

SPECIAL EVENT

230th Anniversary of

The wrecking of HMS Sirius
on Norfolk Island

with *Great Convict Stories* author Graham Seal

19 MARCH 2020

DEPART BRISBANE

from \$1149 pp
7 nights – twin share
14 - 21 March 2020

DEPART SYDNEY

from \$1199 pp
7 nights – twin share
15 - 22 OR 16 - 23 March 2020

Holiday Package Price includes:

- ✓ Return 'seat + bag' economy airfare to Norfolk Island, incl. all airline taxes
- ✓ Meet&Greet at Norfolk airport
- ✓ Return airport transfers
- ✓ 7 nights twin share accommodation
- ✓ 7 days car hire – petrol additional
- ✓ Half Day Island tour
- ✓ Complimentary 'Mini Golf' & 'A Walk in the Wild' & FREE BONUS GIFT redeemable at The Bounty Centre
- ★ Bonus Norfolk Island discount shopping card



A Very Special HMS Sirius Event

Don't miss this opportunity to hear special guest presenter Graham Seal, author of *Great Convict Stories* and Professor of Folklore at Curtin University, when he spotlights the extraordinary stories of the convicts who became the founders of the Nation, many of whom lived through this tumultuous event. Presentations, workshops and tours are only to be offered during this special event on Norfolk Island.

Conditions apply – Prices are current today, subject to availability & change without notice – Travel insurance strongly recommended



The Wrecking of HMS *Sirius* 19 March 1790

With the wrecking of the First Fleet's flagship, Norfolk became home to the Nation's most important shipwreck, as well as over 500 First Fleeters.

Visiting Norfolk Island for the 230th Anniversary, you have the opportunity to 'stand in the shoes' of your ancestor and all the hardy First Fleeters who lived through this dramatic time in Australia's history. Their lives and the lives of the others who joined them to settle the Island were intriguing, rugged and detailed. Through sheer grit and determination, they survived.

Special Guest Presenter – Graham Seal

Graham Seal is an award-winning writer and author of the best-selling *Great Australian Stories* series on Australian history and folklore, including *Great Convict Stories*. He is Professor of Folklore at Curtin University in Perth, WA and is currently writing a book on the transportation of men, women and children in the British Empire from the seventeenth century.

Optional 230th Anniversary package – AU\$399pp

We highly recommend you get the most out of this HMS *Sirius* focused week by purchasing the **230th Anniversary Package** including tours and activities specially organised and only available during this week on Norfolk Island:

- ★ Welcome dinner with guest speaker Graham Seal
- ★ Four Workshops including Convict Stories by Graham Seal; Convict songs and Poems by Don and Sue Brian; and Museum personnel on caring for the *Sirius* artefact collection and the background story to the drama of the wrecking
- ★ 19th March special event – Sumptuous waterfront Luncheon in a marquee set up adjacent to the wreck site including guest speaker Graham Seal and entertainment
- ★ HMS *Sirius* Museum tour – special dedicated tour by Norfolk Island Museum staff
- ★ Norfolk Island four Museum Pass including two Tag-A-Long tours
- ★ Fabulous farewell Fish Fry dinner with farewell talk, entertainment including singer and Island dancing

Other optional activities available include: Attending Government House Open Day; Cabbage-hat style making demonstration with Devonshire Tea.

Don and Sue Brian

Don and Sue Brian have been exploring their linked passions for history and folklore for over 40 years. In recent years, they've had a particular interest in collecting the stories, songs and poems of the Islanders, from the convict settlers to present day. Don sings traditional folksongs, and sea shanties which tell the maritime history of the Pacific and is part of the traditional shanty group, 'The Roaring Forties'.