

NATIONAL TRUST ACT

NORFOLK

ISLAND

8 DAY TOUR

Departing: Friday 23 August 2019

Returning: Friday 30 August 2019



ESCORTED BY ERIC MARTIN

TOUR COST

\$2995.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$3380.00 Sole Occupancy

DEPARTURE POINT: MEET at the Qantas Check-In counter, Canberra Airport, BEFORE 5.30am.

DAY 1: (D): CANBERRA – SYDNEY – NORFOLK ISLAND: Friday 23 August 2019

We have an early flight from Canberra to Sydney to connect with our flight to Norfolk Island. We arrive into Norfolk Island early afternoon with Baunti Escapes on hand to transfer us 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 at the shops before dinner at the hotel.

South Pacific Resort, Norfolk Island | Ph: +672 3 22166

DAY 2: (BD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Saturday 24 August 2019

Following breakfast we are collected by Baunti Escapes for their Discover Our World Tour, a must for every visitor! Baunti Escapes 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. After our tour we stop into 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. Afterwards we return to the hotel for a free afternoon to relax or do some shopping before heading out to an Island Fish Feast 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 above Anson Bay, you will have an eagle-eyed view of the tiny crescent-shaped beach 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 fore-mothers. 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 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 dinner we are taken on a Lantern Lit Ghost Tour. As the night sets in and the long shadows fall, come and take a lantern lit ride to the other side. Step through the veil into the worst of all possible worlds, explore the crooked, cobbled nether world of Norfolk's dark and troubled past as we visit real haunted sites and hear real ghost stories, which have for generations lain forgotten and abandoned until now.

DAY 3: (BD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Sunday 25 August 2019

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel with the day free to relax or do some personal sightseeing. A return transfer to the Island Markets is provided. After a relaxing day enjoy dinner at the hotel.

DAY 4: (BD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Monday 26 August 2019

Following breakfast we have a free morning to relax, enjoy the shops or do some personal sightseeing. This afternoon Baunti Escapes 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. This evening's dinner is a Traditional Island Dinner at #9 Quality Row.

DAY 5: (BD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Tuesday 27 August 2019

This morning we visit the Pitcairn Settlers Village Experience, the proud history of the Pitcairn Island Settlers. Your guided tour will include: the gracious original Bailey homestead and gardens, a stroll through the barn, dairy and out-buildings, a museum filled with items of nostalgic and historic interest, the oldest working forge in the Pacific, an Ex New Zealand Army hut, with war-time memorabilia and an exclusive film of Norfolk Island interest. Afterwards we return to the hotel for a free afternoon to relax or do some shopping before dinner this evening which is the 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 Commandant's stories about the notorious convict settlements on Norfolk Island and how the convicts were treated by sadists and reformers. 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. Our venue, The Paradise Hotel, has created a special three course dinner menu of traditional English fare to compliment the theatrical setting. Hearty, wholesome, British tucker fit for a Commandant and his good lady wife – fortunately prepared by free men in a modern kitchen not a poor convict over a wood stove! The Commandant's Dinner is a night of great entertainment, delectable food and loads of fun.

DAY 6: (BD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Wednesday 28 August 2019

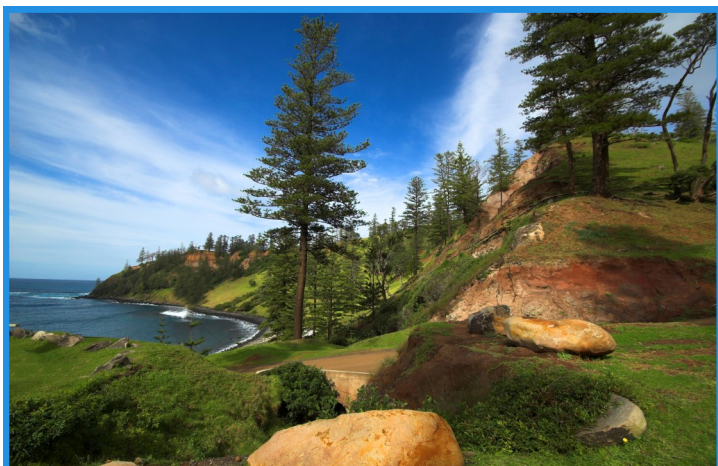
This morning we enjoy the Colleen McCullough Home Tour. Colleen McCullough, world renowned author of 24 books called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years. She and her husband, Norfolk Islander, Ric Robinson, created a luxurious hideaway and maintained their privacy to ensure that Colleen had the perfect 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 Escapes 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 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*. After this tour we enjoy a little free time as well as time for lunch (own expense). This afternoon there maybe an option (own expense) to visit Norfolk Island's historic Government House (subject to open dates which will be advised closer to our date of travel). Built in 1829 and handsomely restored, it is generally not open to the public, however, on a number of occasions each year, its formal rooms are open for public inspection. This is to allow opportunities for people to visit and gain an appreciation of Government House's place in the rich history of Norfolk Island as well as to raise funds for Norfolk Island's volunteer charity and service organisations. Afterwards enjoy the Trial of Fifteen. You are an eyewitness to a courtroom drama as 15 extraordinary characters step on stage to expose Norfolk's colourful and at times turbulent past. This highly successful play has been running for over ten years. This evening enjoy a new tour called 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 600 km 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 audio aboard their coach, recounting stories of the families, where they lived and how they adapted to their new life on Norfolk Island.

DAY 7: (BD): NORFOLK ISLAND: Thursday 29 August 2019

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel and free time this morning. After lunch (own expense) we visit the museum which is located in four of Kingston's World Heritage buildings. The museum helps you discover the island's turbulent past and today's living culture. After a fascinating day we return to the resort to freshen up before our Progressive Dinner. The Progressive Dinner is legendary, and a fixture on Norfolk Island itineraries. The perfect way to get a taste of the real Norfolk lifestyle, Baunti's Progressive Dinner, takes you to three lovely homes in three completely different parts of the island.

DAY 8: (B): NORFOLK ISLAND - SYDNEY - CANBERRA: Friday 30 August 2019

Another leisurely breakfast and some time to enjoy a relaxing morning or last minute shopping. Around the middle of the day we transfer to the airport to board our flight back to Sydney. On arrival we transfer across to the Domestic Terminal to connect with our Qantas flight home to Canberra.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT: The deposit is \$300.00 per person and required within 14 days of booking up until 01 May 2019 and immediately on booking after this date .

FINAL PAYMENT DATE: FRIDAY 07 JUNE 2019

CANCELLATION TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Reservations that are cancelled prior to **Wed 15 May 2019**: full refund if minimum numbers required is retained.

Reservations that are cancelled on or after **Wed 15 May 2019**: loss of deposit.

Reservations that are cancelled after **Fri 07 June 2019**: no refund, loss of 100% of total tour cost.

The taxable component of the airfare is subject to change without notice. No shows on day of departure or cancellations whilst on tour will be charged a 100% cancellation fee. Where Potter Travel cancels the tour as a result of insufficient numbers or due to reasons within Potter Travel's control, a full refund of any monies paid at the time of cancellation will be given. Any changes to airfare details will incur a fee of \$100.

Photo ID is required for travel to Norfolk Island. An Australian Passport or a Certificate Of Identification obtained from a Post office are the recommended forms of identification for this tour. Once inside the final payment date, full payment is required at the time of booking.

The operation of the tour is subject to minimum numbers, namely 20 paying passengers. If your cancellation affects the minimum group numbers, Potter Travel reserves the right to impose further cancellation fees in addition to those noted above. Potter Travel reserves the right to pass on any additional fees or surcharges imposed by the airlines or wholesaler with or without notice.

Tour Includes: Return economy flights to Norfolk Island from Canberra with Qantas and Air New Zealand, bed and breakfast accommodation at the Hotels mentioned in the Itinerary, hotel or themed dinners each evening while on Norfolk Island as nominated on the itinerary, local touring on Norfolk Island with Baunti Escapes as nominated on the itinerary. Meals are stated in the itinerary as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner.

Not Included: Alcoholic beverages or other drinks, meals not specified, room service, telephone calls, some morning/afternoon teas or any items of a personal nature. Optional touring such as the visit to Government House if available (cost of transfers and entry is \$30 per person).

Forced Singles are not permitted on our tours. If you wish to twin share you will need to organise your own travelling companion, otherwise single supplement is payable.

Potter Travel recommends that Travel Insurance be taken to protect against unforeseen circumstances. Travel Insurance is available through Potter Travel.

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Daily **seat rotation** will take place on all extended tours, which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking. Passengers suffering from motion sickness are advised to take the necessary precautions as seat rotation is compulsory.

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You must be able to embark and disembark the coach unaided to travel on this tour. Your deposit and final payment on our tour is acknowledgement that you have read and understood the booking terms and conditions as mentioned above.

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