New Caledonia: The South Pacific’s Hidden Paradise
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Why New Caledonia?

New Caledonia is known as the “Land of Eternal Spring.”

New Caledonia is where the South Pacific meets the French Riviera.
**Overview**

- **Population**: 270,000
- **Capital & Largest City**: Noumea (NOU)
- **Languages**
  - French
  - English
  - 28 Native Kanak Languages
- **Weather**
  - Enjoy average temperatures of 70s.
  - Tropical climate (opposite seasons to the US)
- **US Visa Requirement**
  - No Visa required for US citizens

- No vaccinations required
- Currency is South Pacific Francs (XPF)
- Major credit cards are widely accepted
Fun Facts

Did you know?

• The tv series McHale’s Navy was set in the islands in the area, with fleet headquarters being in New Caledonia.

• French possession a territory as of 1853. Captain James Cook named it Caledonia in 1774 when he first discovered it.

• In March 1942, with the assistance of Australia New Caledonia became an important Allied base, and Nouméa the headquarters of the US Navy and Army in the South Pacific. The fleet which turned back the Japanese Navy in the battle of Coral Sea in May 1942 was fought at Nouméa. American troops counted up 50,000 men.

• New Caledonia has many unique bird, fish and plant species. It has the richest diversity in the world per square km. It’s plant botany and animal life are unique to the island and many survive nowhere else in the world.

• New Caledonia’s nickname is “Le Caillou” which means the Pebble
Where is New Caledonia?

New Caledonia is in the Southern Hemisphere in the South Pacific. It lies 750 miles East of Australia and North of New Zealand. It is a special collectivity of France.

Located in the Southwest Pacific Ocean the neighboring closest destinations are Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna, the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Tonga.

New Caledonia is considered part of the Melanesia Region and has a land area of 7,172 sq mi
New Caledonia Geography

- The mainland is divided in length by a central mountain range whose highest peak are Mt. Panie 5,344ft in the North & Mt. Humboldt 5,308ft in the Southeast.

- The East coast is covered by a lush vegetation. The West coast, with its large savannahs and plains suitable for farming, is a drier area. The Diahot River is the longest river of New Caledonia, flowing for some (62 mi).

- The islands are divided into three provinces: South, North, and the Loyalty Islands.

- It is further divided into 33 municipalities.

- It is speculated that New Caledonia separated from Australia roughly 66 million years ago, subsequently drifting in a north-easterly direction, reaching its present position about 50 million years ago.
When to go

Average temperature is 73 degrees. The climate is tropical, with a hot and humid season from November to March with temperatures between 80-86, and a cooler, dry season from June to August with temperatures between 68-70.
New Caledonia is a melting pot of people & cultures

The population is comprised primarily of Kanak people which are the original inhabitants of New Caledonia and people of European descent primarily French.

Also those from Polynesian and Southeast Asian descent make up the population.
Delicious French-inspired cuisine abounds. Great bistros and cafes full of wonderful pastries. Top notch wine and cheeses selections available.

There are many fresh tropical fruits.

A native dish is called Bougna which is made with rice, fish and root vegetables such as taro wrapped up in banana leaves and cooked.

The way this is frequently cooked is buried in the ground with hot rocks creating a natural oven then dug up and eaten.
What to do

- Watersports: surfing, windsurfing, kite surfing, stand up paddle boarding
- Well known for excellent Scuba diving & snorkeling
- Nature adventure treks: walking, horse back riding, kayaking, mountain biking, (ATV), or swimming
- Sports Events held annually: Marathon, Triathlon, Windsurf World Cup
- Golf & Hunting options
- Or just relax!
Diving in New Caledonia

Everything is here you could desire to live your Pacific diving dream: boundless coral reefs, the world’s largest lagoon, incredible marine biodiversity, rare species, and vast nature reserves.

Must-see 3 spots are the: Isle of Pines, Lifou, LaFoa.

You can explore the underwater depths and corals at your leisure, accompanied by manta rays, dolphins, and a multitude of fish.

There are also amazing shipwrecks and channels.

Other options include diving cruises, night dives and diving without bubbles or closed circuit rebreathers great for photography.
Accommodations

New Caledonia has a wide range of accommodation to satisfy every taste and budget: from 5-star hotels to camping, tribal village stays and more. We can provide a full list of property options and descriptions, else visit NCT Tourism site or request a hotel guide book.

- LE MERIDIEN NOUMEA
- LE MERIDIEN ILE DES PINS
- SHERATON NEW CALEDONIA DEVA RESORT & SPA
- GLP HOTELS NEW CALEDONIA
- HILTON NOUMEA
- LA PROMENADE RESIDENCE
- ESCAPADE ILOT MAITRE
- NOUVATA PARK HOTEL
- CHATEAU ROYAL BEACH RESORT & SPA
- HOTEL LE LAGON
- LES GRANDS HOTELS DE NOUVELLE CALEDONIE
- HOTEL LE SURF
- HOTEL BEAURIVAGE
- HOTEL LA NEA
- HOTEL KONIAMBO
- HOTEL MALABOU BEACH
- HOTEL KOULNOUE VILLAGE
- HOTELTIETI
- TERA HOTELS & RESORTS
- RAMADA PLAZA NOUMEA
- LE STANLEY HOTEL & SUITES NOUMEA
New Caledonia is home to some of South Pacific’s best beaches.
The New Caledonian lagoon has a total area of (9,300 sq mi) and is one of the largest lagoons in the world.

It is surrounded by the New Caledonia Barrier Reef.

Since 2007, this has been named as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
Where to go: Noumea

Noumea, the capital city is a chic and French-meets-island-life kind of place. There are many festivals, concerts, and special events always going on.

There are fun nightclubs, wonderful restaurants, and central beach access.

Museums & Places to visit:
The Tjibaou Cultural Center, is a marvel of architecture and holds a huge collection documenting Melanesian culture and history.

The Museum of the City and New Caledonia, redraws the story of Nouméa and the Melanesian culture

The Maritime Museum

The Aquarium of Lagoons

Zoological and Forest Park
Where to go: The South Province

Places to visit:

- The Park of the Blue River and Cap N' Dua, two nature reserves, two beautiful strolls to discover the exceptional flora and fauna of this region
- The mine of Thio, one of the first Nickel mines of New Caledonia, Port Bouquet, Borhendi
- The park of the Big Ferns, the reserve of large ferns
- The lighthouse Amédée, the Island of Pines, the Chap de Bourail, the beach of Gouaro Déva
Where to go: Amedee Island

- A great day trip from Noumea
- Ferry boat ride with Mary D boat company - 1hr to island with historic Lighthouse
- Buffet lunch great food and local dancing and show
- Snorkel and glass bottom boat ride excursions
Where to go: Natures Wonders

- Iles de Pins
- Heart of Voh
Where to go: The Northern Province

Places to visit:

• The Heart of Voh the symbol of New Caledonia
• The Hen of Hienghène and the rocks of Lindéralique
• The East coast has many Waterfalls (Colnett, Tao, Baa)
• The tub of Ouaième
• The mine of Tiebaghi, the old mine of the North now a ghost village
• The caves of Koumac
Where to go: The Loyalty Islands

Places to visit:
- **Maré**: the Caves of Asicen, the Shabadran Hike
- **Lifou**: the cliffs of Xodré and Jokin, plunging into a turquoise blue lagoon
- Many caves to be explored and magical bays: Luengōni, Ejegnen, Hnathalo, The Bay of Sandalwood, Peng, Chateaubriand, Caves of Wedrumel, and Notre-Dame of Easo.
- **Ouvéa**: the bridge of Mouli, the cliffs of Lekinyi
Aircalin prides itself on being the global ambassador for New Caledonia and in bringing visitors to its shores.
Our Route Network

- Aircalin offers flights from Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney in Australia, Tokyo, Osaka in Japan and Seoul, South Korea. Also Auckland, New Zealand as well as to Tahiti, Wallis & Futuna and Fiji. 11 international destinations total.

- Aircalin’s hub is (NOU) Noumea in Tontouta International Airport which is located 50km north of Noumea.
 Codeshare with Air Tahiti Nui from LAX

- Aircalin offers flights from the US - LAX on our partner Air Tahiti Nui

- The routings available are Los Angeles-Papeete-Noumea & Los Angeles-Papeete-Auckland-Noumea for total of three flights a week.

- Flight routing going LAX-PPT-NOU. Flying time approx. 17 hours 11hrs LAX-PPT, 6 hours PPT-NOU. (2hrs avg layover)

- The Codeshare flight departs LAX on Wednesday and returns on Thursdays.

- Flights on SB offer 5% commission
Our Fleet

- Comprised of Airbus A330 long-haul aircraft and Airbus A320
- Modern Twin Otter aircraft for regional flights
- IATA & IOSA Safety Certified airline
On Board Experience

• On international flights, all of our passengers have access to an on-demand in-flight entertainment system

• Our seats are ergonomically designed for maximum space and comfort

• Storage space and foot rests make our flights the flying connoisseur’s choice for flying into and around the South Pacific.
Hibiscus Class: Aircalin’s Exquisite Business Class

• Available on all of our Airbus flights and offers optimal comfort and personalized service

• Provides 24 shell-seats, all with 180 degree lie-flat bed-seats, on our Airbus A-330 aircraft

• Choice of an a la carte or express meal service with cuisine that mixes global culinary traditions with the local flavors of the South Pacific. All accompanied by a great selection of fine French wines.
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Economy Class

- On international flights: on-demand in-flight entertainment (IFE) system that showcases first-run movies and a wide selection of entertainment options
- Meals are combined local and international flavors and tastes
- Children’s kits and with video games and kids meals
- Changing tables, bibs and cradles are available on all of our flights
- 242 seats on A 330’s
Rewarding Loyalty with Flying Blue

- Aircalin’s frequent flyer program - Flying Blue
- We are part of the frequent flyer scheme for the Air France/KLM group: earn and redeem miles on board the partner airlines of Air France, KLM and other airlines participating in the Flying Blue program.
New website

- New features, improvements and updates.
- Passengers may purchase new a la Carte special meal options on website or in GDS.
Travel Agent Support

• For all travel agents (SB) Aircalin pays 5% commission on published fares
• Have net fares available – ask me about loading to your PCC
• Codeshare flights from LAX with partner TN can take 5% commission
• Group bookings 10+ contact us for quotes
• Have promotional videos and presentations you can share with your clients on the destination
• **FAM opportunities with NCT for those interested in Diving specifically ask us about dates**
New Caledonia Tourism Board

- Website: http://www.office-tourisme.nc/en
- Information on all Activities, Accommodations, Diving Outfitters, Restaurants, Destination Management Companies, Events, Places to visit
- Showcase of New Caledonia on SUP called “Facing Waves” Episode to air 17 June on Outside Network
Thank you!

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