



O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

NORFOLK ISLAND

Thanksgiving Day



9 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

20th November to 28th November, 2025

NORFOLK ISLAND *Thanksgiving Day*

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 2025

Norfolk Island is one of the very few places outside of the USA to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. This quaint tradition is a legacy from the American Whaling ships which made frequent stops to the island during the late 1800's.

This island is tiny in both size and population but is huge in its history, unique flora and fauna and the famed Norfolk Pine which is proudly displayed on their flag. Celebrate with some traditional pumpkin pie and cornbread and immerse yourself in the fascinating past and traditions still thriving today.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- o Half Day Island Tour
- o Island Culture Tour
- o Cyclorama Experience
- o Convict Settlement Tour, Kingston
- o Island Fish Fry
- o Thanksgiving Day Picnic
- o Progressive Dinner
- o Colleen McCullough Home Tour
- o Fitzzy's Lavender Farm
- o Wonderland by Night
- o Island Fish Fry
- o Paddock to Plate Tour
- o Bounty Folk Museum

FLIGHTS

- o Melbourne to Sydney
- o Sydney to Norfolk Island
- o Norfolk Island to Sydney
- o Sydney to Melbourne

CRUISE

- o Glass Bottom Boat Tour

MULTIPLE NIGHT STAY

- o 7 nights on Norfolk Island

PLEASE NOTE

A valid passport is the preferred documentation to travel to Norfolk Island. However, you may now present your Driver's Licence or Government Identity Card, but you are unable to purchase any items Duty Free at the International Airport without a valid passport.



COACH



FLIGHT



BOAT



SMALL GRP

As a thank you for travelling with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, you will automatically receive a saving on the total tour price for your second and subsequent tours.

O'Shannessy's Quality Tours will match single travellers who wish to twin share with another single traveller of the same gender. However, if this is not possible, in most cases you shall be provided with single accommodation at the twin share fare (no additional cost).



TOUR INCLUSIONS

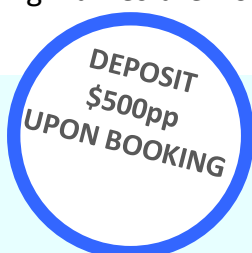
- **Complimentary Chauffeur Driven Transfers.** Victorian passengers from Greater Melbourne, Bendigo, Torquay, Ballarat, Geelong, the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas, Phillip Island and selected areas of Gippsland will be picked up and returned home in a private chauffeured vehicle by one of our professional drivers. For passengers not within this pick up zone, or our interstate passengers, a quote can be provided for home pickup in extended areas.
- **Touring Coaches.** Touring in and around Norfolk Island is aboard local buses.
- **Return Flights.** Economy flights from Melbourne to Sydney to Norfolk Island and return.
- **Tour Director.** Dedicated O'Shannessy's Quality Tours tour director on board to ensure your travel experience is memorable.
- **Best Available Quality Accommodation.** Ensuite motel accommodation each night.
- **Attractions.** All tours and interest venues as per itinerary.
- **Meals.** All full cooked breakfasts, lunches most days and two course restaurant dinners or themed dinners including a Progressive Dinner and Fish Fry. Three lunches at your own expense as per itinerary. Refreshments inflight.
- **No Hidden Extras.** O'Shannessy's Quality Tours are fully inclusive.

PLEASE NOTE

- Touring days may change due to tides, our suppliers or other issues beyond our control. However, all inclusions stated will be in the final itinerary.
- To maximize your experience on this tour, you will need to be fit and able. Walking frames are not recommended.

TOUR COSTS

Twin Share Room First Tour:	\$5,995 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$5,895 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$5,845 per person
Twin Share Room Repeat Traveller 21+ Tours:	\$5,795 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$ 785 per person





DAY 1

Thursday 20th November, 2025

MELBOURNE TO SYDNEY

Welcome to our holiday to stunning **Norfolk Island** to celebrate **Thanksgiving Day**. With chauffeured pickup from home, we travel to Melbourne Airport. Here we'll be greeted by an **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** Tour Director who will assist us with check-in before we join our direct flight to **Sydney**. On arrival, we are transferred to our overnight accommodation. Dinner is at our hotel then we prepare for our journey to magnificent Norfolk Island tomorrow.

Light refreshments on the flight.

OVERNIGHT: Rydges Sydney Airport Hotel, SYDNEY ★★ ★★ ★

DAY 2

Friday 21st November, 2025

SYDNEY TO NORFOLK ISLAND

This morning we are transferred to Brisbane International Airport to join our Qantas flight to **Norfolk Island**. Once on this beautiful island we are transferred to our home for the next seven nights. We'll have time to unpack and settle in. Tonight we enjoy a fun and relaxed evening as we dine at **The Castaway** - the pizzas are said to be the best in The Pacific!

Light lunch served inflight

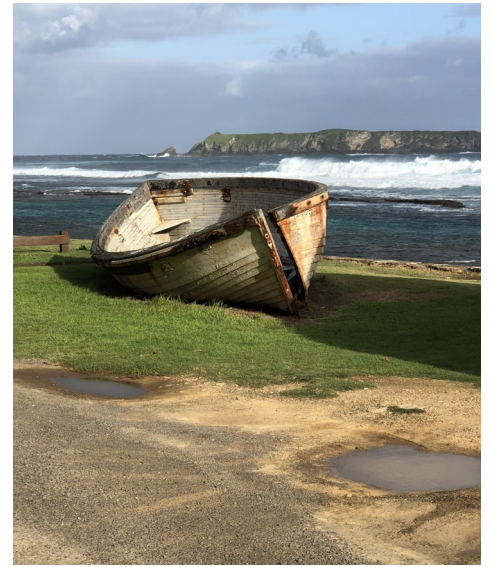
OVERNIGHT: Castaway Norfolk Island, Burnt Pine, NORFOLK ISLAND ★★ ★★ ★

ISLAND TOUR AND CYCLORAMA

After breakfast we join our **Half-Day Sightseeing Tour** around the Island. This tour will help us get familiar with the island's geography and let us discover all the important places. It takes us back in history, visiting the convict ruins of Norfolk Island's famous penal settlement. We hear the stories of the settlers who followed from Pitcairn Island and learn interesting facts about Norfolk Island today - the government, immigration laws and lifestyle. We visit **St Barnabas Chapel** which was the mother church of the Church of England's missionary work in Melanesia. The mission operated between 1867 and 1920. During that time thousands of students from the Pacific Islands came to the Mission College to live and study, living apart from the rest of the island's population, and being mostly self-sufficient. We now have some time in the main street for our lunch break. This afternoon, we make our way to **Cyclorama** where we can experience the totally unique 360° panoramic painting that will take us on an amazing journey. We will feel like we are there witnessing the Bounty adventures and discovering how the world's most famous mutiny created the Pitcairn and Norfolk communities. . Tonight we enjoy dinner at the **Homestead Restaurant** - look out for the stunning Moreton Bay Fig Trees. Standing in a row along the road's edge, these majestic sentinels are a horticultural wonder, dwarfing all who pass by.

OVERNIGHT: Castaway Norfolk Island, Burnt Pine, NORFOLK ISLAND ★★☆☆★





“...The Norfolk Island culture
is unlike any other in the Pacific,
proudly weaving together the
DNA of Bounty Mutineers
and their Polynesian families...”

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DAY 4

Sunday 23rd November, 2025

CONVICT SETTLEMENT TOUR

We have some free time this morning; some of us may like to wander down to the Sunday Markets, others may like to do some personal sightseeing. Back at The Castaway, we enjoy a light lunch. This afternoon, we enjoy a most interesting tour of the **Convict Settlement** at Kingston where our informative guide will take us through the eras of convict settlement on the Island. We will walk through the cemetery and hear the history of various convict and colonial head stones, pass the houses along Quality Row and visit the restored Military Barracks. We walk through the ruins of the gaol and visit **All Saints Church** admiring its beautiful stained glass windows, which was in convict times the Commissariat Store. Think of the generations of families who call this island home and all that has made Norfolk Island the destination that it is today. Tonight's dinner will be at the lovely **Bounty Bar & Grill**.

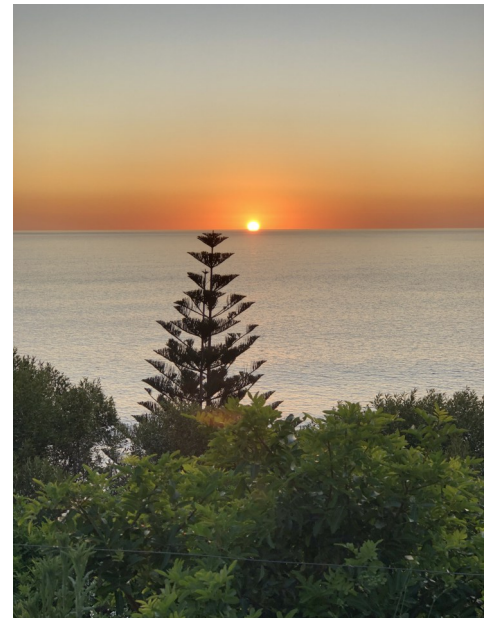
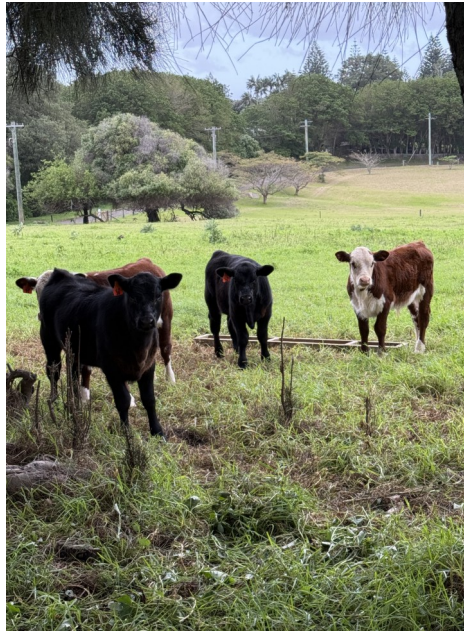
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ISLAND CULTURE TOUR AND GLASS BOTTOM BOAT

We have another interesting day ahead of us. This morning, we take the **Island Culture Tour** as we experience the culture and heritage of our forebears! The arts of weaving, cooking, dancing and our Norfolk language were inherited from our mutineer ancestors and their Tahitian wives. Join us for a cooking demonstration, a taste of traditional dishes, Tahitian dancing, and learn some of the Norf'k language we are so proud of. It will be a lot of fun! Now time for lunch so we head to beautiful Emily Bay. Waelkam Abord! (welcome aboard) our **glass bottom boat cruise**. We board our boat from a beach jetty so no wet feet. We cruise the beautiful crystal clear, calm waters of **Emily and Slaughter Bays** inside the reef. Coral gardens and over 100 species of tropical fish, the vast marine life and their habitats make for wonderful viewing. Returning to town, we now have some free time for some shopping or to relax with a book or a drink. Tonight, we dine at the delightful **Hilli Restaurant**.

OVERNIGHT: Castaway Norfolk Island, Burnt Pine, NORFOLK ISLAND ★★★★★





DAY 6

Tuesday 25th November, 2025

Paddock to Plate Tour and Island Fish Fry

Following breakfast, we take the **Paddock to Plate** tour. We will visit a market garden that supplies the Island with fruit and vegetables, a free range egg farm where we get our eggs, and a cattle farm that produces beef cattle. At each stop our farmers will tell you how we farm on Norfolk Island, and the challenges that this entails. Afterwards enjoy a sumptuous two-course lunch in an Island home, showcasing our local produce. This afternoon, we have the afternoon free for personal sightseeing, shopping or perhaps just relaxing. Tonight, we're in for some fun as we perch on the clifftop watching the sun sink into the west at the **Island Fish Fry**. Get ready for a night of delicious food, live music and stunning views! The Island Fish Fry is the must-do event for anyone visiting the island, and it's not hard to see why. Local dishes are served and the evening's entertainment includes the **Baunti Byuutis** dancing group.

OVERNIGHT: The Castaway, Burnt Pine, NORFOLK ISLAND ★★★★★

THANKSGIVING DAY PICNIC

Norfolk Island celebrates **Thanksgiving Day** annually on the last Wednesday in November. During the 1890s, Isaac Robinson, an American trader who settled on Norfolk, proposed an idea of dressing All Saints Church in American-like style for Thanksgiving. The idea was supported because, at that time, Americans had a great influence on other nations around the world. Robinson died the next year, but his idea to decorate the church continued. People also sing American hymns and share a potluck meal consisting of cold pork, chicken, bananas and traditional American pumpkin pie. We relax and enjoy the festivities of the day partaking in the grand picnic. We have plenty of time to freshen up back at our hotel. Tonight, we experience insight into Norfolk living as we progress with each course from Norfolk Island home to home. Meet the locals and listen to their family histories and stories during our three-course **Progressive Dinner**. This will be one of the highlights of our tour!

OVERNIGHT: Castaway Norfolk Island, Burnt Pine, NORFOLK ISLAND ★★★★★



“...The Thanksgiving meal is a fusion of traditional Thanksgiving foods and Norfolk Island cuisine.

Turkey is generally not on the menu, but cornbread is. There's pumpkin pie, but also multiple banana dishes such as banana pilaf, green bananas cooked in cream, and dried bananas...”

COLLEEN McCULLOUGH TOUR, LAVENDER FARM AND WONDERLAND BY NIGHT

This morning, we enjoy the **Colleen McCullough Tour** as we get a glimpse into the life of a literary icon. Colleen McCullough made Norfolk Island home for 36 years. Our tour takes us to the private luxurious hideaway that she and husband, Norfolk Islander, Ric Robinson called home - 'Out Yenna'. Together, they created an opulent 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. 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". This afternoon, we visit **Fitzy's Farm**, Norfolk Island's first-ever **Lavender Farm**! On this informative tour we learn of the challenges in setting up this beautiful farm. The island's unique climate and soil conditions meant that carefully selected lavender varieties were chosen that would thrive here and adapt. During the tour, we'll take an easy walk around the farm, accompanied by the owner, who will provide us with detailed insights into the 15 different lavender varieties that have been planted. To make our experience even more delightful, we'll be treated to a Lavender & Blueberry Gelato in a Waffle Cone. If you prefer a different flavour, just let us know, and we'll accommodate your request. Dinner is the lovely **Governor's Lodge Resort**. But the evening isn't over yet as enjoy **Wonderland by Night** as we follow a gently meandering path through 10 acres of Norfolk Pines with dioramas, poetry and stories of times gone by that have shaped life on the Island today. Thousands of lights turn this into an evening in an enchanted forest.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

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NORFOLK ISLAND TO MELBOURNE

We enjoy a leisurely breakfast with time for last minute packing. We now visit the **Bounty Folk Museum**. While small in size, the museum is wide in scope, and tells the strange and startling history of Norfolk Island, from the harrowing tales of ill-fated convicts brought here, to the against-the-odds survival of the Bounty mutineers and their Tahitian wives. After an early light lunch at Castaway, we are transferred to the **Norfolk Island Airport** for our flight to Sydney. After clearing Customs, we will transfer to the domestic airport to connect with our flight home. Upon arrival in **Melbourne** our chauffeurs will be waiting to take us safely home with many interesting stories to tell about our Norfolk Island adventure — all a part of the great **O'Shannessy's Quality Tours** service.

Light refreshments served inflight

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Receipt of payment of funds will be taken as acceptance of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours conditions of travel for this tour. Prices include GST and all taxes. Deposit is fully refundable until **81 days** prior to departure date. Balance due on invoice.

Cancellation within 80 days of tour departure date
On or after tour date departure

No Refund
No Refund

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UPCOMING TOURS *Available*

Flinders Island - February 2026

New Zealand Rail and Coach Tour - March 2026

Central Australia - June 2026

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