

Learn French... in New Caledonia



Isle of Pines



AT CREIPAC



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...Vive la différence !



New Caledonia offers a unique blend of French and Melanesian cultures... surrounded by the world's largest lagoon.

New Caledonia is the third largest island in the Pacific region and is located only 2 hours from Australia, and 2¹/₂ hours from New Zealand. The Territory of New Caledonia covers a total surface of 19,000km² and comprises the Mainland (La Grande Terre), the Loyalty Islands to the east and Isle of Pines to the South. The total population of New Caledonia is 231,000 of which 100,000 inhabitants live in the capital city of Nouméa.



Place des cocotiers

In 1774, James Cook on board his ship Resolution discovered a large island which he named New Caledonia. In 1853 under the rule of Napoleon III, the island was officially declared French by Admiral Febvrier-Despointes, with a population at that time of around 50,000 people. Increased immigration in the 1890's to provide a workforce in the mines has resulted in the multicultural diversity that is New Caledonia today.

Learn French on the beach at CREIPAC

CREIPAC (The International Centre for Cultural & Educational Exchanges) is the only government school specialised in the teaching of French to foreigners in New Caledonia. The centre is located in a historical building in Nouville, which is the site of a former convict settlement. CREIPAC offers language courses all year round, of varying length and varying levels, for group and individuals. Students are welcomed to the school for immersion courses, with homestay accommodation provided if required.



CREIPAC offers a large palette of courses, including:

- **Communication courses for college** (secondary school) students, minimum 12 hours per week, where the content of classes is mainly language practice, according to the students' ability levels, as well as cultural classes which encompass language practice.
- **University level courses for students** from beginner to advanced, tailored to their language needs and/or interest in French and New Caledonian history and culture.
- **A la carte courses** organized for private tuition or groups for all levels and objectives.

– **Thematic courses on specific topics:** New Caledonian history and culture, French and Caledonian literature, the environment, etc...

A week in NOUMEA: example of an 8-day itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in NOUMEA Depart Australia or New Zealand on your flight to Noumea. On arrival at Tontouta Airport your coach will transfer you to your hotel for the next seven nights accommodation or for the first night if you have chosen homestay accommodation.

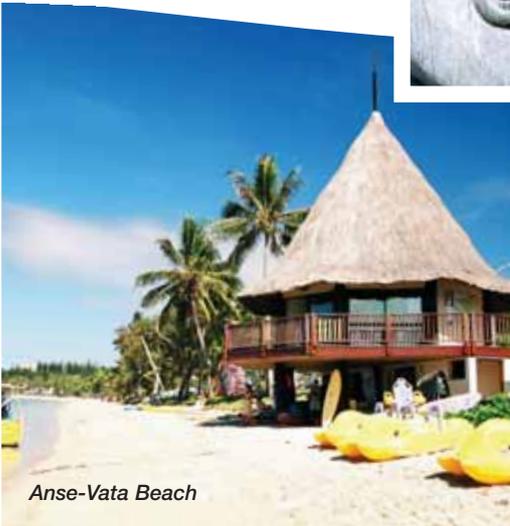
DAY 2 – NOUMEA After breakfast, you will take the city bus to CREIPAC for three hours of lessons. In the afternoon you will be taken on a one and a half hour city tour on the Petit Train to discover the city. Return to hotel where your host family will pick you up. Dinner is provided if you stay at the hotel.

DAY 3 – NOUMEA After breakfast your second three hours French lesson is given at CEIPAC. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Dinner is provided in the evening.

DAY 4 – NOUMEA After breakfast your three hours French lesson is given at CEIPAC. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Dinner is provided in the evening.



Mount Kaghi Forest



Anse-Vata Beach



DAY 5 – NOUMEA After breakfast your three hours French lesson is given at CEIPAC. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Dinner is provided in the evening.

DAY 6 – NOUMEA After breakfast your three hours French lesson is given at CEIPAC. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Dinner is provided in the evening.



DAY 7 – AMEDEE LIGHTHOUSE Your coach will transfer you at 8.20 am to Port Moselle. Today a full day excursion to Amedee Lighthouse is taken, departing at 9:00 am. On arrival at this tiny island you may swim, walk around the island or view the coral from the Glass Bottom Boat. A tropical lunch and show are included. Depart the island for return to Noumea in the afternoon.



Amédée Lighthouse

DAY 8 – Departure from NOUMEA After breakfast your coach will transfer you to Tontouta Airport for your return flight to Australia or New Zealand.

During the afternoon, you can discover the Melanesian culture at the Tjibaou Cultural Centre or at the Museum of New Caledonia. Take full advantage of the beach and its many activities. Areas near Nouméa (Dumbéa, Yaté) offers varied outdoors activities : hiking in tropical forest, swimming, canoeing... After shopping in the city, sample local specialities in the many restaurants near the beaches, or just have a break at sunset on the terrace of a café.

Top sites not to be missed:

1/2 DAY TRIP :

- **Tjibaou Cultural Centre and Museum of New Caledonia** (Nouméa) : discover the Melanesian culture.
- **Aquarium and Zoological and botanical garden** (Nouméa)
- The “**Place des Cocotiers**” (city centre) : Don’t miss the “**Jeudis du Centre-Ville**” (Thursdays Downtown) : local craft, attractions, concerts and colourful folk dances.
- “**Ilot Canard**” (Duck Island), **Anse-Vata** and “**Baie des citrons**” Beaches : experience snorkelling, windsurfing or kitesurfing in the world’s largest lagoon (Nouméa).

- **Dumbéa gorges** and **Mount Koghi range** are favourite spots for nature lovers : hiking, swimming, canoeing... (Dumbéa)

1 DAY TRIP OR MORE :

- **Amédée lighthouse** and marine reserve (Nouméa)
- The **Blue River Provincial Park** and **Madeleine Falls** (Yaté).
- The **Isle of Pines** and its magnificent white sandy beaches
- **Hienghene** village and its *Brooding Hen*
- **Loyalty islands** and the melanesian tribes

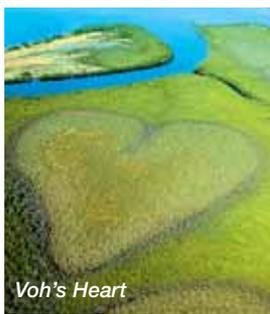


Anse-Vata Bay

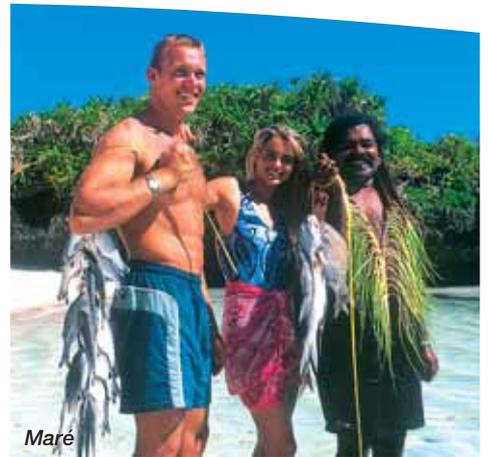


Tjibaou Cultural Centre

Traveller's Guide



Learn French in New Caledonia



Entry requirements: If travelling on a valid Australian, New Zealand or EEC passport you do not need a visa for stays up to 3 months. You will need a return ticket and all passports must be valid for 6 months from the date of arrival in New Caledonia.

Customs: As with all island destinations it is prohibited to import certain foods (fruits, vegetables, primary produce).

Drinking water: Tap water is safe, but for those who prefer to drink bottled water, local and imported mineral water is available in all food stores, hotels and restaurants.

Electricity: The current is 220 volts AC 50 cycles with European style two round prong plugs.

Climate: New Caledonia, the "land of eternal spring", is blessed with a pleasant semi-tropical climate all year round with temperatures ranging from 20°C to 28°C.

What to wear: Light, casual clothing is adequate during the day. If you plan to go out in the evening, we recommend you bring something more elegant but still casual. For the slightly cooler season (June-August) you may also require sweatshirts/jackets for the evening. A few items which should not be left out of your suitcase are: sunscreen and mosquito repellent, old shoes for reef walking, swimming gear, snorkelling gear, beach towel and sunhat/visor.

Currency: Pacific Franc (F CFP or XPF).
1 NZD = 60 XPF, 1 AUD = 72 XPF (July 2006)

How much does it cost to buy:

	XPF	NZD	AUD
Soft drink	from 130 up to 180	from 2.16 up to 3	from 1.80 up to 2.5
French bread stick	94	1.6	1.3
Ham sandwich baguette	310	5.17	4.30
Individual slice of pizza or quiche	260	4.33	3.61
Grilled meat meal	1160	19.33	16.11

Means of transport: The Karuïa bus offers a modern public transport system in Nouméa. The most popular routes for tourists are the green and blue routes. The Green route (line 1) operates between Anse Vata & Kuendu beaches. The blue route (line 2) takes tourists to the famous Tjibaou Cultural Centre located at Tina Peninsula. A bus ticket is 160 XPF if bought in Karuïa ATM available in selected shops and in Karuïa stands on Place de la Marne and in Montravel central station - 200 XPF if purchased in the bus)

Le Petit Train is an original means of transport & offers several tours to discover the delights of Nouméa. A 1.5 hour city tour costs 1,200 XPF per adult and 600 XPF per child. Departure from Palm Beach commercial gallery on Anse Vata Bay.

Taxi stands are located in Nouméa's ship terminal, in the city centre and along Anse Vata beach. Bicycles and fun ride cars are also available for rental from Nouméa's ship terminal.

Internet in New Caledonia: There are several internet cafés in Nouméa's city centre and at CREIPAC where you can access the internet and/or send emails.



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The 3 best reasons to learn French in New Caledonia:

- Only 2 hours from Brisbane and 2 1/2 hours from Sydney & Auckland. New Caledonia is the closest French speaking country to Australia & New Zealand.
- Experience the unique blend of Melanesian & French cultures friendly & welcoming people. Homestay families are carefully selected by CREIPAC's Staff.
- A safe destination in the South Pacific



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