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Ask visitors to Norfolk what their favourite night was and they’ll often wax lyrical about Wonderland by Night. Inspired by the warm audience reaction to Archie Bigg’s poems at The Country Music Festival, ‘Boo’ Prentice of Pinetrees Tours came to Archie with an unusual proposition: how would Archie like a permanent home for poetry readings? Located on 10 acres of wooded Norfolk forest, the poetry tours take place at night under thousands of fairy lights arching through the trees, and verdant island foliage lit up from below. Archie’s poems are often humorous, sometimes poignant tales of family life inspired by the rolling rhythms of Australia’s beloved bush poets and are often in the Norfolk language which is explained by Archie during the evening. “Most people can pick it up pretty easily after I’ve explained a word or two,” Archie says. It is a unique opportunity to hear not only the Norfolk language spoken but to understand a little of the Island humour. Diverse topics like cows and cattle-grids, tour bus driving, the contents of old sheds and the “Norfolk wave” get covered and a bit of everything else besides.

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Each poem on the walk (or the ride if you’d prefer a trip in the “moon buggy”) is illustrated by a minutely detailed diorama in the trees, so see if you can spot a mangle in the wash-house

or the “5-star accommodation” for the chickens. Audio-visual displays also help bring the poems to life, using local actors to play the legendary miscreant Barney Duffy. From start to finish (and by the way, keep an eye out for the flying witches), the evening takes about two-and-a-half hours and is rounded off by a hot cuppa and a slice of home-made cake in Archie’s shed, a handsome building interestingly-decorated with memorabilia of times gone by. You can find all sorts of things in here, from milk separators to old wooden yokes for carrying buckets, to a sulky and even a ‘27 Chev! If you don’t know what some of the items are you are welcome to ask and if you do know, then you are giving away your age! Before you go, you might be able to talk Archie into tinkling the ivories for a bit of a sing-a-long as well. Don’t forget when you leave Wonderland, you’ll need to leave your stardust at the door

Pinetree Tours have been the island tour and entertainment specialist for over 25 years now. Their expert guides bring the history to life, contrasting it with the sights, sounds and people of Norfolk Island today. Their tours take in everything from island homes, historic sights, convict buildings, forests, sunsets, private gardens, churches, farms and beaches. They offer fascinating night tours, shows & entertainment where the guests are part of the action! You can dress as a convict or indulge in a mouth watering progressive dinner served in a variety of island homes. All in all, they’ve got Norfolk covered!



Half Day General Tour - On Demand

A wonderful orientation tour of the island. Hear about the renowned Melanesian Chapel, our Government, laws & lifestyle - Morning/afternoon tea at an historic homestead.

Sound & Light Show - Monday To Saturday 2 Shows Nightly.

Don't Miss this great historical drama.

Breakfast Bush Walk - Wed. & Sat. 7am

Take your choice of a stroll through One 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 clifftop for a delicious breakfast barbecue.

Clifftop BBQ Breakfast - Wed & Sat 8.15am

If you prefer not to rise early and bush walk, but would like to have breakfast on the cliff top, join the walkers at Anson Bay and share in the delicious barbecue breakfast.

A Night as a Convict Dinner - Friday 6.00pm

Dress as a convict & join in with the Commandant for an evening of gaiety, feasting, singing & dancing. Great food & fun! (outfit supplied)

Wonderland By Night - Mon, Wed & Saturday Night 7.15pm

Stroll through a magically lit enchanted pine tree rain forest & experience Norfolk’s culture & folklore with “bush poetry” under the stars.

Behind the Hedges Tour - Tuesday 8.30am

A tour of home-based & cottage industries. Visit a hobby farm, pottery, plantations & confectionery manufacturer.

Progressive Dinner to Island Homes - Mon, Wed & Fri 6pm

Enjoy a 4 course meal progressing to different Norfolk Island family homes. A fun night and a great way to meet the local people and sample some of the Island dishes.

Island Fish Fry - Tuesday & Thursday 5pm

Enjoy a feast of Island dishes, salads, homemade bread & fresh fried fish, followed by Island desserts & tea or coffee. Watch the sunset.

Sunday Supper - Sunday 5.00pm

3 course dinner & audio visual on history of the oldest Church on Norfolk Island. Transport to All Saints Church for an evening service & popular hymn singalong.

Convict Settlement Tour - Tues, Fri & Sun 1pm

Learn about the beautifully restored historic Georgian buildings at Kingston, cemetery, convict gaol ruins & military barracks.

Island Culture Tour - Wednesday & Saturday 1.00pm

See island woodcraft, weaving, island cooking & hear a Norfolk Island language presentation.

The Greenfingers Tour - Friday 8.30am

The Horticulturalist’s delight. Visit Norfolk’s most beautiful private & commercial gardens with history & spectacular views.

The Mutiny on the Bounty Show - Thurs night 8pm.

Descendants of the mutineers bring the story of the historic ‘Mutiny on the Bounty’ events to life in a 1 & a half hour show.

Fletcher’s Fate Mystery Dinner - Wed & Sun 6:30pm

A fascinating evening of interactive theatre, intrigue & mystery.

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