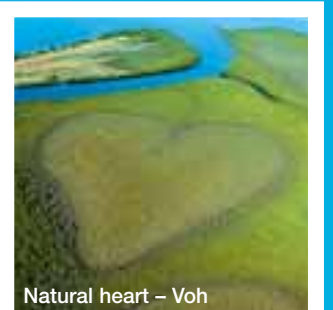


New Caledonia!



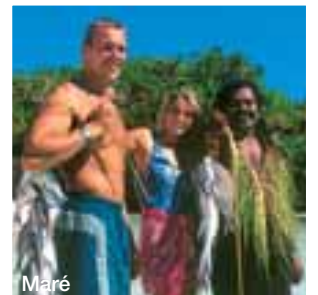
Nokan Hui - Isle of Pines



Natural heart - Voh



Nouméa



Maré

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...the world's

largest lagoon



La Foa



Mouli - Ouvéa



Luengoni - Lifou



Amédée Lighthouse



"Poule" de Hienghène



Néra - Bourail

Enchanting

Located in the heart of the South Pacific, 1500kms from the Australian coastline and 1700km from New Zealand, New Caledonia is a large archipelago over 500kms in length, composed principally of the mainland, Isle of Pines and Loyalty Islands.

Like a pearl in its shell, New Caledonia is surrounded by an immense coral reef which protects it from the great depths and swells of the open seas. In this way, the mainland is cocooned in a superb lagoon, the largest in the world, promising innumerable treasures. Native flora and fauna protected in vast natural reserves, variety of species, beauty of underwater scenery, New Caledonia is a blessed marine environment. For diving disciples, it is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful sites in the world. Underwater scuba diving activities offered by professional operators in compliance with international standards are complemented by ocean walking – an experience accessible by most. Free diving also offers a charming and exciting spectacle.

In the shelter of its coral reef, caressed all year round by the gentle tradewinds of the Pacific, the lagoon is a paradise for nautical activities such as sailing, windsurfing, flysurfing, surfing, water skiing, jet boating or excursions in a glass bottom boat ...



Oua Tom Tribe - La Foa



Ouâème ferry
Hienghène

...a cultural

archipelago



Tjibaou Cultural Centre - Nouméa

Renzo Piano architect



"La Ouaième" river mouth



Yaté

A wealth of differences

New Caledonia has become a peaceful and tranquil land where different ethnic populations live and grow side by side : Melanesians, Europeans, Wallisians, Futunians, Polynesians, Asians, Indonesians and West Indians ...

Today this ethnical blend is the wealth of the archipelago and contributes to its extraordinary cultural diversity.

To discover New Caledonia you need firstly to meet its inhabitants and learn about their traditions. In the tribes, kindness and hospitality is more than a reality, it's a way of life. This philosophy is acted out on a daily basis with the custom, a solemn moment, or the sharing of a meal around the fire embers.

Close to nature, the Kanak people know all the secrets, fables and legends which are only revealed to attentive ears.

Elsewhere, life in the outback commands admiration and respect; a hard but privileged lifestyle, based mostly on agriculture and cattle breeding. Land as far as the eye can see, cattle rounded up on horseback, bivouacs in the moonlight. These stockmen are the kings of the plains ...

The astonishing beauty of the New Caledonia landscapes inspires sculptors, painters and engravers. Writers and photographers also fall under its charm. Dance and music, universal languages in the Polynesian and Oceanic cultures, provide the archipelago with its most beautiful quality.

Nouméa

Peaceful yet dynamic. Designated as a natural port in the 19th century, Noumea has become the economical, administrative and cultural capital of the archipelago. Boutiques, restaurants, cinemas and theatres rub shoulders with the city's gardens and parks. The colonial houses of the first European settlers and the dressed stone buildings, vestiges of the pioneer years, blend harmoniously with the modern architectural style of the city.

In the heart of Noumea, Coconut Square with its music kiosk surrounded by numerous shops, is a meeting place for the local population. In the Latin Quarter, Port Moselle is home to the colourful and popular Noumea markets and is the departure point for pleasure craft sailing to the many surrounding islets.

Located opposite Citron Bay and Anse Vata Bay, renowned for their popular beaches, are numerous hotels, restaurants, bars, nightclubs and casinos.

But Noumea is also the Tjibaou Cultural Centre and city museums, showcasing different cultures but bringing together a common past.

Racecourses, swimming pools, sports centres, stadiums, bowling clubs - sport is also an integral part of the city of Noumea.



Baie des Citrons - Nouméa



St Joseph Cathedral - Nouméa



...an abundant



nature



Voh's heart



La Foa

A multitude of activities

The temperate climate, diverse landscape and numerous infrastructures in New Caledonia provide a vast choice of activities whether it be for leisure, sport, or pure relaxation on the magnificent beaches.

Hiking or horseriding trails across the mountain chain, along the riverbanks or in the middle of the vast plains are operated by experienced guides who provide a fascinating insight into the New Caledonia flora and fauna, the tribal traditions and the relics of the past.

The high standard of the road network facilitates an island tour by car or by motorbike. During your voyage, a kaleidoscope of landscapes will pass you by; the crossing of the "La Ouaieme" river on a ferry will be one of those unforgettable moments. Use of a 4WD is advisable on dirt tracks. For energetic travellers, a quad or mountain bike will satisfy your adventurous spirit.

Water activities are just as abundant – above or below the surface of the lagoon – or canoeing or canyoning on the many rivers.

Paragliding, microlite, flying or parachuting for those who prefer the skyline to the waterline and if you still have time to spare, play some golf, cricket or tennis !



Madeleine fall - Yaté



"Place des Cocotiers" - Nouméa



"Passerelle Marguerite" - La Foa



Negropo - Canala



Anse Vata - Nouméa

...island



paradise



Geste coutumier - Lifou



Luengoni - Lifou



Lifou



Mouli - Ouvéa



Mouli - Ouvéa



Our Lady of Lourdes at Easo - Lifou



Maré



St Maurice - Îsle of Pines

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The Loyalty Islands

Each has its own character and its own charms – but not one will leave you indifferent. Guaranteed.

Loyalty Islands : Maré, Lifou, Ouvéa – three enchanting names and three havens of peace where traditions are respected and nature preserved. Everything here seems pure – the turquoise waters in the protected bays, the white power sand beaches and the gentle warmth of the people ...

The Loyalty Islanders are both sincere and generous, who ask nothing more than to share

their way of life, their millennium philosophy and their legendary smiles. On these islands, time stands still. A visit to the Loyalty Islands whether it be for sporting, cultural, relaxing or family reasons, also becomes a discovery, somewhere between reality and imagination, between restful and essential.

Isle of Pines

Jewel amongst jewels, Isle of Pines cannot be described ... only dreamed. Powder white sand beaches, turquoise lagoon, enchanting landscapes, the gentle nature of its inhabitants, the Kunié people... so many reasons to make any visit truly memorable. Kuto, Kanuméra, Upi... the most stunning bays on the Isle of Pines sound like an invitation to be there. Sprinkled with islets, floating in warm, shallow and crystal waters, this is a divers' paradise.



Kuto - Îsle of Pines



Upi - Isle of Pines

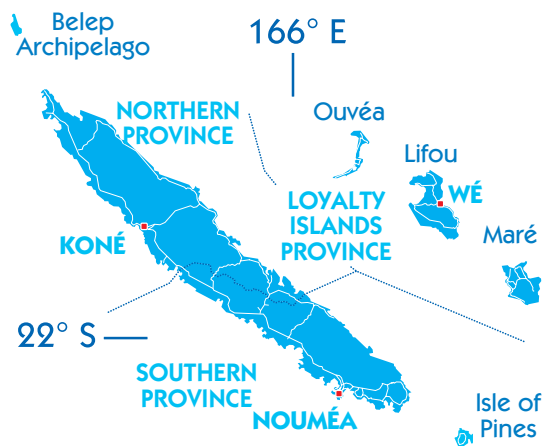
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Hut from the East coast



Mouli - Ouvéa



- **How to get there ?** International airlines operate direct flights from Asia, Australia and New Zealand.
- **International Airport :** Tontouta International Airport located 45 minutes from Nouméa.
- **Capital :** Nouméa.
- **Climate :** Semi-tropical – land of eternal spring.
- **Population :** 250,000 inhabitants of Melanesian, European, Polynesian and Asian origin.

- **Language :** French is the official language with 30 Melanesian dialects.
- **Accommodation :** Large range of accommodation options ranging from luxury hotels to camping grounds and Melanesian tribal lodgings.
- **Immigration :** **Valid passport is obligatory plus visa where specified.**
- **Currency :** Pacific franc (FCFP or XPF) 1 € = 119,33174 FCFP.
- **Vaccinations :** No vaccinations required.
- **Drinking water :** Tap water is safe to drink.
- **Electricity :** 220 V.

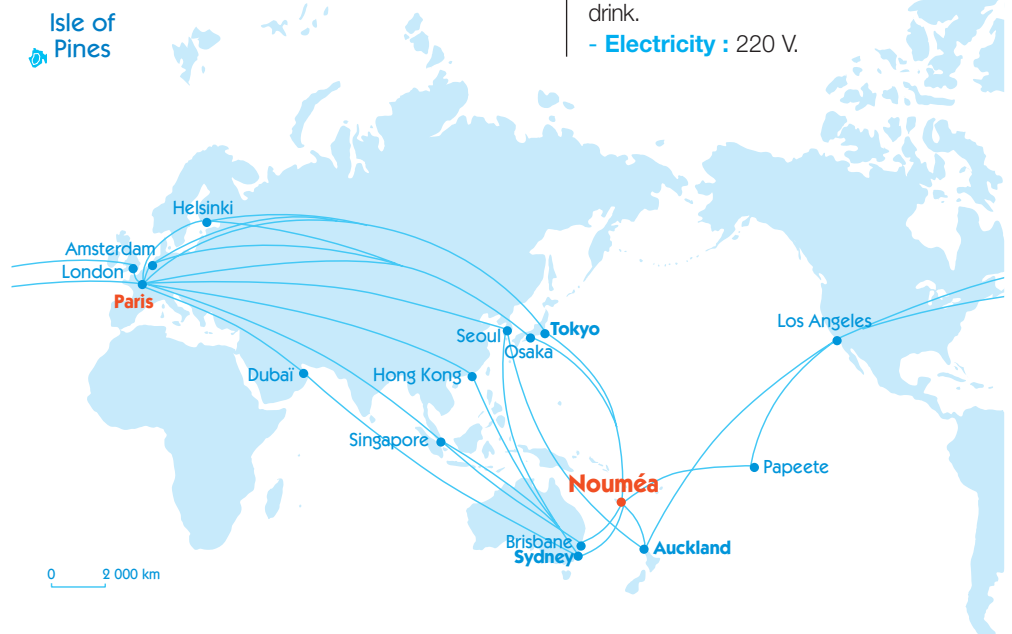
Discover...

In the heart of the South Pacific, you'll find islands sheltered within an immense, shimmering, turquoise lagoon. You're in New Caledonia. With niches of unspoilt tropical paradise, scenic beauty and unique ecological treasures, there's no other place like New Caledonia.

...and go!

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