you within a reasonable time. You agree that these cancellation fees and charges are reasonable and required to protect our legitimate business interests. Any payments we have made to third parties will only be refunded to you once we have deducted the above cancellation fees and charges and once we have actually recovered the amounts from the third parties. We will use reasonable endeavors to recover third party payments, but we make no guarantee that we will be able to make recoveries.

Passports and visas are not required when travelling to Norfolk Island from the Australian mainland. However, photographic identification, such as an Australian Driver's Licence, Proof of Age Card or current Norfolk Island Document of Identity, must be produced for each passenger for clearance by the Australian Border Force. A valid passport meets this identification requirement and is the preferred means of documentation to expedite passenger processing and provide passenger identification in the case of a flight diversion to another country. The operation of the tour is subject to minimum numbers. Potter Travel reserves the right to pass on any additional fees or surcharges imposed by the airlines or wholesaler with or without notice. Potter Travel reserves the right to alter itineraries without notice due to weather, road conditions or any other reason which is seen to be in the best interest of passengers travelling. The operation and provision of services from other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operators and no responsibility is taken by Potter Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service. No guarantees will be given as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by Potter Travel. Drop offs may be in the opposite direction to the pickups depending on the touring route taken.

Tour includes: Return economy airfares from Canberra to Norfolk Island, bed and breakfast accommodation at the resort, dinners as mentioned in the itinerary, entry fees and/or guided tours to attractions mentioned in the itinerary, coach transfers and GST. Meals are stated in the itinerary as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner. Not included: alcoholic beverages or other drinks (except wine tasting), meals not specified, room service, telephone calls, morning/afternoon teas unless stated in the itinerary or any items of a personal nature. We do not cater for forced singles on our tours. If you wish to twin share you will need to organize your own travelling companion, otherwise the sole occupancy fare applies.

Potter Travel highly recommends that Travel Insurance be taken to protect yourself against unforeseen circumstances.

Daily seat rotation takes place on all extended tours. Passengers suffering from motion sickness are advised to take the necessary precautions as seat rotation is compulsory. Potter Travel accepts no responsibility for damage, loss of personal belongings or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport companies used for connecting tours operated by this company. Potter Travel reserves the right to cancel or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control.

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Where tours are fully booked, future enquiries will be put onto a waitlist and as cancellations occur the person at the top of the waitlist will be contacted first and offered the seat followed by the second, the third and so on. In the instance that you are unable to be contacted on a daytime telephone number, the seat will be offered to the next person on the waitlist.

All passengers are encouraged to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 to travel on our tours.

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