



NORFOLK ISLAND

New Qantas Service Unleashes Norfolk Island Fare Bonanza

A new Qantas ticketed air service between Australia and Norfolk Island has unleashed a rash of keenly priced holiday packages for one of Australia's most affordable offshore destinations.

Six travel wholesalers who specialise in Norfolk Island holidays have based the packages on new early bird fares provided by Qantas and the Norfolk Island Government, which is underwriting the twice-weekly Boeing 737-400 jet service from Sydney and Brisbane.

For sale until July 31 for travel until August 31, 2005 are:

- six package options ranging from \$869 per person ex Sydney and \$799 pp ex Brisbane with return airfare/taxes and seven nights twin share at South Pacific Resort Hotel up to \$1429 pp ex Sydney and \$1359 pp ex Brisbane twin share at a luxury Shearwater Retreat villa. Contact **Orient Pacific Holidays** on 1800 808 055 or email reservations@orientpacific.com.au. Packages also available from Melbourne and Adelaide. Wednesday departures only; conditions apply.
- six package options ranging from \$884 pp ex Sydney and \$815 pp ex Brisbane with return airfare/taxes, island tour, shopping vouchers and seven nights twin share in a 3-star Tropic Bird studio-style holiday unit up to \$1220 pp ex Sydney and \$1151 pp ex Brisbane with return airfares, taxes and seven nights twin share at the 4-star Fantasy Island Resort plus complimentary hire car and mountain bike. Contact **Norfolk Gateway Tours** on 02 9745 3333 or email res@norfolkgatewaytours.com.au. Wednesday departures only; conditions apply.
- four package options ranging from \$879 pp ex Sydney and \$809 pp ex Brisbane for 7 nights including return airfares with airfares/taxes, on-island airport transfers, introductory island tour and historical mystery tour with dinner and seven nights twin share at South Pacific Resort Hotel up to \$1129 pp ex Sydney and \$1069 pp ex Brisbane twin share at Crest Apartments including seven days car hire. Call **Coral Seas** on 1800 641 803 or email reservations@coralseas.com.au. Wednesday departures only; conditions apply.
- a package costing \$849 pp ex Sydney and \$799 pp ex Brisbane with return airfare and taxes, seven nights twin share at South Pacific Resort Hotel, airport meet and greet and transfers, half-day sightseeing tour and shopping, dining and touring discounts. Call **Talpacific Holidays** on 1300 665 737 or email brisbane@talpacific.com.au or sydney@talpacific.com.au. Wednesday departures only; conditions apply.
- a package costing \$912 pp ex Sydney and \$839 pp ex Brisbane with return airfare/taxes, seven nights twin share at The Colonial of Norfolk, airport transfers and introductory island tour. Contact **Fastbook Holidays** on 1300 361156 or email info@fastbookholidays.com.au. Wednesday departures only; conditions apply.

- a package costing \$971 pp ex Sydney and \$902 pp ex Brisbane with return airfare/taxes, seven nights twin share at Pinevalley Apartments and complimentary car hire. Call **Qantas Holidays** on 13 14 15 or visit your travel agent. Wednesday departures only; conditions apply.

Norfolk Island Tourism Chair Jackie Pye said the heavily discounted packages were designed to boost bookings to the island following the June 3 collapse of previous operator Norfolk Jet Express.

“Norfolk Island Tourism is very grateful to Qantas and the wholesalers for the support they are providing to help put our tourism industry back on a sound footing,” Mrs Pye said.

“Visitors can be assured of a very warm welcome and some great deals in the months ahead.”

About two hours from Sydney, Norfolk Island boasts romantic coastal scenery, luxurious accommodation, fine dining restaurants, adventure activities and a rich history that includes its days as a convict colony and refuge for descendants of the Bounty Mutiny. The new 737-400 jet service departs each Saturday and Wednesday.

For full details, conditions and bookings contact the wholesalers. For more information on Norfolk Island visit www.norfolkisland.nf or call 0011 6723 22147.

Images: The attached images show a convict-built arch in the old penal settlement at Kingston and Anson Bay beach. More images are available.

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