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# a unique travel experience just for women

# Norfolk Island Discovery 8 Days Departing 22 November 2016



# **HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Half day Island tour
- Mutiny on the Bounty Show
- Island culture tour
- Wonderland by night walk
- Island fish fry
- Progressive dinner to island homes
- Sound and Light Show
- Greenfinger Garden tour
- History in the making
- Night as a convict
- Breakfast bushwalk
- Culla & Co horse and buggy ramble
- Murder Mystery Dinner
- Convict Settlement Tour
- Swimming at beautiful Emily Beach
- Morning and afternoon teas as per itinerary
- Free time for personal discovery

# PRICE: \$3,940.00 per person twin share SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$550.00

# **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Return Economy Airfares (via Brisbane) with Air New Zealand & V Australia inc taxes
- Transportation throughout
- 7 nights accommodation at Castaway Norfolk Island Garden Rooms
- Fantastic sightseeing as per itinerary
- Breakfast daily and other meals as per itinerary
- Document distribution day prior to departure (subject to minimum numbers attending)
- Sisterhood documentation and travel Wallet
- Room matching service
- Small groups, personal service
- #Taxes subject to change

# itinerary

### DAY 1 Tuesday 22 November 2016 Melbourne – Norfolk via Brisbane ~ (B,D)

Meet your Sisterhood Tour Hostess at the designated meeting point for our early morning flight to Norfolk Island via Brisbane. Arriving into Norfolk, we'll be met and transferred to our accommodation, the lovely Castaway Norfolk Island.

An afternoon at leisure awaits before a welcome dinner at our hotel. Afterwards we'll enjoy the famous Sound and Light Show where real life sound together with theatrical lighting and costumed actors we'll be taken through the decades of Norfolk Island's convict history.

# DAY 2 Wednesday 23 November 2016 Half Day Tour and Progressive Dinner ~ (B,D)

A morning at leisure to explore your surrounds, perhaps a little duty free shopping and lunch at leisure.

This afternoon we'll enjoy a half day tour with interesting commentary on most aspects of the island including its history and life as it is today. We will be stopping at various lookout points for photographs and enjoy a morning tea stop.

Dinner tonight will be a 3 course Progressive Dinner moving to different Norfolk Island family homes. A fun night and a great way to meet the local people and sample some of the delicious island dishes.

## DAY 3 Thursday 24 November 2016 Culla & Co, Island Fish & Mutiny on the Bounty ~ (B,D)

This morning after breakfast we will enjoy a Culla & Co Horse and Carriage Tour, taking a trip down memory lane enjoying a cuppa and clifftops views.

With free time for lunch then late afternoon we'll enjoy a Island Fish Fry where we feast on local fish, fresh salads, sweets and the opportunity to watch the sunset from Puppy's Point on Norfolk's beautiful western coastline.

Tonight we'll see descendants of the Mutineers bring the story of the famed "Mutiny on the Bounty" to life in an outdoor amphitheatre.

# DAY 4 Friday 25 November 2016 Greenfingers Tour, Night as a Convict ~ (B,MT,D)

Another great day in paradise starts with breakfast at our hotel.

Today we'll enjoy the Greenfingers Garden Tour featuring some of Norfolk's most beautiful gardens. Throughout the morning we'll visit a nursery owned and operated by a young Norfolk Islander, a private fruit and vegetable market garden as well as a visit to a gorgeous private garden with a spectacular view of Kingston and both Nepean and Philip islands. Our local historian will give a talk on this area with a history dating back to 1788. Morning tea will be served at this scenic location.

Tonight will be a fun night out! Dress as a convict (outfit supplied) and join the Commandant for an evening of festive singing, great food and great fun. This is the most popular 'feature dinner' on Norfolk Island.

### DAY 5 Saturday 26 November 2016 Breakfast Bush Walk, Island Culture Tour ~ (B,AT,D)

This morning we will enjoy a pre-breakfast guided one hour bushwalk to discover the incredible scenic beauty of Norfolk Island's natural environment. We will learn about eco-systems and endemic flora and fauna and arrive in the park in time to enjoy a well-deserved hearty cooked breakfast.

Take your choice of an easy stroll through the 100 acre reserve or for the more energetic, a leisurely 3.5km walk through scenic Mount Bates to Captain Cook Monument.

This afternoon we'll enjoy an Island Culture Tour where we'll experience the real culture of Norfolk Island. From the Mutineer ancestors and their Tahitian wives came the arts of wood craft, weaving, cooking and the Norfolk language. On this tour you'll see a woodturning demonstration using Norfolk timber, visit an island home where you learn about local cooking and an island weaving demonstration. Following our afternoon tea break will be a presentation on the Norfolk Language.

Tonight a 2 course dinner at Norfolk Blue to enjoy.

### DAY 6 Sunday 27 November 2016 Free Morning, Convict Settlement Tour, Murder Mystery Dinner ~ (B,D)

A morning free to continue to explore Norfolk Island at leisure.

After lunch we'll enjoy a Convict Settlement tour including a visit to the historic Georgian settlement of Kingston, and a walk through the cemetery to hear the history of interesting convict and colonial headstones. We'll walk through the ruins of the New Gaol, see the Pier Store, Boat Shed and Crank Mill.

Tonight we join in the fun of a Murder Mystery Dinner – a lovely meal incorporating a "who done it" interactive depiction of a murder mystery to be solved. Complete with costumes this activity is one of the best nights to be enjoyed on Norfolk!

### DAY 7 Monday 28 November 2016 Swimming at Emily Bay, Wonderland by Night ~ (B,D,S)

This morning we will have the opportunity to visit Emily Bay for a quick swim and sunbake! Many a sister has thrown caution to the wind and donned a polka dot bikini to frolick in the beautiful crystal waters of Emily Bay!

The remainder of the day at leisure before our farewell dinner tonight at our hotel. Afterwards we'll enjoy the beautiful Wonderland at Night activity. The setting is 10 acres of magical Norfolk pines and bushland lit up like an enchanted forest. We'll meander along (or ride the 'Moon Buggy') a gentle winding path with Archie, a descendant of the Bounty mutineers as he recites poems and lights up the amazing dioramas.

A light supper at the conclusion of what will be a magical way to end our Norfolk Island tour.

### DAY 8 Tuesday 29 November 2016 Norfolk Island – Melbourne ~ (B)

A morning at leisure before we bid farewell to our new friends at Castaway. Departing Norfolk Island mid afternoon to arrive into Melbourne (via Brisbane) at approx 11.15pm. (For anyone needing overnight accommodation at the Melbourne Airport, please advise when booking).

Thank you for travelling with Sisterhood Womens Travel and we look forward to welcoming you back for your next adventure.

# itinerary

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Please read through our full terms and conditions for this tour which are found on page 4 of this document. It is a condition that upon booking this tour you have read and fully understood this important information. Minimum numbers are required to operate this tour. Travel Insurance is mandatory.

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# terms and conditions

# **Booking Conditions**

#### CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

When booking a Sisterhood Womens Travel tour it is imperative that you are aware of all of our terms and conditions as these form part of your agreement with Sisterhood Womens Travel. It is recommended that all travellers adopt a sense of adventure, an easy going outlook and the ability to 'expect the unexpected'. It is the expectation that all travellers will respect fellow passengers and understand the key to an enjoyable tour is you.

#### **ABILITY TO TRAVEL**

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Sisterhood tour. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk 2km on uneven ground, carry your own luggage and walk up a few flights of stairs. We rely on the information you provide on our 'Fit to Travel' form completed as part of your booking application. You acknowledge that there are no other medical issues (both physical/mental) that SWT needs to be aware of when making your travel arrangements. SWT will not be liable for any damage, injury, death or loss of any kind arising from your failure to disclose relevant medical information. Women with disabilities are welcome on all SWT tours provided you are accompanied by an able bodied companion and do not require special assistance from SWT personnel. SWT reserves the right to refuse to carry anyone if it is felt the individual cannot cope with the requirements of the tour and who may require services and facilities that SWT cannot guarantee will be available

#### **EXCLUSION FROM TOUR**

You may be excluded from any tour at our discretion if you fail to comply with our reasonable instructions whilst on tour or if you interfere with other client's enjoyment of the tour and you will be responsible for all costs associated with your tour expeltion.

#### VARIATION TO TOUR COMPONENT

No deduction in our tour costing will be made for leaving a tour early as this will cause a reduction in our travelling numbers and create additional costs.

#### ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

SWT is happy to assist with additional arrangements before and after each tour subject to an additional handling fee of \$150.

#### **DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS**

Payments required are: International 25% deposit within 7 days 35% deposit within 120 days Final Payment 90 days prior to departure Domestic 25% deposit within 7 days Final Payment 75 days prior to departure

On occasion and outside of SWT's control a higher deposit or earlier payment date may be required.

#### LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS

Bookings made after final payment date will be subject to availability and will require full payment upon confirmation. A late fee of \$100 per person will apply.

#### ACCEPTED FORMS OF PAYMENT

We accept direct deposit, money order, bank cheque or Visa/Mastercard payment. For credit card payments an additional 1.5% surcharge is payable (non- refundable)

#### MINIMUM NUMBERS

All tours are subject to minimum numbers. If a tour falls below the minimum number required for a fully escorted tour, SWT reserves the right to offer the tour escorted by a local guide upon arrival to your destination. If SWT cancels a tour due to lack of numbers a full refund is offered or transfer to another tour. Should a tour be cancelled, SWT cannot assume any responsibility for any additional costs relating to travel arrangements made outside of SWT or travel insurance not taken out through SWT.

#### **CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS**

All cancellations must be made in writing to Sisterhood Womens Travel and will be subject to cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received.

#### CANCELLATION

Prior to Final Payment: Loss of Deposit After Final Payment: 100% of tour cost. Regrettably cancellation charges cannot be waived. After Departure: No refund Final Payment dates are determined by SWT suppliers

and may vary from tour to tour.

### AMENDMENTS

Once your tour is confirmed and a deposit is paid, a \$100 amendment fee will be incurred for any changes to your tour arrangements.

#### **TOUR PRICING & ITINERARY CHANGES**

SWT operates on the basis of fluid pricing. This is the practice within the Travel Industry where pricing changes due to various factors including, but not limited to changing airfares, currency fluctuations, and availability of product. We reserve the right to change our prices without notice. This can mean that different passengers on the same tour may have been charged different prices. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our tours SWT takes no responsibility for any itinerary changes that may occur prior to or during travel and any such changes will be at the discretion of the airlines and our ground operators. Changes in flights and land arrangements are beyond the control of SWT. Every effort will be made to minimise any inconvenience to SWT passengers. SWT advises making full payment for tours as early as possible to avoid any potential price increases.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that travellers are adequately insured for the full duration of their tour arrangements in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment. SWT offers comprehensive travel insurance at a competitive price and will not be responsible outside their offered policy for inadequate travel insurance in the event of any insurance claims.

#### SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

When travelling alone a great way to keep your costs down and make new friends is to be prepared to share a room with another traveller. We are unable to guarantee that your room mate will be of similar age group but it is an enjoyable way to travel and could mean the start of a great friendship. Of course if you prefer a room to yourself the single supplement will apply. If we are successful in matching you with a fellow traveller we give you the opportunity prior to departure to make contact. SWT takes no responsibility for any mismatch of passengers and will not be liable for any additional charges incurred for changing room configuration whilst on tour.

#### **HEALTH & IMMIGRATION**

The traveller is responsible for all visa, passport, immigration, quarantine, customs, health and other requirements of the countries visited or transited. If travelling on an Australian passport you will need at least 6 months validity on your passport taken from the date of re-entry into Australia. If you are travelling under any other passport please advise at the time of booking. Sisterhood Womens Travel will not be held responsible for any incorrect re-entry visas for non- australian passport holders. SWT is happy to offer assistance with visas (additional charges may apply). Please note that passport and visa requirements are the responsibility of you the traveller and SWT takes no responsibility for failure to comply with the provided advice.

#### NAMES AS PER PASSPORTS

When booking on any tour, it is imperative that you provide SWT with your full correct name as per your passport and a copy of your passport (for international tours) SWT will not be held liable for any or expense incurred for incorrect names.

#### CONSULAR ADVICE

Official travel advice issued by Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by contacting 1300 444135 or visiting their website www.dfat.gov.au. We recommend that you review this information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

These conditions represent the entire agreement between the client and Sisterhood Womens Travel. SWT will be responsible to the client for supplying the services and accommodation as described in their itineraries, except where such service cannot be supplied or the itinerary used is changed due to delays or other cause of whatever kind or nature beyond the control of SWT. In such circumstances we will do our best to supply comparable services, accommodations and itineraries, and there shall be no refund in this situation. SWT acts only as agent for the client and upon the express condition that SWT will not be held liable or responsible for any direct, indirect, consequential or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind, which may be occasioned by reason or any act or omission of any third party (including without limitation, any act, inaction or breach of contract of any third party, which is to or does supply any goods or services for SWT tours). Without limiting the foregoing, SWT does not own or operate any third party suppliers of services such as hotels, restaurants, transportation companies, sightseeing companies or local tour operators and is not responsible for any injury, death or expense due to overbooking accommodation, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, Government, acts of terrorism, criminal activity, war, quarantine, force majeure events or any other cause beyond its control. All such risk, loss and expense must be borne by the client. Any personal expenses incurred by a client as a result of any delay, alteration or curtailment of any tour, whether caused by mechanical defect, strikes or any other cause are the responsibility of the client (travel insurance is mandatory on all SWT tours). SWT is unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times, and is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other services, or guarantee the operation of any particular service. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles other than specified to ensure the operation of a tour. SWT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking, or to refuse to carry client where payment has not been received by SWT.

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