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New Caledonia

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to New Caledonia due to COVID-19 and related travel restrictions. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as the stay is less than 90 days over a 6 months period.

US Embassy/Consulate

None (overseas territory of France); US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the embassy in Fiji; +(679) 331-4466; +(679) 772-8049; US Embassy Suva, 158 Princes Rd, Tamavua, Suva, Fiji

Telephone Code

687

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 15; Fire: 18; Police: 17

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical; modified by southeast trade winds; hot, humid

Currency (Code)

Comptoirs Francais du Pacifique francs (XPF)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, F



Major Languages

French, 33 Melanesian-Polynesian dialects

Religions

Roman Catholic 60%, Protestant 30%, other 10%

Time Difference

UTC+11 (16 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Yes, but some opt for bottled water.

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International Driving Permit Suggested

Road Driving Side Right

Tourist destinations Noumea (includes Tjibaou Cultural Center, Aquarium des Lagons Nouvelle Caledonie, Harbor); Amedee Lighthouse; Port-Boise; Isle of Pines; Lifou Island

Major Sports Soccer, rugby, cricket, cycling

Cultural Practices It is considered impolite to cut into a conversation uninvited (wait to be asked), to speak too loudly in public, to arrive late to a pre-arranged meeting, or to fail to show respect to everyone, especially elders.

Tipping Guidelines Tipping is generally not expected. However, small tips given to tour guides are accepted. Rounding up the total bill is a good practice.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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