**8 Day Norfolk Island Tour**

Saturday, 30 November – Saturday, 07 December 2024

**Progressive Dinners, Peaceful Pine Trees and Perfect Sunsets; You Will Wish You Were a Local.**

**DAY 1 (D):** **BRISBANE TO NORFOLK ISLAND**  Saturday 30 November 2024

Welcome to our **Norfolk Island** tour with The Funtastic Tour Company**.** With our pickups complete we are transferred to the airport for our direct flight to **Norfolk Island**. Warmly greeted upon arrival, Pinetree Tours will escort us to our accommodation at the lovely **South Pacific Resort.** The resort is set in lush subtropical gardens with mountain and valley views. It is ideally located within the township of **Burnt Pine**, so we don’t have far to go to appreciate the shops when not on tour. Settling into our rooms, enjoy a rest or perhaps take a wander around the resort to see what’s on offer. We re-group at an agreed time a little later for dinner at the Resort.

**Flight:** QF183 Dep BNE 1135 / Arrive NLK 1545

*(Dinner in the Resort)*

**DAY 2 (BLD): MARKETS AND CONVICTS** Sunday 1 December 2024

Following breakfast, we have the morning to enjoy a wander through the **Sunday Markets** with plenty of time to snap up a bargain or two, or the opportunity to participate in a morning church service. This afternoon we will embark on the **Convict Settlement Tour**.  This is an 'In Depth' Tour of the historic Georgian settlement of Kingston. Walk through the cemetery & hear the history of interesting convict and colonial headstones, through the ruins of the New Gaol; visit All Saints Church which was, in convict times, the Commissariat Store. After a great day our we return to the Resort for Dinner.

*(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at the Resort)*

**DAY 3 (BD): GET TO KNOW NORFOLK** Monday 2 December 2024

This morning, we are collected by **Pinetree Tours** for a **Half** **Day Island Sightseeing Tour** –a must for every visitor! We visit historic Kingston, Cascade, Longridge and much more. See and hear about the famous convict buildings, beautiful beaches and the golf course, the renowned Melanesian Chapel, their government, laws, and lifestyle. We stop for a delicious **morning tea** in the garden of an island home, then return to our resort. The

remainder of the afternoon is at our leisure and tonight we participate in a fixture of Norfolk Island, the **Progressive Dinner.** It 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.

*(Breakfast in the Resort, lunch own arrangements and costs, Progressive Dinner)*

**DAY 4 (BLD): MEET THE LOCALS** Tuesday 3 December 2024

After breakfast **Pinetree Tours** take us on their **Over the Cattlestops Tour**. Norfolk Island has a large number of small businesses making different local products that we are able to see - and maybe have a taste of! Our afternoon tour is the **Farm and Industry Tour**, where we’ll see a selection of local industries - the island’s largest market garden and piggery, Kentia Palm nursery that exports to Europe and experience the island’s only soft drink manufacturer. Tonight, **Pinetree Tours** will take us out to enjoy the delightful **Island Fish Fry** - a traditional Island Fish Feast with local fish, island dishes, salads and desserts. Overlooking breathtaking coastal scenery as the sun sets - with live music in the background by local entertainment from the Baunti Byuutis dancing group. What a fabulous way to end our day!

(Breakfast in the resort, light lunch at the Resort, Island Fish Fry Dinner)

**DAY 5 (BLD): FAMOUS NORFOLK ISLAND** Wednesday 4 December 2024

Following breakfast, **Baunti Tours** takes us to visit the property of the late **Colleen McCullough**. The world-renowned author of 24 books called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years and today we have the opportunity to see into her world. 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. Later we are collected by **Baunti** **Tours** for our **High Tea** at **Bounty Lodge**. We complete our interesting day with a fun night out for all ages and join the **Night as a Convict Dinner!** Wedress as convicts and along with the Commandant, we are in for an evening of gaiety, feasting and singing. Great food! Great fun will be had by all!!

*(Breakfast in the resort, High Tea Lunch, Night as a Convict Dinner)*

**DAY 6 (BD): CLIFFTOP BREAKFAST AND WONDERLAND BY NIGHT**

Thursday 5 December 2024

Our breakfast setting will be a little different this morning, as we can either take a stroll or, for the more energetic, a leisurely 3.5km walk with Pinetree Tours. We’ll meet up for our **Clifftop Breakfast** together on Anson Bay. It will be a wonderful way to start our day and the rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy all that Norfolk Island has to offer. At the end of the day, we meet over an early dinner back at the Resort and tonight we travel into the bushland of the island on a **Wonderland by Night**tour***.*** 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.

*(Clifftop Breakfast after Bush Walk, lunch at own expense, Dinner at South Pacific Resort)*

**DAY 7 (BD): CRUISING AND DISCOVERY** Friday 6 December 2024

Today we embark on a unique **Glass Bottom Boat tour.** Once we’ve “walked the plank” with these ‘mutineer descendants’ it takes a minute to get to the Reef. View beautiful coral gardens and tropical fish inside the calm crystal waters of Norfolk’s lagoon. Our guide will provide interesting commentary on this environmental tour. Later this afternoon we visit the stunning 360° panoramic painting at **Cyclorama** which continues to impress with its ‘wow’ factor. It brings to life the Bounty mutiny and the history of the Norfolk Island people and is a great way to finish our tour. Returning to our hotel we have time to freshen up before a delicious farewell BBQ Dinner at the Resort.

*(Breakfast at the Resort, Lunch own arrangements and cost, BBQ Buffet Dinner at the Resort)*

**DAY 8 (B): NORFOLK ISLAND TO HOME** Saturday 7 December 2024

Packing our belongings, we farewell our lovely hosts. Before heading to the airport, we take in a treasure chest of history. The **Bounty Museum** is an Aladdin’s Cave of inspiring stories stretching back to 1788.  Learn how the Norfolk Island flag came to be and pour over bounty memorabilia building a picture of how life looked in those early days compared to that of Norfolk Island today. Arriving at the Norfolk Island Airport we prepare for our return flight to **Brisbane**. Once our flight lands, we head for home with bags packed full of memories. What a lovely time we have had on beautiful Norfolk Island travelling with old and new friends.

*(Breakfast in the Resort)*

**Flight:** QF184 Depart NLK 1645 / Arrive BNE 1710

**Accommodation**: South Pacific Resort, Norfolk Island

### Host: Geoff Cherry + Jan Kent

### Tour Inclusions

* 7 night’s accommodation at South Pacific Resort
* Entry and afternoon tea at the Abbey Museum of Art & Archaeology
* Norfolk Island Welcome Package including Meet & Greet, Orientation Tour and Hotel Transfers
* 3 course Dinner at South Pacific Resort, **day 2**
* Return transfers to Sunday Markets
* Light lunch at the South Pacific Resort, **day 3**
* Half-day Convict Settlement Tour
* Half-day General Norfolk Tour
* Progressive Dinner, **day 4**
* Half-Day Over the Cattlestops Tour
* Half-day Farm & Industry Tour
* Island Fish Fry dinner, **day 5**
* Colleen McCullough Home Tour
* Forrester Court High tea lunch, **day 6**
* Night as a Convict Dinner and Show, **day 6**
* Clifftop Breakfast
* 2 course Dinner at South Pacific Resort, **day 7**
* Wonderland by Night tour
* Glass Bottom Boat tour
* Visit to Cyclorama
* Entry to Baunti Folk Museum

**Costs**

Twin / Double – $4395 Single – $4995

*The itinerary is subject to change due to availability of the local operators. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather.*