



NORFOLK ISLAND

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Norfolk Island Beckons Garden Lovers

If you possess a green thumb or just want to learn the latest ways to make your garden or veggie patch flourish, then Norfolk Island is the place to be this spring.

Running from **September 23-30** is a tour that will not only take you behind the hedges of one of the world's most beautiful islands but reveal techniques that will infuse extra vibrancy into your begonias and forgotten flavors into your tomatoes.

Norfolk Island's rich volcanic soil and sub-tropical climate make it a gardener's delight, and participants will learn how to use newly-developed biological techniques to get the most out of their gardens or farms.

Behind the seminar is Nutri-Tech Solutions (www.nutri-tech.com.au), a Queensland-based company accredited by the Norfolk Island Government to provide organic and "nutrition farming" advice to the island's farmers, orchardists and gardeners.

Coordinator Robin Adams said the seminar and tour was set up to give gardeners and farmers alike the opportunity to learn NTS techniques in a gardening paradise because of the amazing results they were having on the island.

"Just by getting our soil balances right and addressing deficiencies with the right organically-friendly response we are seeing remarkable results on our farms and in our gardens," she said. "Even the golf course is looking greener and healthier."

Ms Adams, who traces her family tree back to the Bounty Mutineers and runs a two acre garden on the island (www.camelotgardens.norfolk.net.nf), said tour participants stood to qualify for an NTS Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture by completing the four-day seminar.

"They will also see our farms and gardens at their best in the spring. Plants already seem to grow before our eyes in the rich volcanic soil, but we are starting to achieve growth and bulk like never before.

"I've had to prop up my mandarin trees this year, and we are seeing amazing colours and re-discovering flavours that we thought were gone forever."

The Norfolk Island Travel Centre is offering a special package for Australians wanting to take part in the seminar. Costs are from **\$1049** per person ex Brisbane and **\$1132pp** ex Sydney and include return airfares, taxes (Norfolk Island departure fee extra), seven nights twin share accommodation, seven days car hire (insurance, petrol extra), meet and greet at Norfolk Island Airport and giveaways including a discount shopping card. Seminar fee of **\$599pp** is extra and includes an Edible Gardens tour.

More information from Robin Adams at www.sustainablenorfolk.com. Bookings and information from The Travel Centre on freecall 1800 1400 66 or email melissa@travelcentre.nf. See www.norfolkisland.com.au for information on Norfolk Island.

Photos show a typical Norfolk Island panorama and seminar leader Graeme Sait in a flourishing NTS veggie patch.

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