

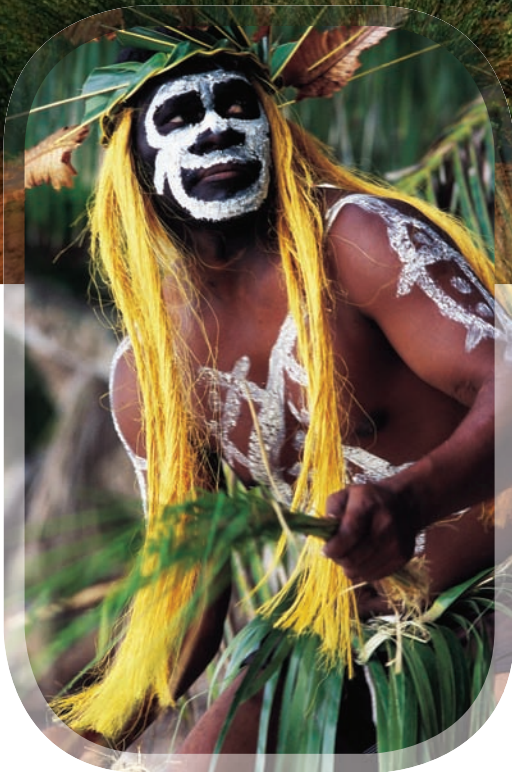


New Caledonia

Bonjour

Treat yourself to an unforgettable experience in the South Pacific and discover the Mainland, Isle of Pines and Loyalty Islands of New Caledonia. A unique blend of French and Melanesian cultures. Enjoy the kindness and hospitality which is a way of life amongst the local tribes. Discover the magnificent dive sites, bush walking tracks, and fantastic sailing and surfing spots.





New Caledonia is the third largest island in the Pacific Region after Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

The mainland, where most of the New Caledonia's 231,000 inhabitants live, is divided lengthwise by a range of mountains (Chaîne Centrale). Five hundred kilometers long, fifty kilometers wide, New Caledonia offers an endless variety of landscapes, from some of the best white sand beaches in the Pacific to spectacular mountain retreats. It is rich in heritage and natural beauty. Surrounded by a 1,600 km long coral reef, New Caledonia also boasts the world's largest lagoon.

Nouméa's attractive restaurants cater to all tastes and budgets. Nightlife is very active in the capital with two casinos, cafes, dinner shows and discos.

Climate: Semi-Tropical, warm season from September to March, average temperature up to 27 degrees C° and cool season from April to August, average temperature up to 23 degrees C°.

Accommodation: A wide range of quality accommodation to suit all budgets, from luxury to backpackers. Hotels, motels and resorts. Rural Melanesian lodgings.

Airlines: International: Airalin. Others include Air France, Air New Zealand, Air Vanuatu and Qantas.
Domestic: Air Caledonie.

Entry requirements: Valid passport (6 months from the date of return or after the date of return for French citizens). A visa can be required and depends on your period of stay and on your country of origin.

Health: No special requirements.

Currency: French Pacific Franc.

Transport: International driving permits. Rental cars, buses, taxis, ferries.

Language: French is the official language. English spoken in tourist areas. 30 Melanesian languages.

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