NORFOLK ISLAND

360° of Wonder
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**Welcome!**

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- “Hello and how are you?”

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There’s More to Norfolk Island...

360° of Beauty

Where history does not repeat itself

The year is 1450 AD and you are exhausted. You and your companions have sailed the harsh and rough seas from far away islands such as Eastern Polynesia and beyond. You are excited to reach land but unsure of what lies ahead.

Your canoe gently glides up the beach and you are held captive by the spectacular beauty and peacefulness of your destination. All your instincts and senses know you have arrived somewhere special.

Now imagine yourself in the 21st century and departing the plane after your short international flight. From the moment you step off the plane you will be consumed by the magic and soft rhythms of Norfolk Island. It will be as if time has stood still and you are the original discoverer of Norfolk Island.

Feel yourself transformed as you commence your journey to this world where you experience three hundred and sixty degrees of wonder.

Norfolk’s gift to you is an enchanted quest in discovery of history, environment, culture and lifestyle.

So begin your journey with us and allow the magic of Norfolk to take your breath away.

Welcome...

Each moment of the day is yours to enjoy, relax, unwind and set a new pace that is reflective of the tranquil lifestyle on Norfolk Island.

Low tide at beautiful Slaughter Bay

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360° of Connection

Norfolk Island: Three Hundred & Sixty Degrees of Wonder

“Ai gwen naawī”
- “I’m going swimming”

“Stop at the cliff, soak in the views and with nothing between you and the ocean but wind!
A must do every morning for a clear mind, great injection of fresh air and inspiring start to the day.”

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The pace of life is slower on Norfolk, so don’t rush it.

**Phillip & Nepean Island**

These two small, uninhabited gems bask to the south – just a short boat trip away. Disembark for a day trek around Phillip and you’ll marvel at the majestic landscape with its variety of sea birds, unusual plants, beautiful flowers and rare fauna.

**National Park**

Lose yourself in the wild mountain sides that form Norfolk Island National Park. Wander the lush walking tracks and you’ll encounter giant vines, tree ferns, delicate flowers and many rare rainforest species. With over 180 native plant species across the island, our world is really just one large botanic garden.

Norfolk is a petite island of 3455 hectares in the middle of South Pacific Ocean. The nearest land is New Caledonia, 767 kilometres to the north; New Zealand, 1073 kilometres to the south; and Australia is found 1400 kilometres to the west.

The story of Norfolk Island began with the Polynesian seafarers who first came upon Norfolk Island between 1150 AD-1450 AD. These adventurers left their ‘treasure’ in the form of adzes and other tools to be discovered when lands were cleared centuries later.

Your quest begins taking you pioneering to the north of the island to the Norfolk Island National Park and Botanic Garden where you will find the Captain Cook monument. Cook is acknowledged as the first European to discover Norfolk Island at daybreak on the 10 October 1774. Standing here you will see our tiny isle as Captain James Cook RN first saw it.

A gem of a picnic spot now graces this historic site. Bring a gourmet lunch, a chilled bottle of Sauvignon Blanc and enjoy the pleasures of this unique environment.

You may prefer to meander through the nearby reserve trails spoiling your wayfaring adventurous spirit. Or you may simply prefer to lie upon the grass listening to the ocean’s ebb and flow, tilting your senses and enwrapping yourself in the quietude.

Captain Cook was a keen observer and described his first impressions of Norfolk Island as ‘paradise’. In all his travels and discoveries, Norfolk Island was the only place he used this description.

Is Cook’s endorsement arousing your curiosity to visit our island and experience for yourself? Cook had an epiphany whilst exploring the island. He found an abundance of the native flax plant (*Phormium tenax*) and the Norfolk Island pine trees (*Araucaria heterophylla*). These were natural resources in demand for the production of maritime masts and yards.

Cook’s vision for the potential of these resources, facilitated Britain’s decision in later years, to settle Norfolk Island as a colony.
Your quest now turns southward to a historical trail leading to the Kingston area. In 1788, a small group of seamen, settlers and convicts arrived under the command of Lieutenant Philip Gidley King. As an agricultural settlement, Norfolk Island’s role was to supply salt meat and grain to the New South Wales colony, and was named ‘the bread basket’ for Sydney. Convicts and free settlers continued to arrive in Norfolk until the population grew to about 1,100. Land grants were given to free settlers who set-up farms across the island. Many convicts eventually earned their ‘ticket of leave’ and went on to own and farm land. The practicalities of preparing flax for sails were difficult, and the pine timber proved unsuitable as a resilient product for masts. Clearing land was arduous and laborious work for even the strongest of men. The settlement closed in 1814. The lack of a harbour and loss of the supply ship, HMS Sirius, in 1790, were named as some of the difficulties. Communication channels were challenging, and eventually, the decision was made to remove all inhabitants to other settlements at Port Phillip or Van Diemen’s Land. Norfolk Island was abandoned.

In 1825, the need arose again to establish another settlement—but in complete contrast to the first settlement. The remoteness of the island as seen in the first settlement, was now perceived as an advantage and an appropriate and fitting place to send twice-convicted men, the worst of the convict population from New South Wales and Van Diemen’s Land. Conditions were horrific and harsh with common floggings to ‘break’ any sign of spirit in convict behaviour. Death was a welcomed release. Reformation was not an objective. Fertile lands were cultivated again and public works recommenced with a program of bridge building and infrastructure development. The convicts were a plentiful source of labour, endlessly toiling from sunrise to sunset. Following reports to England detailing the extreme conditions on the island and the appalling treatment inflicted on the Norfolk Island convicts, the British Government decided once again to abandon the settlement. The legacy of this era is one of the finest restored collections of Georgian buildings in the southern hemisphere. The price paid was mutinies, murders and mass executions.
“Shi orlwes bin es priti an”
- “She’s always been pretty”

Local Traditions
A tradition handed down by our Tahitian foremothers, the art of weaving, is still practiced on the island today. You can purchase hand made items such as hats and bags in shops or at the markets. Here, everyone waves and calls each other by nickname, such as ‘Hook’ or ‘Lettuce’. You may also be lucky enough to witness the arrival of a cargo boat to the island, a procedure that never fails to entertain.

The Pitcairners
The Bounty mutiny needs little introduction. Its colourful characters have been played over the years by movie legends from Errol Flynn to Mel Gibson. You may not realize we’re mostly descended from those colourful characters and their Tahitian wives. In 1856, the growing families relocated here from their original Pitcairn Island home. The move was decreed by Queen Victoria.

As you explore the Kingston Arthur’s Vale Historical Area (KAHA) of today, spend a few quiet reflective moments to count your blessings. The most vivid imagination could not possibly conjure up any real sense of the life which existed here between 1825-1855.

On 29 December 1853, an Order in Council was made on Norfolk Island which repealed all previous orders listing the island as a penal settlement.

Meantime, westward some 6,080 kilometres on Pitcairn Island, a small community had been seeking a new home for their growing population.

Synchronicity steps in and Queen Victoria graciously offers the Pitcairn community a new home on the recently vacated Norfolk Island. The entire community emigrated in 1856 on board the Morayshire.

Today, as descendants of the Pitcairners, we celebrate Anniversary Day (Bounty Day) to commemorate the arrival of our 194 forebears on 8 June, 1856. Again, new arrivals on Norfolk’s shore—but this time, a settlement in balance with Cook’s description of ‘paradise’. This balance continues today for all to enjoy.

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Here, you will find vibrant bird life in the forest surrounds: grinnels, parrots, tameys, warblers, sparrows, doves and robins. Walk calmly and quietly and you will be graciously joined by a friendly companion—our fantails love to flitter and flutter.

Norfolk is a volcanic island which rose from the sea about 2.5 - 3 million years ago. Two smaller islands, Phillip and Nepean lay in close proximity to the south of the island.

Place into your pocket, the directional map, and set out to explore our countryside where you may like to begin with our park trails. Here, you will find vibrant bird life in the forest surrounds: grinnels, parrots, tameys, warblers, sparrows, doves and robins. Walk calmly and quietly and you will be graciously joined by a friendly companion—our fantails love to flitter and flutter.

As you follow the forest paths, you are guided to the edge of the cliff tops. The bird life will change from the gentle forest birds to the dynamic tropical and petrel seabirds.

Listen, listen closely, and you'll hear the repetitive calls echoing, as the birds circle around and around.

If you want to learn more about our enchanting bird life, join a Bird Walk tour. Bring your journal so you can behave as an early Botanist, recording your observations, doodles and sketches. You are creating your own memories.

When you feel like a short rest, choose the grassy bed beneath one of our Norfolk Pine trees. Sink back into the trunk and gaze upwards to the sky. The tallest point of some of these pines is nearly 61 metres high.

As you begin your ramble again, cast your eyes to the ground to our tiny, exquisite creations of nature. Does this stir your inquisitive nature? Do you want to experience ‘nature perfect’ in its original and untouched splendid state? It is here for your pleasure.

“Hetieh sam yorlyi ohren”  
“Here are some oranges for you” 

Norfolk Island like many isolated oceanic islands, has bird species that don’t occur anywhere else in the world.  
PETER DAVIDSON – Conservator of Public Reserves
Wining and dining
Almost every fresh food we eat is plucked from soil or sea. Visitors often congregate for a cliff top fish dinner, complemented by locally grown salads and stunning views. Some of our delicacies are even inherited from the legendary Bounty mutineers and their Tahitian wives. The ‘paddock to plate’ approach to local dining means food tastes just as it should, full of flavour grown in its natural seasons and rich with the right nutrients.

Fishing
We tend to call it ‘catching’ – and with good reason. Hire a rod and casually cast your line from one of the two piers. Join a charter fishing trip with a local expert and find yourself reeling in succulent Sweet Lip (we call them Trumpeter), Kingfish, and Wahoo – naming just a few. To complete your day, cook your catch on an open BBQ. There are plenty dotted around the island.

Now back on the road. As your car gently winds and bumps along the roads, you could be forgiven for feeling you are driving on a country lane in England. Slow down to savour the moment. You may possibly feel yourself mentally ‘slow down’. Gently turn the corner and guide your car past a cow and her newborn calf suckling—both perfectly content, feeling safe on the roadway or in the field.

Almost everywhere you look, there are glimpses of an azure blue horizon—beautiful, tranquil and visually pleasurable.

In the ocean, sea life is plentiful. A diverse variety of fish are caught from the rocks and fishing boats: nanwee, trumpeter, ophey, groper, kingfish, stiddy, tough cord, parrot fish, artooti, tweed trousers, yaholley. Rock fish and deep ocean fish often grace dinner tables on the island. I wonder why?

Our cooking recipes stem from Polynesian, British and American influences. We balance seasonal availability of fruits and vegetables. We gather our homegrown produce from the land and you can pause at one of the roadside stalls and purchase what is in season. Restaurants and cafés consistently offer delicious menu choices of dishes created with freshly harvested fruits and vegetables. When guavas are in season, you can indulge in guava jelly with scones, guava flavoured desserts and accompaniments. Guava’s are also great freshly picked straight from the tree, perhaps from along the trails where you are exploring. That’s the way we do it here at Norfolk Island.
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Taste the mouth watering sensation of our local Red Throat Sweetlip Emperor—also known as ‘tricky snapper’ it is a prime eating tropical reef fish.

In fact, if you happen to see a recreational fishing boat arriving, you’ll want to grab your camera and take a photo of a fresh catch—those beautiful red lips, the grey-blue scaly skin still glistening from the ocean depths.

We balance our 360 degree world here at Norfolk Island. We only take what we need from the ocean. As a community, we monitor our catch because we know if we don’t look after the balance, we will lose the abundance of foods we currently enjoy. This abundance is our lifestyle and it has continued with the grace and charm of a bygone era. We are thankful for it.

As you stand on Kingston pier, make believe for a moment it is one hundred and fifty years ago. Over half of the small community who arrived, were children under 16 years of age.

A new page is turned; and here today, you have the opportunity to reflect with trust, faith and courage in your soul. Pause, take a deep breath and absorb all aspects of beauty in nature’s perfection.

Wandering the Kingston pier site may rouse your childhood senses to dangle a fishing line, or perhaps throw some bread to see what fish may surface.

The pier can be a hive of activity particularly when a supply ship is unloading. You may see the black silhouettes of a shark or two, cruising silently into the pier to partake of an easy meal of fish scraps.

You’ll hear locals communicating in a singsong repertoire sprinkled with some recognisable English words. The banter is fast, amidst outbursts of laughter—the type of laughter you are familiar with when someone is being teased.

It’s our local ‘Norf’k’ language, a delightful mixture of words developed on Pitcairn Island between Bounty Mutineers and their Tahitian wives.

If you were to browse our local telephone directory, you’ll see nicknames linked with the original Pitcairn family surnames, such as ‘Moonie’ Christian, ‘Pumpa’ Adams, ‘Kik kik’ Quintal, ‘Honey’ McCoy, ‘Girlie’ Nobbs, ‘Bubby’ Evans or ‘Slick’ Buffett.
As you continue your journey on our 170 kilometres of road, you have choices of paths to take. Travel eastward to Steeles Point and you will find Two Chimneys winery. A glass of chilled wine is a deserving end to a pleasurable day.

Back towards the centre of town along Queen Elizabeth Avenue is the 360° Cyclorama, historic Pitcairn Settlers Village and the exquisite Queen Victoria’s garden.

Keep your eye out for other open gardens along your way—Music Valley, Camelot, A Walk in the Wild. It will be worth a peek.

If the day is a Sunday, seek the markets in the centre of the Burnt Pine township. Enjoy a display of arts and crafts of visual, taste and touch sensations; souvenirs of your holiday to place between the pages of your journal or a gift to loved ones.

Share your island treasures. They may entice your family and friends to come and visit us too.

Enjoy the friendliness of our ‘Norfolk wave’? It’s your choice which gesture you would like to adopt—the one finger, the full hand, or the full body arm out the window?

Heading northward, guide your car to the summit of Mount Pitt where you can stand, spin around and gain perspective of how small our island is within the 360 degree expanse of the South Pacific Ocean.

As darkness falls, the tender caress of an evening breeze brushes softly by—it’s magic.

If you are lucky enough to experience a full moon the rewards are all yours and ones you will remember for a very long time.

Over the coming years, your memories will often take you back to this night, this moon and the stars on this island. It will soothe your soul and you will surrender without resistance.

Often in life, we feel we need to be in control, to organise and be organised. However, when life throws you the wisdom of nature’s perfection, you feel peace within and know everything is okay in your world.

Norfolk Island will become your memory of peace and harmony.
Sometimes it’s hard to sleep when you first arrive on Norfolk Island because it’s too quiet. But it doesn’t take long for your body to adapt to this newfound serenity and pace. You begin to wonder how long it has been since you learnt a new hobby, pursued a new sport or improved your skills in something you are already passionate about.

Depending on your holiday mood, your choices are endless. You may participate in energy-filled outdoor activities like mountain bike riding, horse riding, or tennis; or perhaps you prefer a more leisurely pace as found in bird watching, golf or fishing. Emily Bay is pure magic for a snorkeling and swimming. If you are feeling adventurous, you may wish to join a day trek to Phillip Island. As you climb and explore our nearby island, you will understand why it looks pink from a distance.

Watch out for seabirds, turtles and dolphins; and depending on the time of year, you may just spot a whale or two.

Remember to pack your camera; a waterproof model would be ideal. All those magnificent visuals and our underwater world can be captured forever.

Our heritage is richly woven into daily life on the island. We enjoy activities such as woodwork, painting, weaving, patchwork and quilting, pottery and screen printing.

By innovatively using local materials, it’s a rewarding challenge to create unique designs in craft and art works. Woven hats and baskets are a tradition from the Pitcairners and now you can create them as well.

Banana bark, drain flax, moo-oo, corn husk and kentia palm fronds are fibres used to weave and plait. You are invited to join a weaving demonstration and try your coordination with the four-plait. Why not make yourself a bookmark to highlight those favourite pages in your holiday journal.

Norfolk hosts an annual hub of festivals and events. You may like to plan your holiday to coincide with a Classic Golf Tournament, a Veteran’s Tennis Competition or a Country Music Festival.

You will have the opportunity to meet kindred spirits and feel the warmth of island hospitality. Norfolk provides an effervescent backdrop of congratulations, cheers, commiserations, exaltations and salutations.

Norfolk Island is neither a salon nor beauty clinic, but wellbeing begins when you arrive and continues day by day, moment by moment, until you leave our shores.

Local Wellbeing Practitioners

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We graciously welcome you to our island space for a little while. Take your time, breathe and allow the rhythm of Norfolk to breathe with you. Relax into the pace—our pace.

There’s a bouquet of colours and vibrancy all around, childhood senses are rekindled; all those things you did as a child, regardless of the weather, the season or the time of the day become absolutely delightful again. Remember the experience and warmth of swimming in the rain, for example. How cleansing was that?

Rouse your senses. Put aside ‘being sensible’ for a little while—do something extraordinarily out of your normal routine. Take off those shoes and feel the earth, feel the dirt, the mud, the sand, the ocean.

Find the core of your being, the place that is usually hidden under agendas, commitments and responsibilities of normal day life.

This is the opportunity to just release and surrender to the things around you. Absorb our space. It’s our gift to you. Stir your imagination and your creativity.

Norfolk is a tonic for your soul—and we have an endless supply of that tonic.

There’s more to Norfolk Island.

Social fun
Enjoy social activities including squash, tennis, bowls, archery, clay target shooting, pistol shooting, paintball, boxercise, gym, martial arts, triathlon and cycling. Or experience one of the most spectacular golf courses in the South Pacific! You might even like to plan ahead and take part in annual competitions and tournaments.

Historical Attractions
For a bit of quiet contemplation, tiptoe into St Barnabas Chapel which was built in 1880 by the Melanesian Mission. And don’t miss the amazing Fletcher’s Mutiny Cyclorama. World Heritage listed Kingston and Arthur’s Vale Historic Area is an attraction in itself. There you will find fascinating places including: the cemetery (convict headstones provide detailed evidence of a horrific era) and Government House. Built in 1804, it is the oldest living public building in all Australia and is open once a month to the public.

Situated on the Tasman Front, between subtropical and temperate waters, Norfolk Island offers access to migratory species and local breeders that would rate high on any pelagic birder’s life list.

Prof Richard N Holdaway, Palaeoec Research Ltd

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Visitor Information & Maps

360° of Diversity

“Yorlyi cum look orn”
- “Come and have a look”

Here’s a few things you might need to know...

Entry Requirements
All visitors require a passport for longer than their period of intended stay, plus an onward/return airline ticket and proof of accommodation. Australian residents can also obtain a Document of Identity (instead of a passport) from Australia Post. Non-Australian or non New Zealand passport holders must have an Australian visa which must be valid for 1 month beyond intended stay. For further enquiries contact the NI Immigration Department phone + 6723 22140.

Getting Around
A hire car is the most practical way to get around and a current driver’s license is required. Cost recovery fees are payable direct to the local hire car co. General speed is 50 km/hr, reduced to 40 km/hr in Burnt Pine. Livestock have the right of way and don’t forget the ‘Norfolk wave’. There is one taxi service and there are various places to hire push bikes.

Climate
Climate is subtropical with temperatures ranging from 19-28° in Summer and 12-21° in Winter. The water temperature is 18° all year round.

Clothing
Clothing is comfortable and casual all year round. Warmer clothes are recommended for evenings and during the winter months. Remember your hat and sunscreen and a torch for evening walks.

Communications
A local mobile phone service is available when you purchase a local sim card. Global roaming is available for postpaid Telstra, Optus and Vodafone customers. There are several internet cafes and public phone booths in town. There are 2 local newspapers, a local radio station, local TV information channel and Australian TV coverage.

Quarantine
Vegetables, fruits, plants and seeds are prohibited imports to keep the island free of introduced disease. Pork and poultry importation from New Zealand is strictly prohibited.

Language
The main language is English, but you will often hear the islanders speaking the local language which is a mix of Tahitian and Old English inherited from the Bounty descendants.

Banks
The currency is the Australian dollar. Commonwealth and Westpac Bank branches are located in town. Major credit cards are accepted. There is one ATM available at the Commonwealth Bank.

Medical
The NI Hospital provides a dental clinic, pharmacy and a 24-hour emergency service. Travel insurance is highly recommended as Medicare does not extend to Norfolk Island.

Postage
Norfolk Island has its own postage stamps and Philatelic Bureau.

Shopping
Traditionally, most shops close on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and all day Sunday. Supermarkets and selected retailers are open 7 days. Both the Saturday’s Farmer’s Markets and the Sunday Markets are held at the Bicentennial Complex.

Visitor Information & Maps
Norfolk hosts an annual hub of festivals and events. You may like to plan your holiday to coincide with a Golf Tournament, Tennis Competition or even a Country Music Festival!

Listed below is a snapshot of the Events and Celebrations held on Norfolk Island each year.

**January**
- Wearable Arts
- Burning of the Bounty
- Tai Chi Festival

**February**
- Clay Target Shoot
- Opera in Paradise
- Veterans Golf Tournament

**March**
- Foundation Day
- Line Dancing Festival
- Anniversary of wrecking of the HMS Sirius

**April**
- Annual Art Exhibition
- NI Annual Triathlon
- Anzac Day
- Veteran’s Tennis

**May**
- Country Music Festival
- Art in the Park
- Bounty Bowls Tournament

**June**
- Bounty Day
- Ballroom Dancing Festival
- Red Hatters Gathering

**July**
- Archery Open Field Championships
- Government House Open Day (Once a Month)

**August**
- Golf Classic PRO-AM
- Rugby on the Rock
- Triples Bowls Tournament

**September**
- Holistic Living Festival
- Theatre Festival
- Rock & Roll Festival

**October**
- Royal Agriculture & Horticultural show
- Masters Squash Tournament

**November**
- Thanksgiving Day
- Photography Workshop

**December**
- Jazz in the Pines
- Christmas Pageant
- Pistol Shoot Tournament

“Staying on Norfolk is like being welcomed into a friend’s home”

Visitor from Western Australia

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