

New Caledonia

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to New Caledonia due to civil unrest and crime.

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

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

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 Islands

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the U.S. State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

687

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 15; Fire: 18; Police: 17

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for New Caledonia: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <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 types(s): C, F



Type C



Type F

Major Languages

French, 33 Melanesian-Polynesian dialects

Major Religions

Roman Catholic and Protestant

Time Difference

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

Potable Water

Yes, but some opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Noumea (includes Tjibaou Cultural Center, Aquarium des Lagons Nouvelle Calédonie, 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.

Souvenirs

Seashell, black coral, and precious metal jewelry; sandstone-carved items, essential oils, sarongs, woven baskets, preserves, ceremonial wood-carved items

Traditional Cuisine

Bougna — coconut milk combined with various root vegetables such as taro, manioc, and yams and often chicken, pork, or seafood; the mixture is wrapped in banana leaves and placed over hot coals in an earthen oven

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