



GIPPSLAND
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NORFOLK ISLAND DISCOVERY



16 March to 25 March 2022
Personally Escorted by Jacquie Turner

Norfolk Island is an island in the South Pacific Ocean and an Australian territory for historical reasons even though it is much closer to New Zealand.

In 1856 it was settled by former inhabitants of the second largest of the Pitcairn Islands. The Pitcairners were the descendants of the infamous English sailors of mutiny on the *Bounty* fame and the Tahitian women who, under their leader Fletcher Christian began a new life on isolated Pitcairn Island.

Approximately one third of the permanent residents of Norfolk Island are descendants of Pitcairn Islanders, with the remainder split between people originating from Australia and New Zealand. The permanent population of the island is about 1500 people.



WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH

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We depart Warragul in the afternoon and drive to our overnight hotel, PARK ROYAL MELBOURNE HOTEL. Dinner tonight will be included.

THURSDAY 17 MARCH

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We will have a very early transfer to the airport for our Qantas flight to Brisbane where we will connect for our Qantas flight to Norfolk Island.

On arrival at Norfolk Island, we shall be met and transferred to the SOUTH PACIFIC RESORT HOTEL, our home for the next 8 nights. This hotel is set in 5 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and is the most conveniently located hotel on Norfolk Island. On arrival, refreshments will be ready for us and we will each receive a **Museum Pass**, for use in your free time. The pass includes multiple entries to all 5 museums at any time during your stay and 2 guided Tag-A-Long tours.

Later we get together for an **Island Fish Fry**, a feast of local dishes, salads and homemade coconut bread, alongside mouth-watering fried fish. The feast overlooks breathtaking coastal scenery as the sun sets - with live music in the background. All served with local entertainment from the *Baunti Byuutis* dancing group.





FRIDAY 18 MARCH

BLD

We will visit the incredible experience of the **Fletcher's Mutiny Cyclorama**...the stunning and realistic 360° artwork which brings to life the history of the Norfolk Island people and their connection with the infamous mutiny on the 'Bounty'. We will discover how the world's most famous mutiny created the Pitcairn and Norfolk communities.

After our lunch at the Hilli's Restaurant, we will enjoy a **Half Day Island Tour**, introducing us to the island's history and life as it is today. From the historic Kingston to famous convict buildings and beautiful beaches, the tour offers plenty of opportunities for you to take some photos and be fully informed about this fascinating island. We shall also visit Cascade, Longridge and much more.

There will be some free time before we have the opportunity to experience the local hospitality by joining a **Progressive Dinner** when we will enjoy a 3-course meal progressing to different Norfolk Island family homes. During dinner we will hear many Norfolk stories by our guests.



SATURDAY 19 MARCH

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There will be an opportunity this morning for a **BBQ Breakfast Bush Walk**. Take your choice of a stroll through Hundred Acres Reserve or for the more energetic, a leisurely 3.5km walk through scenic Mt Bates to Captain Cook Monument. At the end of the walks, we meet on the cliff top at Anson Bay for a delicious breakfast barbeque.

The rest of the day is at leisure before we meet for 3 course dinner at the Bounty Bar & Grill. Later we head out to see the **Sound & Light Show** amongst the convict ruins where we will watch re-enactments of how convicts were treated in days gone.

Nightfall at Kingston brings a different mood to the convict settlement. With the dramatic use of real-life sounds, theatrical lighting and costumed actors, we learn about the shocking decades of Norfolk Island's convict era



SUNDAY 20 MARCH

B D

This morning is free to check out the markets which cater to visitors and locals with supplies of seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables, cut flowers, home cooking, craft and souvenir items, books, jewellery, stamps, post cards and so much more! There is live entertainment and the coffee van selling locally grown coffee. The Sunday markets operate rain, hail or shine! There is sure to be something for you to take home as a memento of this delightful trip

In the early afternoon we join up for our **Convict Settlement Tour** of the World-Heritage-Listed Georgian settlement of **Kingston**. This whole area is a living showcase of Polynesian, convict and Pitcairn Islander history. We take you through the cemetery, where you will hear the history of the colonial headstones, as well as the old houses along Quality Row.

You will also walk through the ruins of the New Gaol, see the Pier Store, Boat Shed and the Crank Mill - all of which has to be seen to be believed.

Tonight, we relax with a 3 course dinner at Hilli Restaurant.

MONDAY 21 MARCH

B L D

Our **Green Fingers Tour** this morning will feature some of the island's loveliest gardens. Through the morning, we visit a nursery owned and operated by a young Norfolk Islander, and view the hydroponics. We also visit a gorgeous private garden with a spectacular view and then enjoy morning tea at a scenic spot.

Slow food is more than a movement on Norfolk Island, it's a way of life – and visitors reap the benefits. With ninety-nine percent of fresh food grown in the island's rich volcanic soil, a bounty of fresh seafood waiting just offshore and a long list of locally-made meats, cheese, coffee and honey, every meal is a simple but delicious occasion. To enjoy some of this delightful food we will have lunch at the very popular **Olive Café**.

Tonight, we shall dine at Bailey's Restaurant, a beautifully restored house which is the centrepiece of **Governor's Lodge**.

TUESDAY 22 MARCH**B D**

For our **Christians 4WD Tour** we will split up and be part of either the 9am tour and 1pm tour. We will join John and his Island staff - all direct descendants of the Bounty Mutineers, on an exciting 3-hour tour to points of Norfolk, accessible only by 4WD. This back of beyond tour will take us through private properties and the national park featuring spectacular scenery, native flora & bird life. Included are delicious homemade cakes with tea & coffee at a beautiful Island home. All vehicles are comfortable modern 4WDs.

Tonight, we get together for a fun **Night as a Convict** when we will dress up as convicts in outfits supplied and join in with the Commandant for an evening of gaiety, feasting, singing and dancing. All you need to do is bring your sense of humour and prepare yourself for a delicious meal.

WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH**B D**

This morning, we visit the home of **Colleen McCullough**, world-renowned author of 24 books, who called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years. She and husband, Norfolk Islander, Ric Robinson, created a luxurious 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. Her beloved property "Out Yenna" is now open and we shall be escorted through her magnificent home and to view Ric and Colleen's priceless collection of artefacts gathered on their travels all over the world.

We take a trip in the old 1928 A Model Ford - Norfolk's first tour bus-for our **Pitcairn Settlers Village Tour**. We visit the gracious original old Bailey homestead and gardens, stroll through the barn, dairy and out buildings, visit a blacksmith's forge, a WWII Army hut and Museum of Memorabilia.

Tonight, we get together for **Fletcher's Fate Mystery Dinner**, a fascinating evening of interactive theatre, intrigue and mystery. This entertaining play, examining the possible last movements and final whereabouts of the famous mutineer, Fletcher Christian, is dramatically acted out by a 6-character cast over a sumptuous 3 course dinner.

**THURSDAY 24 MARCH****B D**

There will be some free time this morning before our visit to **Mootineer Cheeses**, a boutique cheesery founded by John Christian. Milking a small herd of organic cows on pristine Norfolk Island they produce a range of tasty and tempting cheeses.

We visit the local sawmill, view some handmade ukuleles and find out about the local honey and finish off with some cheese and wine tasting and sample the range of delicious locally produced organic Feta, Tasty Houlimi and yummy Cheddar along with complimentary wines.

Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at **The Homestead Restaurant** where they pair local ingredients with the elemental technique of cooking over fire to enhance the contemporary dining experience. The 100 Acre Farm is a working farm that produces beef and vegetables commercially, embracing the farm to plate philosophy as well as sourcing line caught fish from Norfolk's clean wild waters.

FRIDAY 25 MARCH

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The morning is at leisure however the hotel will provide a morning tea before we depart Norfolk Island for an early afternoon Qantas flight back to Melbourne via Sydney.

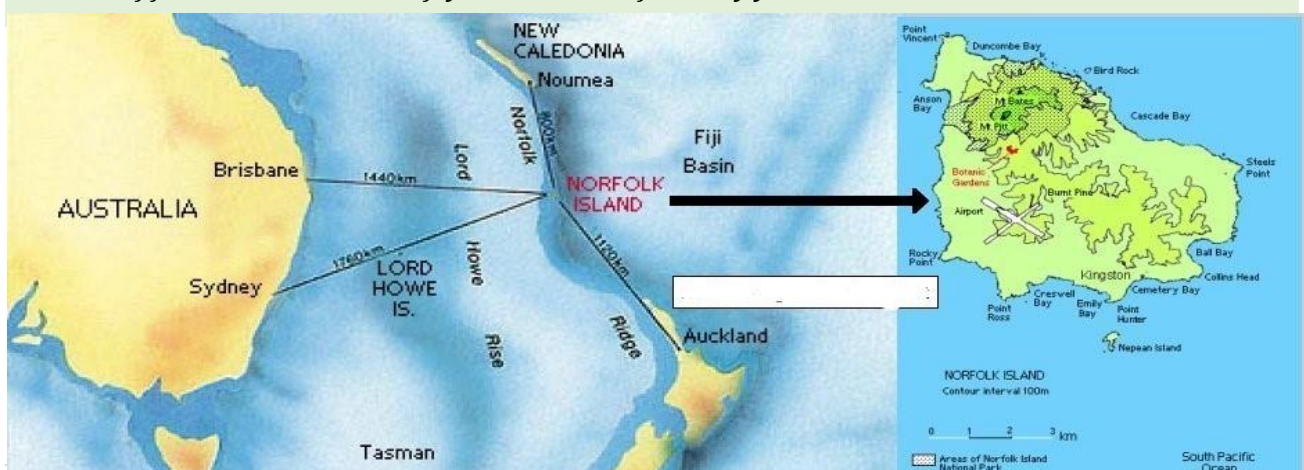
On arrival in Melbourne Airport at approximately 8pm, we shall be met and transferred by coach back to Warragul.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Half Day Island Tour
- Progressive Dinner with local hosts
- Christians 4WD Tour
- Spectacular Sound & Light Show
- Breakfast bush Walk with clifftop breakfast BBQ
- Convict Settlement Tour
- Colleen McCullough Home Tour
- Green Fingers Gardens Tour
- Night as a Convict
- Cyclorama Experience
- Mootineers Cheese Salt Honey & Sawmill Tour
- Murder Mystery Fletchers Fate
- Island Fish Fry at Puppy's Point
- Museum Pass
- Pitcairns Settlers Village Tour

JACQUEY TURNER, your tour leader, has more than 35 years' experience as a highly successful travel agent and tour guide. Jacquie's attention to detail and personal care ensures that everyone travelling in her group will have a most enjoyable holiday experience.

"I thoroughly enjoy escorting tour members to so many wonderful places in the world and are especially looking forward to showing you around our own backyard. The sights, sounds and history all contribute to a fabulous experience but most importantly it is the people that you meet and have the privilege of travelling with that has the most lasting impression. We always have lots of fun and continue to enjoy the memories for many years."



NORFOLK ISLAND DISCOVERY**16 March to 25 March 2022****Tour Cost:** **\$4199** per person on a double/twin share basisSingle supplement – **\$675****Payment Details:**

Full Payment is required to secure booking:

INCLUSIONS

- **Group size will be maximum 24 participants**
- Melbourne-Brisbane-Norfolk Island/Norfolk-Sydney-Melbourne economy airfares and taxes
- Return coach transfers between Gippsland and Melbourne Airport
- Overnight accommodation Park Royal Melbourne Airport Hotel including dinner.
- Personally escorted throughout the entire tour (if tour numbers reach 16 passengers)
- 9 nights 4-star hotel accommodation in twin or double bedded rooms with private facilities
- Amenities at South Pacific Resort Hotel; superior rooms include flat screen TV; coffee/tea making facilities; mini fridge; iron and ironing board; hair dryer
- Experienced driver and local guides
- Meals as per itinerary –
9 Breakfasts (B), 5 Morning/Afternoon Tea, 5 Lunch (L) 9 Dinners (D)
- Comprehensive sightseeing & entrance fees as per itinerary
- Portage (one suitcase per person)
- ALL tipping of drivers and local guides throughout the tour

IDENTIFICATION

Photo identification is required for this tour, however if you do have a valid passport, this is still the preferred documentation to use. If you do not have a valid passport, then a government issued photo identification (drivers' licence) is also sufficient

EXCLUSIONS

- Travel insurance (a surcharge may apply for passengers over 70 years or if there is a pre-existing medical condition)
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages, medical expenses
- Any meals not included in the itinerary

SPECIAL NOTES

Flight schedules to be advised. The order of the sightseeing may vary depending on local conditions.

GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION:

This contract is governed by Gippsland Travel Centre Pty Ltd and all members of the travelling parties as listed on your itinerary.

Gippsland Travel Centre acts as the agent selling and coordinating products on behalf of a third-party travel supplier/s. A separate contract with the supplier/s will apply and will be governed by the supplier's Terms and Conditions. Gippsland Travel cannot guarantee the performance of any third-party supplier/s. Gippsland Travel may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third party supplier/s under this contract.

LATE BOOKINGS

Higher deposit payments are required for late bookings. A guarantee of full payment is required at the time of booking for all bookings received within 4 weeks of departure.

BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

Bookings may be accepted on a share room basis on the proviso that the person requesting the share reservation agrees that while every effort will be made to match suitability of the passengers there is no guarantee that a share room can be provided. If a share room is not available at the time of final payment, either the single room alternative, at an additional cost, or the cancellation conditions detailed in your itinerary will apply.

HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to at least:

- Be able to walk at least 1 hour on uneven surfaces without the use of any walking aid (walking stick for stability is acceptable)
- Walk up multiple flights of stairs and short, steep hills
- Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
- Carry your own hand luggage / handle your own suitcase when portage is not supplied eg. at airports.
- Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats. Assistance will be offered where necessary.

Passengers must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we can exclude you from a tour or any activity we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or if we consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

You will be requested to supply a letter from your doctor indicating your prescription medication and your reason for taking it, which shall be carried in the event of an emergency. This information will remain confidential and can be supplied in a sealed envelope.

ITINERARY CHANGES and ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to amend the hotels, itinerary and excursions if deemed advisable or necessary due to adverse weather conditions, road conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any necessary alternative arrangements will be made to a similar standard.

Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Gippsland Travel make it necessary to change airlines, hotels or amendments to daily activities. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

GENERAL CONDUCT

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if they are acting in a way that interferes with the general operation of the tour or compromises the general enjoyment of the tour by other travellers in any way

UNUSED PORTION OF THIS TOUR

We regret refunds will not be given for any unused activities of this tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation or transfers.

FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Airlines schedules are subject to change without notice. Voluntary date changes will incur fees. Gippsland Travel is not liable for delays or disruption of air travel.

FORCE MAJEURE:

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Gippsland Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Gippsland Travel. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes and natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; government directed travel restrictions or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy, nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time.

For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure shall not include (a) financial distress nor inability of either party to make a profit or avoid a financial loss, (b) changes in market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder.

In the event that a Force Majeure is declared, the customer will be bound by the third-party supplier/s Terms and Conditions, if applicable.

TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

If Gippsland Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Gippsland Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Gippsland Travel may immediately by written notice; (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or part of); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice for any additional costs.

If you are eligible for a refund once a booking has been cancelled, the balance less any non-refundable amounts will be forwarded to you once received by Gippsland Travel from the third-party supplier/s.

Gippsland Travel is not responsible for any delays of refunds from the third-party supplier/s. Refunds from third party supplier/s can take in excess of 6 weeks. Refunds will be processed as per original form of payment.

Travel insurance policies may provide cover for cancellation fees subject to their terms and conditions.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Gippsland Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by a third-party supplier/s over who we have no direct control. Gippsland Travel is not liable for Force Majeure or any other event which is beyond our control or which is not preventable by us.

GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

CANCELLATION FEES

For cancellations received more than 90 days prior to tour departure, a cancellation fee of \$500 pp will be charged, which cannot be credited to another booking. Notice of cancellation must be made in writing to Gippsland Travel Centre. If notice of cancellation is received 90 days or less, prior to departure, the following fees apply:

Cancellation received 90 days or more prior to departure	Cancellation fee \$500 per person
Cancellation received 90 days or less prior to departure	100% of tour cost

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All costs are in Australian dollars as at 21 July 2021.

Interesting facts about Norfolk Island

1. The island was used as a penal settlement for convicts sent to Australia after British discovery from 1788 to 1856:

3. Norfolk Island has its own language, called Norfuk, and is a mix of Deutsch, 18th century English and Tahitian:

4. It's against the law not to give way to cows:

5. The capital of Norfolk Island is Kingston and is the second-oldest town in Australia:

6. Norfolk Island celebrate their own public holiday on June 8, called Bounty Day and celebrates the arrival of the Bounty Mutineers in 1856:

7. Tourism is the main source of income on the island:

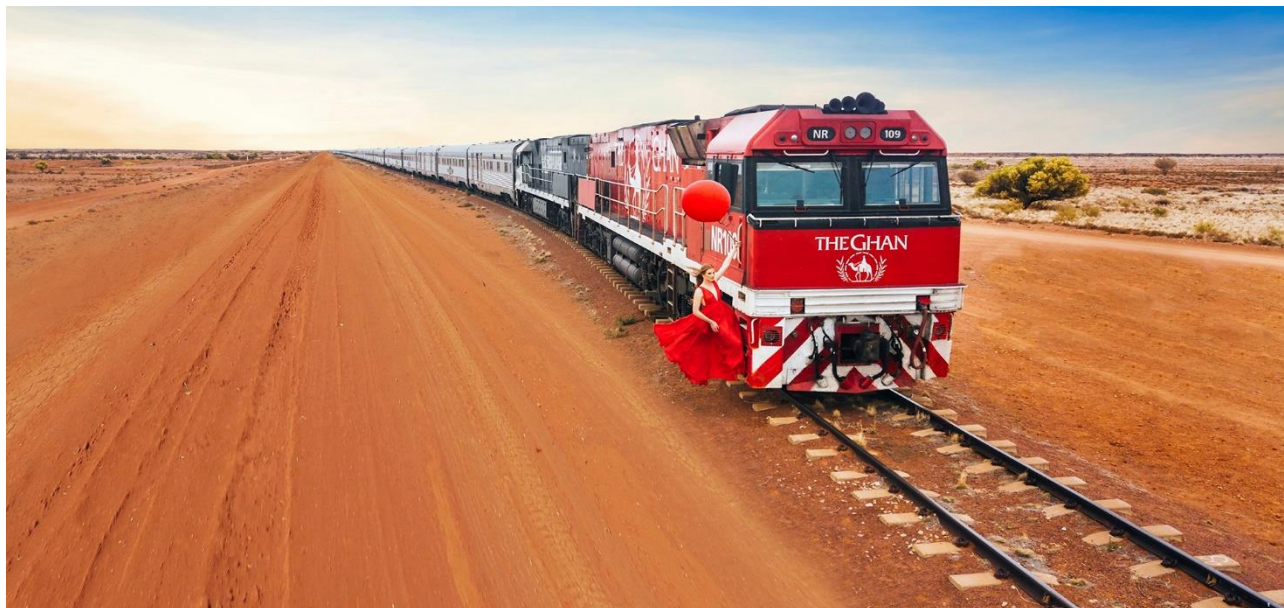
8. The island has its own university, Greenwich University, which moved to Norfolk Island in 1998 from Hawaii:

9. People can list their nicknames in the phone book rather than their full name:

10. Thanks to a population of Americans that called the island home in the late 1800s, Thanksgiving is big on the island and it receives a public holiday to celebrate, too:

11. There are no snakes on Norfolk Island and there are strict laws to protect the native ecosystem

ESCORTED GIPPSLAND TRAVEL TOUR



THE GHAN EXPEDITION, CENTRAL AUSTRALIA & DARWIN

15 May to 31 May 2022

Escorted by Jacquey Turner

Highlights of this escorted tour: Ayers Rock, Kings Canyon, Alice Springs, Arnhem Land, Tiwi Islands, Darwin & the Ghan Expedition.

In 2019, The Ghan celebrates 90 years of outback adventure, its legend stemming from the 1930s when the first Afghan cameleers arrived in Australia. On that momentous journey, the train was dubbed 'The Afghan Express' and then shortened to the legend it is today, 'The Ghan'. Today you can follow in the tracks of those pioneers as you journey through Australia's red heart.

Beginning in Darwin, this four-day, three night, 2,979km all-inclusive journey will take you to some of the most remote and captivating parts of Australia in style and comfort.

Regarded as one of the world's greatest rail journeys, The Ghan delivers so much more than an extended train ride. It promises access to parts of Australia no other holiday can come close to, the perfect balance of comfort and adventure culminating in an experience that will move you in every sense of the word.

Full itinerary & costs now available.

ESCORTED GIPPSLAND TRAVEL TOUR



PROUD MARY MURRAY RIVER CRUISE

2 April to 9 April 2022

Escorted by Linda Sharpe (nee Owen)

We embark on our fully escorted Murray River Indulgence Cruise, aboard the Proud Mary and cast off to explore the Murray River's eco-system at its finest.

Our 5-night indulgence cruise includes all meals and their brilliant chefs will delight you with modern Australian and European cuisine made from the highest quality seasonal produce.

Abundant wildlife and magnificent scenery will be seen throughout our entire stay aboard. River Gums and Willows line the banks of this famous river and provide a perfect safe haven for birds and wildlife. Take in the towering cliffs and beautiful sandy beaches as the Proud Mary idly cruises by. At night, the Proud Mary's powerful floodlights provide a rare glimpse of nocturnal wildlife, especially birds such as night herons, owls and coots.

Lagoon cruises, on shore guided walks, an Australian themed bush barbeque with live entertainment and the Captain's Dinner make up some of the highlights of this extravagant indulgence cruise.

You can also relax in your private ensuite accommodation with all cabins onboard featuring stunning river views so you can stay immersed in the beauty of nature.

Full itinerary & costs now available.