



Years ago when I worked on the Gold Coast briefly I was always amused about how many people wanted to go to Waikiki in Hawaii – when you think about it, Waikiki is a bit like the GC on an island When I opened Travelling Places on the mountain some 27 years ago (I know 😊!) I was equally amused that so many people wanted to visit Norfolk Island which is just like the mountain on an island!

Having visited Norfolk Island I understood the appeal; when it comes down to it we live on the mountain because we love the pristine environment and the pace of life, the eclectic group of people and the history and culture; we love the temperate climate and hiding behind the hedgerows when there are too many tourists around. I am sure the Norfolk Islanders feel the same. Their local economy is primarily based on tourism and now that they have opened their borders to Queensland and there is no quarantine required they are longing for us to visit and give them a boost socially and to help them get back on their feet.

Norfolk Island is a great destination whatever your age. There are lovely walks; crystal clear water lapping the coves for swimming; beautiful picnic spots; a small golf course; several restaurants and coffee shops and of course the history. Explore Kingston, site of one of the toughest convict settlements, wander through the sandstone ruins, and enjoy listening to the history of this bygone era. After the last convicts left the island Queen Victoria gifted Norfolk to the mutineers of The Bounty who were then on Pitcairn Island, so don't be surprised to find locals with surnames like Christian, Adams or McCoy.

Air New Zealand currently fly once a week, increasing to twice a week shortly. A week is about the right length of time. There are hotels and self catering apartments to choose from

A weeks holiday will flights return from Brisbane, transfers from the airport to your hotel return and 7 nights at the South Pacific Resort Hotel including daily breakfast. Also included is a fascinating tour of the Convict settlement of Kingston with a local guide. Another inclusion is the Taste of Norfolk trip visiting local bee keepers, a beef and dairy farm, and a cooking demonstration using the traditional yorlor stone brought from Pitcairn in 1856. To meet the locals there is also a three course progressive dinner included. The cost for all of this is about \$1665 per person twin share. Alternatively stay in a one bedroom apartment and have a car to use – the cost would be similar to the hotel. Prices will vary depending upon your dates of travel and where you stay.

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