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# About Norfolk Island

## Location & Geography

Norfolk Island is a small island in the Pacific Ocean - located between Australia, New Zealand, and New Caledonia, 1,412 kilometres (877 mi) directly east of mainland Australia's Evans Head, and about 900 kilometres (560 mi) from Lord Howe Island.

The island is part of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Set at 29.03° south and longitude 167.95° east, set on 3455 hectares, Norfolk Island is a South Pacific paradise, abundant with stories, activity and character.

At the 2016 Australian census, it has 1,748 inhabitants living on a total area of about 35 km<sup>2</sup> (14 square miles).

The island's official capital is Kingston; it is, however, more a centre of government than a sizeable settlement. The largest settlement is at Burnt Pine.

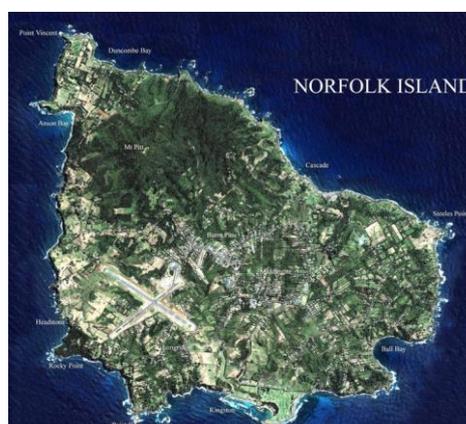
Local ordinances and acts apply on the island, where most laws are based on the Australian legal system.

As a territory of Australia, Norfolk Island does not have diplomatic representation abroad, or within the territory, and is also not a participant in any international organisations, other than sporting organisations.

Norfolk's climate is subtropical. Summer temperatures (December-March) average about 75F (25C) and winter temperatures (June-September) average about 65F (18C).

Yearly rainfall is approximately 50 inches (1200mm), most of which falls in the winter.

The island is covered by 80km of lanes and walking tracks which weave through scented pine trees, beaches, cliffs and historic convict ruins which make getting around the island easy.





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# Norfolk Island Airport

## History and Background

The Norfolk Island International Airport is the gateway to Norfolk Island for visitors and locals alike and is one of the most important pieces of infrastructure on the island.

The first runway was constructed on Norfolk Island with the assistance of the United States Air Force and the first aircraft to use it was a Lockheed Hudson bomber on the 25 December 1942. Today the Island receives five commercial operations per week from Sydney and Brisbane.

The largest aircraft regularly utilising the Airport is presently the Airbus A320 and general aviation traffic equates an annual average of 2.5 arrivals a week.

In addition to regular commercial flights the airport is crucial for medical evacuations to Australia.

The Airport contains 120 hectares of land, 95 of which are used for aviation purposes, this includes: primary and secondary runways, the airport terminal and terminal carpark. A runway overlay was done in 2007 and an Airport Master Plan will commence shortly including facilities and runway upgrade.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) regulates the Airport on safety matters and the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and Local Government regulates on matters relating to security.

Audits are carried out by these Departments to ensure that the systems and processes in place meet the requirements of both the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations and the Aviation Transport Security Regulations legislation.

The Norfolk Island International Airport maintains an enviable safety record and remains at all times fully compliant with relevant legislation.

## Airport Hours of Operation

7:00am - 3:00pm, Monday - Friday

Saturday and Sunday during Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) Operations.

As required by all other aircraft movements with 24 hours prior notice.

## Airport Elevation & Runway

The airport is at an elevation of 371 feet (113 m) above sea level.

It has two asphalt paved runways - 11/29 measuring 1,950 m × 45 m (6,398 feet × 148 feet) and 04/22 measuring 1,435 m × 30 m (4,708 feet × 98 feet).

The magnetic bearing of the runway and runway number are:

RWY 11/29 108 degrees

RWY 04/22 035 degrees

RWY 11/29 1950 X 45 slope of 0.7% down to W

RWY 04/22 1435 x 30 slope 0.9% down to SW

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### ICAO / IATA

ICAO code: **YSNF** UTC **+11:00**

IATA code: **NLK**

### Air Traffic Control

Norfolk Island Airport air traffic control is operated by a UNICOM service.

### Civil Aviation

Norfolk Island does not have a civil aviation authority body.

### Norfolk Island Airport – Airport Legislation

Please refer to the below links for special Norfolk Island Legislation applicable to the Airport:

Airport Act 1991 (NI) <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2017Q00030>

Airport Regulations 1992 (NI) <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2017Q00031>

### Freight Facilities

A small Cargo Terminal building is located next to the Passenger Terminal. Local agents Burnt Pine Travel are the freight handlers and refuellers for Norfolk Island Airport.

### Customs and Immigration

From 01 July 2016, travel between Norfolk Island and mainland Australia became a domestic movement for immigration purposes, although Air New Zealand will continue to operate from international airports. Anyone travelling between Norfolk Island and Sydney or Brisbane is required to have photographic identification.

For additional information please see [http://regional.gov.au/territories/norfolk\\_island/reforms/domestic-travel.aspx](http://regional.gov.au/territories/norfolk_island/reforms/domestic-travel.aspx)

### Airport Power

Airport power is provided by the onsite Norfolk Airport Diesel Power Station.

### Rescue and Fire Services

Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Service of the Norfolk Island Fire Service provides firefighting service for the airport and offers two airport fire tenders: two Rosenbauer Panther ARFF. The island fire service is currently manned by six permanent firefighters, and five auxiliary fire fighters.



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### Light Aircraft

Norfolk Island is an important transit and refuelling point for light aircraft flying between Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands.

Located 852 km (529 mi) southeast of Norfolk is Kaitaia Airport the most northerly airfield in New Zealand, 754 km (469 mi) north is Nouméa Airport in New Caledonia, and 900 km (560 mi) west is Lord Howe Island Airport which is 600 km (370 mi) to the Australian mainland.

These distances are within the range of many light aircraft when fitted with long range tanks, while the direct distance without using Norfolk Island as a stepping stone, is usually beyond their capabilities.

From New Caledonia other Pacific Islands such as Vanuatu and Fiji are within range and can be used as further 'stepping stones' to the other South Pacific and North Pacific destinations.

### International Airlines

The Island receives five commercial operations per week from, Sydney and Brisbane.

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The Norfolk Island Airlines service is operated with Nauru Airlines Boeing 737-300 jetliners.

### Passenger Terminal Building and Facilities

Norfolk Island Airport features a Passenger Terminal building which includes waiting areas as well as 4 passenger check-in counters, Security, Immigration control, Customs control (Norfolk Customs) and Baggage Claim.

The Norfolk Store offers an airport café and shop facility and is open prior to departing flights. Free wi-fi is available.

A carpark is located at the front entrance of the terminal.



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### Norfolk Island Tourism Information



There's definitely more to Norfolk Island than its tiny size might imply. The most common complaint is that visitors run out of time to do and see everything that's on offer.

Choose from soft adventure activities, history and culture experiences, pamper yourself or indulge in food and wine, get back to nature with bush walking and trekking or just relax on the golden sands of Emily Bay. A Visitors Centre is located in the Bicentennial Complex, Taylors Road and is open 7 days a week from 8.30am. More information on Norfolk Island can be obtained by visiting the Norfolk Island Tourism website <http://www.norfolkisland.com.au/>

#### Accommodation

Norfolk Island has a wide range of AAA Tourism inspected accommodation, ranging from hotels, apartments, self-contained cottages or villas and holiday homes. Norfolk Island accommodation ranges from 3 to 5 star in the various categories.

#### Communications

A local mobile phone service is available when you purchase a local sim card. Global roaming is available (check with your provider) and internet Wi-Fi cards are available for purchase for use at hot spot areas around the island. The local paper is published every Saturday, Radio Norfolk (89.9fm) can be heard daily, & the island receives Australian digital TV channels.



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### Climate

Climate is subtropical with temperatures ranging from 19-28° in Summer and 12-21° in Winter. The water temperature ranges from 19-22° seasonally.

### Banks

The currency used is the Australian dollar. Both the Commonwealth Bank and Westpac Bank have branches located in the main township, but only one ATM is available at the Commonwealth Bank. Major credit cards are accepted by most retailers on the island.

### Events

Norfolk Island offers a wide range of sporting and cultural activities throughout the year with these updated regularly on <http://www.norfolkisland.com.au/things-to-do/calendar-of-events>

### Shopping

Traditionally, most shops close on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and all day Sunday. The supermarkets and selected retailers are open 7 days a week. The Saturday's farmer's markets operate from 7.30am - 10.30am and the Sunday arts and craft markets from 8.30am - 11.00am both are located in the Bicentennial Complex in Burnt Pine.

### Getting around

A hire car is required to get around, or you can hire pushbikes. Ask at the Visitor Information Centre about local taxi and Uber services. Livestock roam freely on the roads and have the right of way. General speed limit is 50km/hr, reduced to 40km/hr in the town centre.

### Language

The main language is English, but you will often hear the Islanders speaking the local language which is a mix of Tahitian and Old English, inherited from the Bounty descendants.

### Medical

Australian Medicare applies to the island. Visitors who do not have a Medicare card are highly advised to have private travel insurance.

### Postage

Australia Post provides services on Norfolk Island with locations including P&R Groceries on the corner of Taylor's Road and Ferny Lane.

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