



SCOTTSDALE TOURS

NORFOLK ISLAND TOUR 2011

Although we only had a small group this time we still had another lovely trip to Norfolk Island. The low numbers are a sign of the times and unfortunately Norfolk is having a hard time at the moment. Just a cruisy hour and a half flight over on a lovely sunny day. Actually we were jolly lucky with the weather, we only had one real skiff of rain one evening, the rest of the time it was beautiful. Then we came home to wind and rain. Some of us are thinking we should have stayed on the island.

We were warmly greeted by the 'family' at Castaway and settled into our rooms on the first day. It was Sunday so after an early dinner at the South Pacific Resort next door some of us ventured down to the All Saints Church for their historic Anglican Service performed the same as it has been for more than 100 years ago.

A half day tour of the island next morning then a free afternoon to check out the shops, go on another adventure or just relax at the hotel. That night we all dressed up in our convict suits and went to the Night as a Convict dinner and show, most entertaining.

A free morning to relax and recover from our night out and to prepare for the next night. This was the famous Fish Fry at Puppy's Point with music and island dancing entertainment in front of a gorgeous sunset. This was followed up with another stunning performance from the folks at the Mutiny on the Bounty Show.

Great day for checking out the beautiful coral next day with John in his Glass Bottom Boat. Some decided to stay at the gorgeous beach at Emily Bay and have a swim afterwards. We dined at Castaway that night.

A visit around the Convict Settlement and nice cup of tea was the item on the agenda the next day and another lovely meal at Castaway. We had the place to ourselves so it was like a family dinner.

We had a free day next day and rested up for the well renowned Progressive Dinner to the homes of descendants of the original Bounty settlers. The first course was delicious hors d'ouvres and aperitifs prepared and served by Duncan.



Castaway Hotel



Night as a convict



Sunset at Fish Fry – Puppy's Point



Emily Bay

The main course was hosted by the delightful Ngaire at the former Cats restaurant. She entertained us on the pianola afterwards. Then it was off to Sam and Tracey's place for a delicious passion fruit pie and cream (Norfolk Gravy) and a chat with Sam who had us laughing in the aisles. It rained briefly but not enough to daunt our spirits.

Our last day was a garden ramble through the Music Valley gardens and a Devonshire tea and wander around the gardens at the Tea Pot café beside Silky Oaks stables. Ross and Neil almost went for a ride on a horse!!!

Sadly it was Sunday again and just as everyone was relaxing into the island atmosphere it was time to board our plane and fly home.

Thank you everyone for a lovely trip. *Kind regards Ross & Susy*



Convict Settlement



Garden tour

