

10 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT NEW CALEDONIA



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It's just next door

In fact, New Caledonia is our closest South Pacific neighbour. Less than 3 hours from Sydney and only 2 hours from Brisbane.



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It's a French experience

Charming French influence with English widely spoken. There are several visitor information centres which carry the complete range of touring, day cruise and accommodation options for exploring beyond Nouméa.



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It's a gourmet paradise

The best food & beverage experience in the South Pacific with over 200 restaurants, cafes, bars and clubs in Nouméa alone. "New Caledonia is one of the best French gourmet experiences outside France" – says celebrity chef Gabriele Gaté.



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It's great value

The Australian dollar is currently at a high against the local currency (French Pacific Franc - XPF). So New Caledonia is fantastic value for Australian travellers.



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It's beach and secluded islands

The New Caledonia Islands of Lifou, Ouvéa, Maré (the Loyalty Islands) and the spectacular Isle of Pines are a beach lover's paradise. Unpopulated, their fine white sands are only matched by their crystal clear transparent waters. Islands are serviced daily by local carrier Air Calédonie.



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It's not overrun by tourists

When you visit New Caledonia you will be joining the local indigenous and French population, and sampling their day to day life. You will very quickly understand why more than 80,000 French nationals choose to call New Caledonia home.



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It's a natural wonderland

New Caledonia is set inside the world's largest and most beautiful lagoon. It's surrounding reef system was listed as a world heritage site in July 2008 which reflects the quality of the marine environment. With minimal commercial activity New Caledonia's reefs boast 900 coral varieties and 15,000 marine species.



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It's exciting nightlife

Exceptional nightlife for a South Pacific destination with a good selection of bars and clubs all within walking distance from the Nouméa accommodation strip. Places to be seen - Baie des Citrons (MV Lounge) and Le Bodega bar on the Anse Vata pier.



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It's a safe place

A stable and tolerant environment to relax and explore independently. HomoSphere Association is the local gay and lesbian resource centre who organise events year round.



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And, it's easy to get there

There are 8 departures weekly from Sydney to Nouméa and 3 departures weekly from Brisbane to Nouméa flying with Aircalin (Air Calédonie International) - the International Airline of New Caledonia.

For more information contact Aircalin on 1300 364 181 or visit: www.aircalin.com.au



New Caledonia – A taste of France in the Pacific