

## New Caledonia

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# New Caledonia Location Map



## Presentation of New Caledonia

### The Largest Lagoon in the world !

New Caledonia is situated in the heart of the South Pacific, 1 500 km east of Australia, 2 000 km north of New Zealand. Along with other Pacific Ocean territories of French Polynesia and Wallis and Futuna, New Caledonia is part of the French Republic.

This land of contrast is composed of a group of islands: the main island, Loyalty Islands, Isle of Pines, Belep and a myriad of small islands.

### The barrier reef stretching 1 600 km and encircling the mainland island is the world's largest lagoon, and surely one of the most beautiful.

The mainland (Grande Terre) is by far the largest of the islands, and the only mountainous island. It has an area of 16,372 square kilometers and is elongated northwest-southeast, 350 kilometres in length and 50 to 70 kilometres wide. A mountain range runs the length of the island, with five peaks over 1,500 meters (4,900 ft). The highest point is Mont Panié at 1,628 meters elevation. The total area of New Caledonia is 19,060 km<sup>2</sup>, 18,575 km<sup>2</sup> of those being land.

Cooled by the Pacific Ocean and the trade winds, New Caledonia enjoys a soft, sunny climate. From the central mountain range to the warm tropical waters you will discover flora and fauna which people come from all over the world to discover.

With an incredible mixture of ethnic groups, New Caledonia is a land with many traditions, customs and different cultures. The blend of Melanesian and French culture enhanced by Polynesian and Asian races makes an exciting yet harmonious lifestyle.

Whether experienced from the sea, land or air, New Caledonia's wild, unspoilt beauty leave everyone with lasting memories.



### New Caledonia sailing area limits

Authorized sailing area is located around the main land plus Ouvéa, Lifou and Maré. No night sailing in the lagoon and approaches must be done at daylight.

## NOUMEA

**Nouméa** is the capital city of **New Caledonia**. It is situated on a peninsula in the south of the main island, Grande Terre, and is home to the majority of the island's population. Noumea is one of the South Pacific's most industrialized cities. The city lies on a protected deepwater harbour which serves as the chief port for New Caledonia.

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## Noumea Overview

- **Noumea New Caledonia key points**
  - ❖ **Many flights to reach the destination from / via Asia, Australia, New Zealand**
  - ❖ **Many unspoiled natural spots : 2/3 of the lagoon have been registered World Heritage Site by the UNESCO**
  - ❖ **“Short” sailing steps**
  - ❖ **Combinable land and sailing stays**
  - ❖ **Amazing endemic flora**
  - ❖ **Fabulous snorkelling spots**
  - ❖ **Whale watching (July to October)**

Noumea itself is a rich and unique mix of Kanak, Asian, Oceanian and European cultures. The city welcomes several museum reflecting cultural and historical diversity (Museum of New Caledonia, Tjibaou Cultural Center specialized in Oceanian and Kanak cultures, Museum of the Maritime History, Geological Museum,...).

Several good reasons to sail New Caledonia :

- The beauty and the security of the lagoon
- The semi tropical climate
- The variety of nautical and land activities
- The quality of service
- The unique experience of whale watching (depending of the time of the year)
- The unspoilt underwater fauna and flora

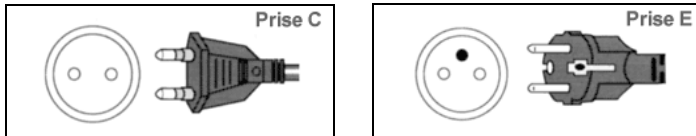
## GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Time difference**  
GMT + 11 hours
- **Base**  
The Dream Yacht Base is located in *Marina "Port du Sud"*, in Noumea, 45' from Tontouta International Airport
- **Sailing experience Level**  
Sailing conditions needs sailors "to be cautious" because of pass currents, reefs, GPS maps are too indefinite. Obviously, it's also depending on weather conditions. Most of moorings are safe.
- **Yachts**  
Dream Yachts have a range of yachts available for charter, monohulls and catamarans either bareboat or skippered/crewed boats.
- **Turnaround days**  
Embarkation and disembarkation are possible any day.
  - ✓ Embarkation is at 12:00 PM (noon)
  - ✓ Disembarkation is at 9:00 AM
- **Base opening hours**  
Base is opened from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM - 7 days a week.
- **Fuel and consumables**  
All our yachts are delivered to you with full tanks of fuel (yacht & dinghy), full tank of water, 1 bottle of cooking gas in duty + 1 spare bottle. Staff can take care of refilling water and diesel tanks and will charge the costs to customer.
- **Options**

<p><b><i>Included in charter fee</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ First &amp; last night at the D.Y.C pontoon</li> <li>◆ Autopilot</li> <li>◆ GPS</li> <li>◆ CD-player &amp; cockpit speakers</li> <li>◆ Dinghy &amp; outboard engine</li> <li>◆ 2 sets of linen, towels, beach towels per person/week</li> <li>◆ Snorkelling gear</li> <li>◆ Dream Yacht Charter Guarantee</li> <li>◆ Final cleaning</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Available for extra fee</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Skipper</li> <li>◆ Steward / cook</li> <li>◆ Guide</li> <li>◆ Kayak</li> <li>◆ Fishing gear</li> <li>◆ Security insurance</li> <li>◆ Transfers</li> <li>◆ Children safety net</li> <li>◆ One way to Ile des Pins, Loyauté or Vanutaus</li> </ul>
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- **Cruising Limits** : Main land plus Ouvea, Lifou and Maré
- **Transfers and Airports**  
Flights from Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Europe (main airlines: Aircalin, Qantas Airways, Air New Zealand, Air Austral), Transfers can be organized from Tontuta International Airport to base, with extra fee
- **Shore facilities & services**  
DYC base is located in Marina Port du Sud, Noumea. There are several restaurants in the town center at 800m from the marina. The following facilities are available at the base: Water - Fuel - Showers and Toilets.  
Supermarket : 800 m from base

- **Electricity**

Voltage is 220V - 50Hz (and the plug type are C,E)



- **Telephone**

Area code:

- From Europe to New Caledonia for a home telephone: 00 687 + correspondent N°
- From Europe to New Caledonia for a Cellular phone: 00 687 + correspondent N°
- From New Caledonia to France 00 33 + correspondent N° (without "0" after 33)

- **Attraction and activities**

- ✓ Visit of Noumea and its numerous museum / cultural centers
- ✓ Discovery of the Melanesian culture, visit of tribal villages
- ✓ Trekking, mountain climbing, canyoning, in the Great South
- ✓ Visit of the botanical forest
- ✓ Snorkelling and diving on the reef
- ✓ Discovery of Ile des Pins and its crystal clear waters, white sandy beaches and hidden treasures
- ✓ Discovery of Loyalty Islands, three unspoilt pearls in the Pacific Ocean
- ✓ And so much more...

- **Provisioning**

We recommend at least to provision with basic products because there are not too many places for supplies in this area; so it's easier to make it before departure as most of meals will be taken on board even though crew can go ashore for dinners. A provision list is available on DYC web site.

- **Currency**

Local currency is Pacific Franc (XPF) (1 euro is 119,3317 XPF or 1 US dollar is about 89,4535 XPF) - Credit cards are accepted in the shops / There are cash dispensers – Euros are accepted.

- **Passport and Visas**

Entry Formalities: for French citizens an identity card is required but a valid passport is highly recommended in case of stopovers. No visa is required for countries belonging to the EEC, Japan, USA and New Zealand.

Only a valid passport is compulsory for European (for staying not exceeding 3 months on spot) and North American citizens (for staying not exceeding 1 month on spot). (For other countries check on the following link: <http://www.thetahititraveler.com/touristinfo/visasreq.asp>)

- **Health**

No vaccines compulsory.

If you are under treatment:

- Bring along with you the necessary pills or drugs quantity.
- Keep your vital pills or drugs with you in your hand luggage (in case of luggage losses).
- Plan a mosquito repellent and a first aid kit.

Even if you can easily stand the sun, it's much harder on a boat than on the land because of reverberation. Smooth breeze, avoid feeling the heat and you get sun burnt before noticing it. One recommends having a "wind resistant" cap and sun glasses (tied) with cord, sweat shirt or long sleeves t-shirt and trouser. A good solar cream is necessary at least for first days.

- **Advice**

Take only soft bags - No suite case (rigid suite cases are too cumbersome on a boat).



- **Diving**  
Diving can be arranged locally upon request. There is a dive shop beside our office ( Abyss Plongée)
  
- **Charts and pilot books**  
The only pilot is the New Caledonia Cruising Guide provided in the yacht inventory (<http://www.rocket-guides.com/new-caledonia-cruising-guide.html> )
  
- **New Caledonia Climate and Weather Conditions**

New Caledonia enjoys a warm, subtropical climate. Temperatures are warm all year round and can get hot in the summer but seldom reaches above 35°C . Trade winds from the east southeast bring year long cooling breezes late afternoon and early evening. New Caledonia is situated in the southern Hemisphere, so "summer" lasts from November to February and "winter" from April to September. However, there are no significant differences in Temperature; in general, the temperatures between April and August are only slightly cooler than from November to February. The seasons are less defined on the east coast than the west. Climate is tempered by trade winds.



## **ITINERARIES**

- **Suggested itineraries**

<b>ONE WEEK CRUISE</b>		
<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>
First Day	8 AM	Departure Nouméa
	12 AM	Rédika islet
	6 PM	Ouen island
Day 2	8 AM	Departure Ouen island
	12 AM	5 Islands
	6 PM	Kouare islet
Day 3	8 AM	Departure Kouare islet
	4 PM	Kuto bay (Isle of Pines)
Day 4	8 AM	Departure Kuto bay
	12 PM	Nokanhoui atoll
	6 PM	Oro bay
Day 5	8 AM	Departure Oro bay
	12 AM	Aventure reef
	6 PM	Gadji bay
Day 6	8 AM	Departure Gadji bay
	3 PM	Prony bay
Day 7	8 AM	Departure Prony bay
	12 AM	Bailly islet
	6 PM	Arrival Nouméa



<b>2 WEEKS CRUISE</b>		
<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>
First day	8 AM	Departure Nouméa
	12 AM	Rédika islet
	6 PM	Ouen island
Day 2	8 AM	Departure Ouen island
	12 AM	5 islands
	6 PM	Kouare small island
Day 3	8 AM	Departure Kouare islet
	4 PM	Kuto bay (Isle of Pines)
Day 4	8 AM	Departure Kuto bay
	12 AM	Nokanhoui atoll
	6 PM	Oro bay
Day 5	8 AM	Departure Oro bay
	12 AM	Aventure reef
	6 PM	Gadji bay
Day 6	8 AM	Gadji bay
	10 AM	Departure for Mare
	4 PM	Arrival Mare
Day 7	8 AM	Departure Mare
	12 AM	Arrival Tiga
Day 8	8 AM	Departure Tiga
	12 AM	Arrival Lifou
Day 9	8 AM	Departure Lifou
	12 AM	Arrival Ouvéa
Day 10	8 AM	Departure Ouvéa
	12 AM	Arrival Beautemps-Beaupré
Day 11	/	Beautemps-Beaupré atoll
Day 12	4 PM	Departure for Prony bay
Day 13	10 AM	Arrival Prony bay
	3 PM	Carénage bay (waterfall)
Day 14	8 AM	Departure Prony bay
	12 AM	Bailly small island
	6 PM	Arrival Nouméa
<p><b>OPTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Departure from Beautemps-Beaupré day 13 for Hienghene</li> <li>-Arrival 3 PM</li> <li>-Disembarking at Hienghene day 14 - 6 PM</li> </ul> <p><b>POSSIBLE TRAFER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By plane to Nouméa</li> <li>- Off road 4 wheel drive across the central mountain chain and return to Nouméa.</li> </ul>		