

Discover Norfolk Island...

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Norfolk Island is a lush, beautiful location with sandy beaches, jagged cliffs and tall pine trees. Its unique geography attracts tourists from around the world.

Green island paradise

IMAGINE a lush, beautiful island with sandy beaches, jagged cliffs and tall pine trees supported by a local community with a simple, laid back way of life. Norfolk Island is such a place. This green island paradise is found in the middle of the South Pacific Ocean and is just 35 square kilometres in size with 32 kilometres of coast line.

Holidays on Norfolk Island feel like you have been isolated from the rest of the world. The buildings have colonial architecture, a heritage from its English ancestors.

On Norfolk Island you will not find any railways, ports or harbours, or busy roads for that matter. There are 80 kilometres of lane ways across the island and cows still have the right of way. When supplies come by ship, jetties on either side of the island are used to send small boats out to the bigger ships to ferry in five tonnes of supplies at a time.

Relax in clean fresh air with a hint of pine. Go for walks along the beach or wander through historical ruins. Sample a simpler way of life in lush, green surroundings.

There is a great range of things to do on Norfolk appealing to all manner of interests. You can partake in anything from the less strenuous activities such as lawn bowls and snooker or darts

to activities that require more exertion and a spirit of adventure such as scuba diving, snorkeling or fishing.

Norfolk has a wide range of accommodation options available. The town centre offers the more traditional hotel/motel style accommodation while up in the hills and along Norfolk's coastline there are a number of excellent B&B and apartment style establishments. There is accommodation to suit everyone. So whether bed and breakfast, apartment or resorts style accommodation suits you best, Norfolk Island has a bit of all of them.

Being an island full of history, culture, intrigue and mystery, Norfolk Island has many interesting tours designed to educate, entertain and inspire. From the history of the convict settlements to the mystery of the Mutiny on the Bounty and the fate of Fletcher Christian, from bushwalking to cooking and crafts, Norfolk Island offers tours to suit all interests.

Norfolk Island has a unique geography with a small population that is slowly declining. The primary industry on Norfolk is tourism and the government is independent of Australia in most respects except for policing, defence and education. Norfolk Island is a tax free haven of Australia.

Stormy past

NORFOLK Island is home to the world's biggest Norfolk pine, which towers 41 metres above the earth where it took root almost two centuries ago and the circumference of its trunk is 7.2 metres.

The pound of the Pacific on the shore is the only noise in this tranquil place. Here, beneath this old botanical sentinel and lulled by

that ocean heartbeat, you can begin to connect with the soul of Norfolk Island.

Or try this: stand at the 320-metre-high lookout on Mount Pitt, surrounded on all sides by ocean. Inhale the pristine air and let the horizon enfold you. On Norfolk, you are a dot or a speck on a map, dwarfed by nature.



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NORFOLK Island is located between Australia, New Caledonia and New Zealand and the symbol for Norfolk Island is the pine tree which features on the flag.

After two incarnations as a penal settlement, in 1856 the remote island became the adopted home of the Bounty mutineers' families.

The stories written, often in some detail, on headstones are riveting and date to the first penal settlement in the late 18th century.

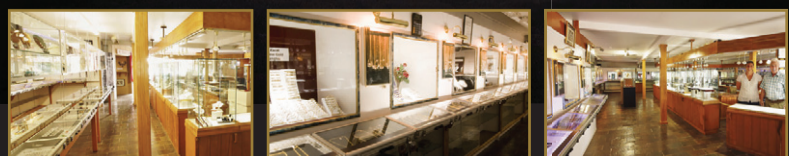
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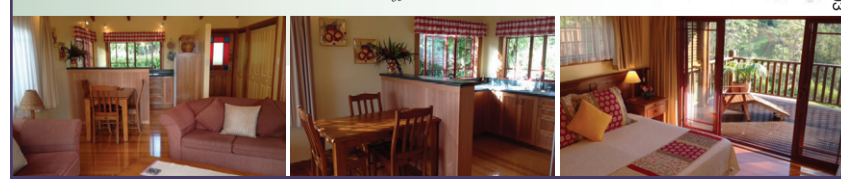
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