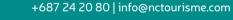






Pacific heart

#### **NEW CALEDONIA TOURISM**





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#### **USEFUL TIPS**

#### HIT THE ROAD

#### GETTING TO THE ISLANDS

Same as in France in New Caledonia we To reach the other islands of the drive on the right side of the road at a archipelago in less than 40 minutes. maximum speed of 110 km/h on main travellers can take a domestic flight roads and 50 km/h in urhan areas. To from Magenta Aerodrome in Noumea with Air Calédonie (air-caledonie.nc) or get around, you will find a wide choice of rental car companies or you can use Air Loyauté (air-loyaute.nc). Otherwise, the various public (kedia.nc) and private depending on the chosen island, allow transport services. hetween 2 and 5 hours to travel by sea with the ferry company Betico 2 (betico. **Note:** Although there are petrol stations

throughout the island, in small villages. the opening hours may be limited on Sundays and public holidays.

#### **ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE**

TOURIST INFORMATION

South province [Sud Tourisme]: (687) 30 90 01 Loyalty Islands [Îles Loyauté Explorer]: (687) 27 70 50 North province [Tourisme Province Nord]: (687) 27 78 05

Directory enquiries : 1012 (115 F/ call)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS (free call)

Fire brigade: 18 Police: 17 Sea rescue: 16 **Emergency medical service: 15** 

## 50 MUST-DO EXPERIENCES IN THE ARCHIPELAGO

# Welcome in New Caledonia



New Zealand, within a maritime zone of nearly 1.5 million km<sup>2</sup>, the archipelago, with a total surface area of 18.575 km<sup>2</sup>, includes the mainland 'Grande Terre', the Loyalty Islands (Lifou, Maré, Ouvéa and Tiga), the Isle of Pines, the Bélep Islands and a few remote islets.

Protected by a coral reef recognised as the best preserved on the in the world! Full of life, New Caledonia's lagoons have been listed as a World Heritage Site since 2008

Grande Terre covers 16,750 km², 400 km long and 50 km wide, Mont Panié at 1,628 m. The Loyalty Islands are coral atolls, cut by long, deep bays, gracefully combining white sandy beaches, breathtaking cliffs and magically coloured seabeds. At the south-eastern tip, the magnificent Isle of Pines is bordered by heavenly bays and

New Caledonia has a subtropical climate and is marked by two seasons: one hot and humid from November to March and the other cooler from June to September. Rainfall is very irregular and concentrated in two wetter periods: December to April and June. The average temperature varies between 30° in the hot season and

Thanks to the very particular geological origin of Caledonia and its isolation, an incredible biodiversity flourishes and is maintained there. A hugely diversified flora and fauna with an astonishing numain ecosystems can be discovered when travelling along the roads of the archipelago: mangrove, savannah, scrubland and forest

### Discover its 5 tourist regions



Tropical sophistication! Between the gentle South Pacific ryhthm of life and urban dynamism, book into one of Nouméa's charming gastronomy, cultural tours and lively nightlife..



Idyllic lagoons! Find yourself in a picture-postcard of beautiful unspoilt islands, anchored in the world's largest lagoon, for a truly romantic trip: the white sandy beaches, the forests of endemic pines, the limpid waters and the unique tribal lifestyle will remain etched on your memory forever.

• : Île des Pins, Maré, Tiga, Lifou, Ouvéa and Îles Bélép



Cowboy country! For an authentic experience of life in the great plains of the west coast, dive into the world of the 'bushmen' by on horseback or a deer hunt.

♥: Boulouparis, La Foa, Farino, Moindou, Bourail, Poya, Pouembout, Koné, Voh, Kaala-Gomen, Koumac and Poum.



Kanak spirit! On the East Coast, trek up mountain slopes covered with lush forests, and swim in pools at the foot of majestic initiate you into the mysteries of their rich ancient culture.

💡 : Thio, Sarraméa, Canala, Kouaoua, Houaïlou, Ponérihouen, **Poindimi**é



Land of adventure! Take an exciting trip to the land of adventurers and lovers of untouched wilderness! These arid red-soiled lands scoured by lakes and rivers fringed by prehistoric flora present the ideal scenery for escapism and outdoor activities.

♥: Yaté and Mont-Dore.

#### **ENJOY A TRIBAL WELCOME** AND FEAST ON BOUGNA

To immerse vourself in the rich Kanak

culture, dating back thousands of years,

you must experience a tribal welcome. On

top of the welcome ceremony, known as

"faire la coutume", you can also sleep in



#### a hut and sample some bougna (a dish of tubers steamed in coconut milk). There ADMIRE THE LAGOON FROM are countless traditions to share with the THE DOMAINE DE DEVA

indigenous people of New Caledonia! The Domaine de Deva is a rambler's paradise. On foot, by bike or on horseback, you can stroll from the beach to the largest dry forest in the territory, passing through a mangrove along the way. Its golden hills offer a breathtaking panorama of the lagoon, the coral reef and the Shark Fault!

## **ENJOY THE INCREDIBLE KUTO BAY & KANUMERA BAY**

#### **BIRDWATCHING IN THE PARC DES GRANDES FOUGÈRES**

The Grandes Fougère nature reserve in Farino is home to many incredible plant and bird species: prehistoric tree ferns, goliath imperial pigeons, kagus, green pigeons.. Armed with binoculars and accompanied by a guide, you can discover these birds in their natural environment. It's heaven on earth fo all you birders and twitchers!

CRUISE THROUGH THE ISLETS

OF THE SOUTHERN LAGOON

New Caledonia is an ideal country to visit

by sea, with perfectly-preserved islets just

waiting to be discovered. Those located to

the south of Grande Terre are famed for their

beauty. Many different day trips and multi-

day catamaran cruises to explore these islets

**DANCE WITH MANTA RAYS** 

The New Caledonian lagoons are full of

underwater wonders, including manta rays.

These mysterious devilfish are often found

around the Isle of Pines and the Loyalty

Islands, where they can be observed by

snorkellers, as well as on scuba dive trips

throughout the whole territory. A truly

DISCOVER THE HIDDEI

**WONDERS OF KIKI BEACH** 

Concealed at the foot of the cliffs on the

west coast of Lifou. Kiki Beach is a real

hidden gem. After a half-hour walk through

the forest, you will find yourself alone on a

beautiful strip of white sand looking out over

**ENJOY A LOBSTER** 

ON BROSSE ISLET

The Isle of Pines lagoon is full of beautiful

vet deserted islands, populated only by

coconut palms and New Caledonia pines.

Set sail on a nautical day trip to swim in

translucent waters with manta rays, turtles

and dolphins... Enjoy a lobster on the beach

in your own private paradise!

dazzling turquoise blue water.

unforgettable encounter!

are available from Nouméa

Known for their fine white sand, Kanumera

and Kuto are undoubtedly the most beautiful

and accessible beaches on the Isle of Pines!

Separated by a thin strip of land, these two

bays each have their own distinct personality:

Kuto is perfect for lounging, while Kanumera

draws bathers to its sacred rock.

#### **EXPLORE COLONIAL HISTORY** AT FORT TEREMBA

Visit Fort Teremba and step back in time to the colonial past of New Caledonia. Built in Moindou in 1871, this historic monument bore witness to years of penal servitude and subsequent revolt of the Kanak people The tour of this restored site, complete with guillotine, prison and museum, is loaded with emotion. Especially during the famous light and sound show!



#### **EXPLORE THE CORAL REEF AT** THE AQUARIUM DES LAGONS

The Aquarium des Lagons is a must-do Nouméa attraction, plunging visitors into the depths of a magical blue world. It is home to an exceptional variety of multicoloured and fluorescent corals, tropical fish, crustaceans and marine mammals, some of which are only found in New Caledonia!

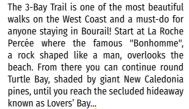


#### FLY OVER THE HEART OF VOH **IN A MICROLIGHT**

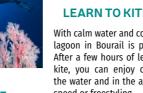
Immortalised by the famous photographe Yann Arthus-Bertrand, this striking feature has been shared around the world. The Heart of Voh was formed naturally by the surrounding mangrove. Best seen from the air, a microlight is the ultimate way to take in this memorable sight!



#### **FOLLOW THE 3-BAY TRAIL** FROM LA ROCHE PERCÉE







#### **GO DIVING ON THE** POINDIMIÉ CORAL REEF

The archipelago is home to the second largest barrier reef in the world, and Poindimié is one of the best places to see it up close thanks to its beautiful dive spots! Under the water, a spectacular garden of coral and multicoloured fish unfurls before

#### MARVEL AT A UNESCO SITE BY **TAKING A SEAPLANE** Taking off from Bourail Beach may be an impressive feat, but it is nothing compared to

#### **GO PADDLEBOARDING** ON ÎLOT MAÎTRE

Grab your paddle and enjoy a moment o pure zen out on the lagoon. Accessible via taxi boat or the Escapade hotel shuttle from Nouméa, Îlot Maître is the perfect paddleboarding destination. Once you have explored the vast lagoon to your heart's content, you can cool off with a relaxing dip.

### **MEET THE LOCALS AT** THE PLACE DES COCOTIERS

#### An iconic esplanade in the centre of Nouméa the Place des Cocotiers is where New Caledonians like to gather during the week. Surrounded by shopping streets, it is the ideal spot for finding souvenirs and lunch Concerts and markets are also organised throughout the year.

**PADDLE ALONG** 

THE "CÔTE OUBLIÉE"

accessible by sea and under the supervision

of a guide, you can explore this pristine

region by kayak, having packed camping

PADDLE BETWEEN THE TREES

OF THE DROWNED FOREST

the day, but nothing compares to kayakin

through this ghostly setting in the moonlight

**PARACHUTE TO POÉ** 

The adrenaline rush of skydiving is rivalled

only by the sight of the largest lagoon in the

world from the air. The experience of jumping

from over 4000 metres and free-falling at

more than 200 km/h is truly indescribable

Not to mention the memorable minutes spent

suspended in midair once the parachute has

#### **GO SNORKELLING IN THE** CORAL SEA OF JINEK BAY In a secluded spot northwest of Lifou, Jinek

Bay offers an incredible open-air aquarium. Snorkelling is the perfect way for swimmers to admire breathtaking coral heads. Discover a dazzling rainbow of colours and underwater life along two marked underwater courses!

#### If you're always on the lookout for extreme adventures, the Côte Oubliée is the place to go. This untouched and uninhabited wilderness between Yaté and Thio offers a total escape from everyday life. Only

#### **GO WILD IN THE ZOO** AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

High above Nouméa, the Parc Zoologique et equipment and supplies for 4 days. Forestier is a wildlife park, a botanical garden and a nature reserve rolled into one. From kagus and goliath imperial pigeons to geckos and flying foxes, it offers an interesting overview of the country's endemic species. Set in a green landscape with many picnic areas, this is a must-see for both little ones



HIKE THE NORTH GRANDERAN

A popular hiking destination, New Caledonia has two long-distance footpaths (Grande Randonnées) in the north and south for amateurs and more experienced hikers. The GR®1 in the North will lead you through the mountain range to the heart of the Melanesian world, from Ponérihouen to Touho. This sporty adventure also includes

tribal accommodation along the East Coast!



#### **KAYAK AROUND THE ROCKS** AND LA POULE DE HIENGHÈNE

It's impossible to miss the imposing black limestone rock that looms out of the waters of Hienghène Bay. Known as "La Poule" because of its resemblance to a hen, it has even influenced the legends of the local tribes, who made it the ancestral guardian of the region. To get a closer look and navigate around the surrounding Lindéralique rocks, a kayak is the way to go!

### LEARN TO KITESURF IN POÉ

With calm water and constant winds, the Poé lagoon in Bourail is perfect for kitesurfing. After a few hours of lessons to master your kite, you can enjoy complete freedom on the water and in the air, whether you prefer speed or freestyling.

the view of the New Caledonian lagoon from

the sky. Lacy coral, waves breaking on the

barrier reef, schools of rays, endless shades

of blue and green... No wonder it has been

recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site!

#### **PARTY YOUR WAY ALONG** THE NOUMÉA BAYS

Nouméa knows how to party! The bars and nightclubs along its bays are buzzing from early evening to the early hours of the morning. There are options out there to suit every vibe and music taste. Different festivals and concerts are held throughout the year in the concert halls and hotels by the sea.

**PLAY GOLF AT THE** 

DOMAINE DE DEVA

Nestled between the sea and the mountains

of the Domaine de Deva in Bourail, the

most luxurious New Caledonian golf course

does not disappoint. The highly technical

18-hole course offers professional coaching

and views of the stunning lagoon. Find the

perfect balance between sporting fun and

SAIL ON AN OUTRIGGER

THE MOSELLE MARKET

the morning markets at Port Moselle. Step

into a world of colour and flavour, where

simply strolling from stall to stall is enough

to tantalise the senses. Tropical fruits and

vegetables, Pacific fish, local specialties,

baked goods, crafts, souvenirs... the options

AT BLUE RIVER PARK

Blue River Park is the most visited park in

New Caledonia with the best selection of

native fauna and flora. It is also home to the

largest population of cagous in the country.

unique barking cry. Listen out and you might

SET SAIL FOR THE

**SOUTHERN PLEIADES** 

Ouvéa is famous for its magnificent atolls,

so an excursion to the Southern Pleiades is

an absolute must. Set a course for Motu Gee

and Motu Gece to observe the underwater

fauna and flora of this Loyalty Island. From

turtles to manta rays, sharks and reef fish,

this colourful and pristine aquatic garden is

bursting with life!

A national emblem, this flightless bird has a

just hear it!

IN UPI BAY

rays and dolphins!

inquility in the adjoining 5-star resort.



SIP A COCKTAIL ON

THE BEACH AT SUNSET

What better way to end the day than in one

of the capital's many bars or a seaside hotel?

Sit back and watch the setting sun with a

cocktail in your hand and sand between

your toes. No matter where you are in New

#### SOAR OVER THE TREE TOPS **ON A ZIPLINE**

Embrace your inner Tarzan/Jane in New Caledonia! More exciting than swinging from a vine, the Mount Mou ziplines, suspended up to 80 metres above the heart of the rainforest, offer guaranteed thrills and breathtaking 360° views. Well worth the vertigo!



## **SPEND A RELAXING DAY AT**

THE AMÉDÉE LIGHTHOUSE

No-one should leave Nouméa withou visiting Amédée, the capital's most famous islet. It is home to an impressive 19th century metal lighthouse and a natural marine reserve known for its tropical fish and turtles If you want to take a break from swimming and relaxing, the climb to the lighthouse offers an incredible 360° panorama over the lagoon and the coral reef!



#### STROLL THROUGH THE PARC DES GRANDES FOUGÈRES

The Grandes Fougères nature reserve, named for its giant ferns, is the perfect spot to discover the unique and incredible biodiversity of New Caledonia. From the commune of Farino, located in the mountair range, more than 4,535 hectares of tropical SAMPLE LOCAL PRODUCTS AT rainforest can be explored by bike, kickbike or horseback, or simply by walking along its The largest market in Nouméa is found at



#### **SUNBATHE ON ANSE VATA BEACH**

In a convenient location overlooking Îlot Canard, Anse Vata Beach is the perfect place to enjoy a moment of pure relaxation. Between tanning sessions, you can cool off in the 28°C lagoon water or enjoy a drink in one of the nearby bars or hotels. It's a hard life in the tropics!



### Of all the waterfalls on the East Coast, Tao

TAKE A DIP AT THE FOOT

OF THE TAO WATERFALL

is undeniably the most beautiful! As it is are known as "broussards", or bushmen, located on private land, you must inform and the best place to meet them is at an the tribe of your presence before entering. After a short 30-minute walk through the lush vegetation of Hienghène, you can cool hats to a real-life rodeo! off in the pools formed at the foot of these immense falls.

### **TASTE A GOURMET** FRENCH MEAL

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**SWIM IN THE NATURAL POOL** 

**OF ORO BAY** 

**SWIM IN THE TURQUOISE** 

**WATERS OF MOULI BEACH** 

o just relax. Mouli Bridge, the only bridge

between the south and north of the island, is

SWIM WITH TURTLES

Friendly sea turtles are a frequent sight

during sea excursions, day trips to the islets

or even from the beaches of Nouméa. If you

encounter this curious protected species,

TAKE A CATAMARAN TO

SEE THE WHALES

From July to September, humpback whales

come to give birth in the warm waters of

the New Caledonian lagoon. Seeing these

remember: look, don't touch

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If you want to capture the essence of New Caledonia, dinner is a good place to start! A French island in the Pacific Ocean, its cuisine combines French gastronomy with Oceanic recipes to create an explosion of flavour. To enjoy this unique culinary experience, head to the restaurants and hotels that line the bays of Nouméa. Bon The Oro Bay swimming pool is a natural aquarium, with translucent water and schools appétit!

and fishermen alike. Whether you're an amateur or a dedicated enthusiast, the Pacific has it all (tuna, brassy trevally loach...). More experienced anglers can also give big-game fishing a try.

### TRY KITESURFING, **WINDSURFING OR**

The Nouméa lagoon is a veritable

## **VISIT THE TJIBAOU**

In the outskirts of Nouméa stands the

For New Caledonians, the Lékiny cliffs are Ouvéa's crowning glory. These imposing limestone formations are scattered with caves and can be visited on foot or by glass-bottom boat. To end your outing on a high note, you can also go snorkelling in the translucent water at the foot of the

## **WALK THE HIKING TRAILS**

OF THE GREAT SOUTH

giants emerge from the waters is a truly Put on your walking boots and tackle extraordinary experience! The best way to the GR® NC1 hiking trail that cuts across witness these special moments is to take a the southern tip of Grande Terre, either catamaran from Prony Bay in the Great South by yourself or with a guide. This long distance footpath (Grande Randonnée) is divided into 7 stages of 5-8 hours to suit enthusiasts and athletes alike. From the red landscape of the Great South to the

> On the wild West Coast of New Caledonia cowbovs really do roam the land! They agricultural fair. Experience broussard culture, from their unique accents and

#### UNDERWATER TRAIL Just across from Nouméa. Ilot Canard

#### **SURF OVER THE REEF IN** BOURAIL There is only one surf spot worth mentioning

in New Caledonia: Bourail! A little known destination with a nice swell, 4-metre waves, and clear warm water. The waves at Roche Percée Beach are a great place to start, but to really make the most of the conditions you can take a boat out to the coral reef.

## THE ISLETS OF NOUMÉA

is something for everyone in the Nouméa your snorkel and flippers and take in the agoon. One of the most exciting ways to discover the islets is via jet ski. Rent a jet ski by the hour or by the day and skim over the waves to the smooth and clear waters of the islets. Feel the freedom wash over you as you ride away from the coast!

## TAKE A JET SKI TO

From thrill-seekers to sunbathers, there

sheltered from the currents, surrounded by New Caledonia pines and a beautiful white **TRY BIG-GAME FISHING** sand beach. It is easily accessible via a trail to the north of the Isle of Pines or from Upi New Caledonia is a paradise for divers

## **PADDLEBOARDING**

paradise for boardsports. Whether your prefer kitesurfing, paddleboarding or windsurfing, just choose your board and dive into the turquoise water. Kitesurfers flock to Le Méridien Beach in Nouméa windsurfers to the Côte Blanche and paddleboarders to Anse Vata Beach, Sun. sea and surf all year round!

## **CULTURAL CENTRE**

maiestic Tiibaou Cultural Centre. A beacon of Kanak culture, designed by the celebrated architect Renzo Piano this imposing building is a must-visit destination to understand and immerse vourself in the Melanesian world. The centre combines national history traditional sites and exhibitions of contemporary artists.

### **WALK ALONG THE LÉKINY CLIFFS**

Dumbéa rainforest, remember to pack

#### **WATCH A RODEO** AT THE FAIR

supplies and enjoy the view!

#### **WATCH THE WILDLIFE** ON THE ÎLOT CANARD

is the perfect spot to spend a lazy day. This islet includes a restaurant/bar, and can be accessed by taxi boat from Anse Vata. The underwater trail provides an excellent overview of the various species of coral and tropical fish. Just put on incredible marine life around you.