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# Norfolk Island History & Gardens

Sydney, Brisbane or Auckland return

2022

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Trip Code: BTNOFK8

 8 Days	 15 Meals	 Syd 4 Apr, 9 May, 17 Oct. Bne 19 Apr. Akl 24 Oct.
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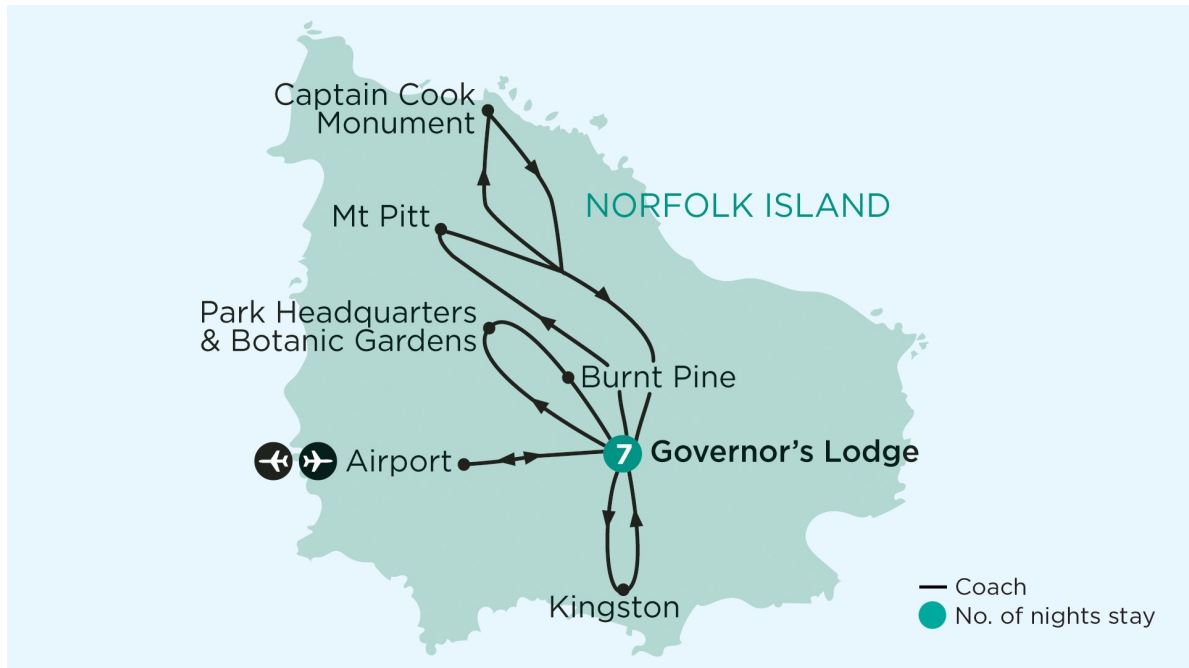
# Trip Inclusions

- 8 days in a small group with expert Botanical Guide: 4 Apr Judy Horton, 19 Apr Arno King, 9 May Sophie Thomson, 17 Oct Talei Kenyon
- Travel in a comfortable coach and airport transfers on first and last day
- See rare and endangered plants including Phillip Island Hibiscus and Norfolk Tree Fern
- Discover Norfolk's convict history and meet the Christian brothers at their cheese factory
- Return economy flights from Sydney, Brisbane or Auckland, 7 nights' accommodation and 15 meals
- Visit Norfolk Island's nature gardens
- Visit the wonderful 'Music Valley' garden and discover its owner's connection to culture
- Enjoy a scenic breakfast bushwalk with incredible coastal views

## TRIP NOTES

- Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change
- Low Fitness Level - involves walking on uneven surfaces and stairs, and be able to stand up for up to one hour and keep up with the pace of the group
- Group Size – Up to 25 guests

## Map & Itinerary



DAY

1

### Depart Sydney, Brisbane Or Auckland, Arrive Norfolk Island

Meet at Sydney, Brisbane or Auckland airport for your flight to Norfolk Island. On arrival we'll transfer you to the Governor's Lodge Resort, set within 12 acres of landscaped subtropical gardens.

**Stay:** Seven Nights, Norfolk Island, The Governor's Lodge Resort or similar

**Daily:** • Lunch • Dinner

DAY

2

### Norfolk Island Tour And Colleen McCullough's Home Or Cyclorama

Today, visit Norfolk Island's key historic areas, including Kingston, Cascade and Longridge. See the famous convict buildings and enjoy fascinating stories. Also admire the Melanesian Chapel. This afternoon half of our group will visit Colleen McCullough's fascinating home and the other half will have free time or experience Fletcher's Mutiny Cyclorama. Where you'll walk inside a circular 3D effect painting that blends scenes from the 1789 mutiny on the Bounty. A delicious dinner will be enjoyed tonight. The Island Fish Fry-Up takes place on a private property 'Orn Dar Cliff' with a spectacular coastal backdrop and sunset views.

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Dinner

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**3**

### **Convict Tour, Private Gardens And Progressive Dinner**

This morning, learn about Norfolk's brutal convict history on a tour of the Kingston area which houses the old gaol, the cemetery and other ruins. This afternoon visit private gardens on Norfolk Island and meet their owners. This evening, experience a first-hand insight into Norfolk Island Living with a Progressive Dinner visiting family homes.

**Daily :** • Breakfast • Dinner

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**4**

### **Naturalist Walk**

Today you will enjoy a very special naturalist walk to identify the flora and bird life of the island. Margaret Christian who was previously employed for 20 years as the Park Ranger will tell a holistic story of the island's origins, connections and the many changes that have occurred over time. Visit forest, coastal and wetland areas where you will potentially see many of the island endemic species and birdlife. This evening enjoy dinner at the popular Hilli's Restaurant.

**Daily :** • Breakfast • Dinner

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**5**

### **Music Valley**

Today you will visit Music Valley. This naturalist garden is a haven for endemic plants such as the bird's nest fern, and owner Jane Rutledge plants species that honour her Islander heritage. This afternoon, those who have not already visited Colleen McCullough's fascinating home will have the opportunity, while the rest experience Fletcher's Mutiny Cyclorama.

**Daily :** • Breakfast • Dinner

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**6**

### **Breakfast Bushwalk And Farm Industry Tour**

This morning, choose one of two 'breakfast bushwalks' offering spectacular coastal scenery and the chance to spot endemic plants such as Norfolk Tree Fern and Bastard Oak. After breakfast, visit the Captain Cook Monument, where Cook landed in 1774. Later this afternoon, enjoy exploring Norfolk Island's Botanic Gardens. This evening enjoy dinner at Hilli's Restaurant.

**Daily :** • Breakfast • Dinner

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7

**Queen Victoria Gardens, Ball Bay, Bumbora Beach And Mt Pitt**

This morning, join your Botanical Guide on a visit to the beautiful Queen Victoria Gardens, dedicated to the Queen who gave the island to the Pitcairn Islanders in 1856. Alternatively, have free time to relax and wander around the township of Burnt Pine. This afternoon, take a scenic drive to other interesting places including coastal Ball Bay, Bumbora Beach and Mt Pitt, where you will enjoy wine and cheese with a 360° view of the island.

**Daily :** • Breakfast • Dinner

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8

**Depart Norfolk Island, Arrive Sydney, Brisbane Or Auckland**

This morning after breakfast, we'll transfer you to the airport for your included flight back to Sydney, Brisbane or Auckland.

**Daily :** • Breakfast