

NEW CALEDONIA

The Island Closest to Heaven

New Caledonia sits gracefully in the South Pacific Ocean, surrounded by a vast coral reef that encompasses the world's largest lagoon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that thrives with diverse marine life. The country is divided into five regions: Nouméa, the capital city; the West Coast; the East Coast; the Great South; and the Islands like Ouvéa island and l'Île des Pins. Being an overseas French territory, French is the official language. In Nouméa, you can indulge in an elegant cityscape, delightful cuisine, and wine. Immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes of expansive land, mountains, the World Heritage Sea, and the charming French ambience of this graceful country.



Example of flight routes
Narita → Nouméa (New Caledonia)

Enjoyment plan /

Beginners' course

A relaxing and luxurious stay on the island closest to heaven

- 1st day**
- PM ● Depart Narita at noon for New Caledonia by direct flight! Arrive at night. Check in the hotel. Relax and recover from your flight at a luxurious hotel.
- 2nd day**
- AM ● Take a quick stroll through the French cityscape! There are many delicious bakeries in Nouméa! Let's visit bakery stores and find your favourite one. Visit the port, a church with beautiful stained glass windows, and a relaxing fountain square.
 - PM ● Meet the wonderful sea creatures at the Aquarium des Lagons Nouvelle Calédonie. Get a taste of Oceania's culture at the Tjibau Cultural Centre. Have dinner on the terrace of a restaurant in the yacht harbour.
- 3rd day**
- AM ● Depart for Mettle Island, a resort island with a beautiful lagoon! Only 20 minutes by boat from Nouméa.
 - PM ● Enjoy marine activities.
 - Recommended for those who enjoy the sea slowly** Canoeing, snorkelling in shallow water, paddle surfing, etc.
 - Recommended for active people** Marine jet, banana boat, scuba diving, etc. Watch the sunset from the only water cottage in New Caledonia.
- 4th day**
- AM ● Breakfast with a view of the sparkling sea and lagoon. Go looking for sea turtles, which are rumoured to have a high probability of encountering, by snorkelling or banana boat!
 - PM ● Return to Nouméa. How about a sunset cocktail at Baie des Citrons?
- 5th day**
- AM ● Go shopping in Nouméa, Anse Vata Bay area!
 - PM ● Buy souvenirs or browse the local supermarkets. Reflect on your trip with a New Caledonian wine and head to the airport at night.
- 6th day**
- AM ● Arrive at Narita Airport the next morning.

Cafe

Bakery and cafe tour in Nouméa

There are many bakeries and cafes in Nouméa. If you take a walk in this unique city with a mix of French and South Island atmospheres, sit on a bench by the harbour and enjoy an elegant time with a delicious croissant and café au lait.

Beer

Taste New Caledonia's local beer!

Do you want to drink local alcoholic beverages when you travel? How about New Caledonian local beer? There are several craft breweries in the suburbs of Nouméa, and there is even a brewery restaurant with its own brewery in Baie des Citrons, Nouméa. Quenching your thirst with a cold beer after a day of soaking up the tropical sun will be the perfect end to a perfect day.

Activity

Snorkelling and Diving

New Caledonia offers a variety of snorkelling and diving spots for beginners and experienced divers. The clear and calm waters allow you to encounter tropical fish that congregate in tropical corals, even without diving equipment. As a diver, you can explore the shipwrecks, Poindimié and its forests of Gorgonian corals, the underwater caves near Poum.

Deluxe plan /

Advanced course

This is 'true heaven'! Plan to experience the red, blue and green of New Caledonia

- 1st day**
- PM ● Arrive in Nouméa, the capital city, at night. Check into a hotel. Resting up for the adventure that awaits us tomorrow.
- 2nd ~3rd day**
- All day ● To the 'Red' of New Caledonia. Great South Region - Visit the Parc provincial de la Rivière Bleue, the largest park in New Caledonia, and enjoy hiking and biking at the Madeleine Waterfalls.
 - or
 - To the 'Green' of New Caledonia. West Coast Region - Take a gyrocopter or light aircraft to see the heart of New Caledonia, the Heart of Voh, from the sky. Horseback riding in the Deva Estate, Bourail, a vast plain of 7800 hectares.
- 4th~6th day**
- AM ● To the 'Blue' of New Caledonia. The Islands Region - Enjoy snorkelling and relaxing on the islands of your choice.
 - Ouvéa Island: the setting of 'The Island Closest to Heaven' with its beautiful sandbanks.
 - l'Île des Pins: The jewel box of the South Pacific, lined with Nanyo cedars:
- 7th day**
- AM ● Return to Nouméa and go shopping while strolling around the port town.
 - PM ● Reflect on the memories of the trip with a New Caledonian local beer, and head to the airport at night.
- 8th day**
- AM ● Arrive at Narita Airport the next morning.

Let's enjoy online content

Visit New Caledonia Tourism Official website for more information! You can find a lot of information, including must-see attractions, practical information such as Visas and entry requirements.

Check out photos in New Caledonia!

Find beautiful pictures and exiting videos etc. in New Caledonia's official Instagram account!

Q The French overseas departments/territories in the Pacific Island Countries are New Caledonia and French Polynesia. Which country was once under French and British joint rule?

The answer is on **p.42!**

Column 1 Connection between Japan and New Caledonia

Since the Meiji period (1868-1912), many Japanese immigrated to New Caledonia to work at nickel mines. The Japanese immigrants lived in Thio on the east coast of Grande Terre Island, where the nickel industry, the main industry in New Caledonia, began. The Mining Museum displays photos from that period. There is a Japanese Cemetery near the town of Thio where people from as far away as Japan are laid to rest. Even today, approximately 10000 of New Caledonia's 270000 inhabitants are of Japanese descent. There are deep ties between Japan and New Caledonia.

Column 2 Since we're in New Caledonia, let's talk in French!

Hello ▶ **Bonjour** Good-bye ▶ **Au revoir**

Thank you ▶ **Merci** Please ▶ **S'il vous plaît**