

The Glory of Norfolk Island

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DAY 1

We gather in Auckland, to Norfolk Island we fly
It's a most pleasant flight, way up high in the sky

Soon enough we're at South Pacific Resort
A drink and then dinner; we eat more than we ought!

The fish is divine and the sunset too
Layers of orange beneath the inky blue

We settle into the Norfolk Island ways
In the knowledge that ahead lie happy days

DAY 2

We meet up at breakfast for eggs on toast
And then it's time to head on down to the coast

Max shows us the island and its many treasures
Then ... shopping time, one of life's pleasures!

Shoes and tops and dresses galore
We buy up large – but we still want more!

Most of us head to the Bowling Club for dinner
Where the seafood dishes are always a winner

A day of wonder comes to a close
And now it's time for bed I s'pose

DAY 3

It's time for a walk through the bush next morning
Take care on the track – we get a warning!

A delicious brekkie at Captain Cook's lookout
The views are amazing, of that there's no doubt

Some spend time enjoying Emily Bay's glory
Slamming doors at The Duplex is Sally's ghost story!

In the bar we share tales of life and travel
All sorts of wonderful stories unravel

We depart for our ghost tour as darkness arrives
The ghost of Elizabeth one of many lost lives

She shares stories of ghosts and gruesome tales
Of the surgeon and the horror of life in these jails

Along Quality Row her voice turns hoarse
It's the ghosts in the haunted Duplex of course!

After a day of nature and shopping and ghostly things
We head for bed and wonder what tomorrow brings

DAY 4

The first day of September is Christine's birthday
It's time for celebrations every which way

Some go to church, some off to market
Some hire a car – it's easy to park it!

Coffee in the sunshine and lunch on the lawn
And some of those new clothes are now being worn!

In the afternoon Sally's Tiki Tours are a hit
Anson Bay, The Arches and up top of Mt Pitt

On Sally's deck we gather in the evening at five
To chat and to sing; glad to be alive

Then to dinner we go, there's more food to eat
A happy birthday on Norfolk is hard to beat!

DAY 5

A new day dawns and along comes the morn
The 2nd of September is when Jillian and Sally were born!

The Pitcairn Settlers Village is a wonderful place
History and old things for us to learn and embrace

We go for a ride in an old Model A Ford
On this island of all-sorts, one cannot get bored

The house is lovely and Marie a delight
The island is grateful for her amazing foresight

Some rest weary bodies, with feet up on the bed
While others keep shopping, bank accounts in the red!

Some hop on the glass-bottom boat in the bay
"We saw fish and coral and a turtle," they say

The hotel hosts drinks in the lobby at five
There are cocktails and music and we get up and jive

Our meal tonight is the Progressive Dinner
Each house, each course, a definite winner

It's new moon time and the stars shine bright
Another lovely day over, it's time to call it a night

DAY 6

Another cooked breakfast to start the day
Then to the Cyclorama we make our way

The "picture in the round" is a marvellous thing
It's so realistic and of its praises we sing

Hilli scones are delicious and Queen Vic garden serene
But getting back to those shops, some are most keen!

The Fish Fry is fab, but the sunset is not
The cloud is a nuisance and it's not very hot

We scoff fresh fish with salad and coconut bread
And sweet tattí mash – we're very well fed

The music is lively and we get up bopping
It's fun and it's frivolous – just like shoe shopping!

Girls dance gracefully in Tahitian style
They're young and happy and make us smile

The Sound & Light Show is very well done
We watch the schoolkid actors having some fun

The stories of the convicts come to life
And we learn about all their trouble and strife

Another lovely day draws to a close
Night has fallen and it's time to doze

DAY 7

Morning comes, along with the rain
When the weather's not perfect it's a bit of a pain

Never mind at all, the shops are dry
And there are plenty more things on this island to buy!)

(The lady at Duo loves us!)

Some go to the pier at Cascades Bay
The locals are fishing and Eric would love to stay!

Government House is open for viewing (rare)
It's a busy place with a bit of queuing

Rooms and courtyards and lovely lights
Another of the island's fabulous sights

The convict settlement tour is next
How they ever survived has us all perplexed

Some succumbed to illness, others took their own lives
Yet others were butchered with surgeon's knives

The cemetery whispers of young lives lost
Being on this island came at quite a cost

The waves are wild, on the rocks they crash
Even Emily Bay gets a bit of a thrash

A final drink in the bar is fun
Oh no, our holiday is nearly done

Fish or lamb shanks for our farewell meal
We gobble it down with zest and zeal

Then off to Wonderland by Night we go
There are dioramas and poems and lights aglow

It's nostalgia and fairyland wrapped up in the trees
What a shame about the cold and rather strong breeze

It's our final night to lay our weary heads down
Perchance to dream ... of a ghost in a long white gown!

DAY 8

The last day is here, it's time to pack bags
And from our new clothes – remove all the tags!

Watawieh, yorlye, the local lingo we learnt
As we drove through the town of Pine that was Burnt!

We've seen pristine nature and quirky things too
Great food and shopping, so much to do

Lots of laughs and stories of ghosts
Friendly locals who are convivial hosts

Jill's brooch is missing and nowhere to be found
It is found on the tarmac when we're homeward bound!

(It had obviously sat on the tarmac for the whole week!)

This place is small and it's special with so much see
Its unique offerings are sure to fill you with glee!

Norfolk Island sure is a great place to roam
It's been a real blast, now it's time to go home
Farewell ... and yorlye return, ya hear!

*Best wishes to all, it was wonderful to travel with you and I hope to do so
again one day!!*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally".

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