

Norfolk Island

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Location

Norfolk Island is located in the South Pacific approximately 1,700km north-east of Sydney, 900km north-east of Lord Howe Island and 1,200km north-west of Auckland. It is about 8km long and 5km wide with an area of 3,455 hectares. Two uninhabited islands are located off the southern coastline, Nepean Island - a small islet of coral and sandstone about a kilometre off-shore provides a haven for thousands of seabirds and Phillip Island - a volcanic mass rising to 300m, located 6km south of Point Hunter.

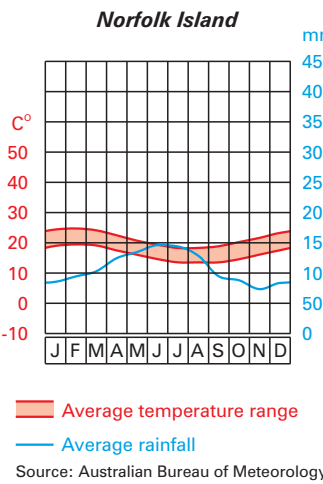
Geography & Climate

The Island has a unique geography with 32km of coastline of mostly inaccessible cliffs, only sloping down to the sea at Sydney and Emily Bays. There is a small population of approximately 1900 people, with the total reaching up to 3500 in peak tourist season.

The area surrounding Mt Pitt is preserved as the Norfolk Island National Park. The park, covering around 10% of the land of the island, contains remnants of the forests which originally covered the island, including stands of subtropical rainforest. The park also includes the two smaller islands of Nepean and Phillip Islands.

Norfolk Island experiences a sub-tropical climate where the average annual rainfall is 1328mm. Apart from occasional storms most rain falls at night. The temperatures are mild, ranging from 24° to 28°C in Summer and 19° to 21°C in Winter.

Climatic Graph



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