

## New Caledonian Country Guide

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### Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders usually do not require a visa to enter New Caledonia as a tourist for a period of up to 90 days in any six month period. It is recommended that passports be valid for six months beyond the period of intended stay. Travellers should also be able to show documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves, their travel insurance and tickets and entry documents for their next destination.

For further information and to confirm that you are eligible to travel to New Caledonia without a visa, please contact a French mission on the details provided below.

### Vaccinations & Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to New Caledonia. Vaccination against hepatitis B should be considered by frequent or long stay travellers. Vaccination against typhoid should be considered particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. As there is a risk of dengue fever in New Caledonia, insect avoidance measures may be necessary depending on your itinerary.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to New Caledonia should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit [www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips).

### Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Thu, 1st November 2018.

*Exercise normal safety precautions in New Caledonia. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia. New Caledonia will vote in an independence referendum on 4 November 2018. Avoid any demonstrations that may occur ahead of, during or after the vote. Large public gatherings of this nature can turn violent. See [Safety and security](#). On 22 February 2018, the New Caledonian Government declared a dengue epidemic for the whole of New Caledonia. Outbreaks of dengue fever, Zika virus and chikungunya occur from time to time. Protect yourself against mosquito-borne illnesses. See [Health](#). Cyclone season is normally from November to May but tropical storms, cyclones and associated flooding can occur at any time of year. Bushfires are a risk, especially from September to February. See [Natural disasters](#).*

*Security incidents can happen with little warning, particularly on the RP1 road through to the south-east, between Noumea and Mont-Dore. Road blockages, car-jackings, stone-throwing and shootings are infrequent but can be dangerous. RP1 and other major roads can be closed without warning. See [Safety and security](#). Medical costs in New Caledonia are very high. Make sure you have adequate travel and medical insurance, including for any pre-existing conditions. Several Australians have been evacuated from cruise ships in Noumea. Many insurance claims made by cruise passengers have been refused. See [Health](#) and [Cruises](#).*

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in New Caledonia at [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au).

### New Caledonian Representation in Australia

Embassy of France, Canberra

6 Perth Avenue  
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6216 0100  
Fax: (02) 6216 0127

Web: [www.ambafrance-au.org](http://www.ambafrance-au.org)

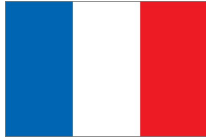
Consulate General of France, Sydney

Level 26, St Martins Tower  
31 Market Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Tel: (02) 9268 2400  
Fax: (02) 9268 2431

New Caledonia is a French territory, and thus is represented around the world by the Government of France.

France also maintains honorary consulates in all Australian states, however, the two posts previously outlined should first be contacted as honorary consulates offer limited services.



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### Time Differences between New Caledonia and Australia

New Caledonia is Greenwich Mean Time +11 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone in New Caledonia is called New Caledonia Time (NCT).

NCT, 12 noon, Winter (Jun) = Perth 9am; Adelaide, Darwin 10:30am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 11am.

NCT, 12 noon, Summer (Dec) = Perth 9am; Darwin 10:30am; Brisbane 11am; Adelaide 11:30am; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 12 noon.

### Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for New Caledonia: +687

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:  
 Call the US on 00 1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assist:  
 Call the US on 00 1 303 967 1090

MasterCard:  
 Call the US on 00 1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:  
 Call Australia on 00 61 2 8223 9171

New Caledonia Tourism: (+687) 28 75 80

Emergency Services:  
 Fire - 18  
 Ambulance - 15  
 Police - 17

These services may not have English speaking staff. To avoid delay it may be best to seek the assistance of a French speaker to call the emergency services.

### Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

#### Passports

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Credit Cards

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Travel Insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Australian Representation in New Caledonia

Australian Consulate General, New Caledonia

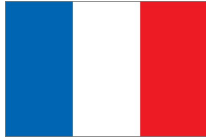
Norwich Building  
 Level 2, 11 rue Georges Baudoux  
 Artillerie  
 NOUMEA

Tel: (+687) 272 414

Web: [www.noumea.consulate.gov.au](http://www.noumea.consulate.gov.au)

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in New Caledonia are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian Consulate General in Noumea, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at [www.orao.dfat.gov.au](http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au).



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### Duty Free Allowances for New Caledonia and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering New Caledonia:

Alcohol: 1 litre of alcohol plus 2 bottles of wine.  
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250g of tobacco.  
 Perfume: Reasonable amounts.  
 Other Goods: Up to 30,000 F (15,000 F if under 15 years of age).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply to these and other goods, travellers should familiarise themselves with these restrictions before entry.

### Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket: European  
 Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia)  
 Modem Plug: USA

Source: Korjo Travel Products. Please view the Korjo adapter guide at [www.korjo.com.au](http://www.korjo.com.au) for further information on this matter.



Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.  
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.  
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

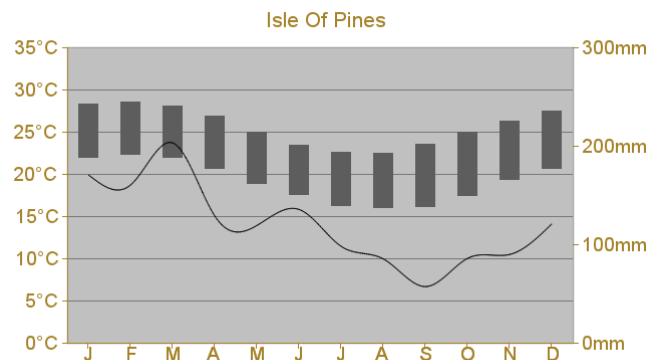
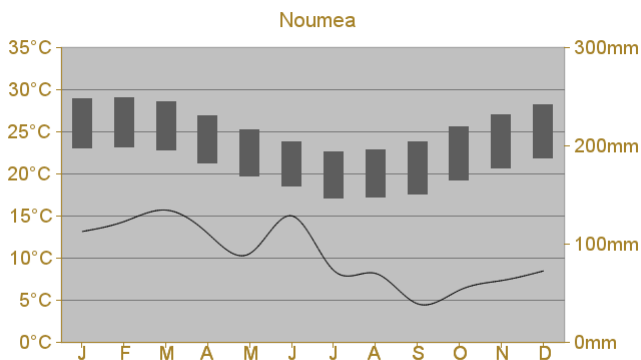
For further details on Australian duty free allowances and other customs restrictions please go to [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au).

### New Caledonian Holidays 2018

Public Holidays

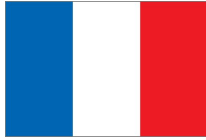
01 Jan:	New Year's Day	14 Jul:	Bastille Day
02 Apr:	Easter Monday	15 Aug:	Assumption Day
01 May:	Labour Day	24 Sep:	French Treaty Day
08 May:	Victory Day	01 Nov:	All Saints' Day
10 May:	Ascension Day	11 Nov:	Armistice Day
21 May:	Whit Monday	25 Dec:	Christmas Day

### Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in New Caledonia



Source: Meteo France, Nouvelle Calédonie. For five day local forecasts please go to [www.bbc.co.uk/weather](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather).

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#### Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 74.84 CPF Francs  
 100 CPF Francs (XPF) = 1.34 Australian Dollars

#### Buy Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 67.43 CPF Francs  
 100 CPF Francs (XPF) will cost 1.48 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "Buy Rate" adds 11% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin paid when buying XPF notes in Australia. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

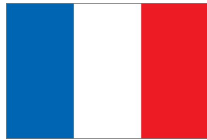
### Currency Cheat Sheet

50 F = \$0.74 AUD				This cheat sheet uses the "Buy Rate" of exchange listed above.	
100 F = \$1.48 AUD	1,000 F = \$14.83 AUD	10,000 F = \$148.31 AUD			
200 F = \$2.97 AUD	2,000 F = \$29.66 AUD	20,000 F = \$296.63 AUD			
300 F = \$4.45 AUD	3,000 F = \$44.49 AUD	30,000 F = \$444.94 AUD			
400 F = \$5.93 AUD	4,000 F = \$59.33 AUD	40,000 F = \$593.25 AUD			
500 F = \$7.42 AUD	5,000 F = \$74.16 AUD	50,000 F = \$741.56 AUD			
600 F = \$8.90 AUD	6,000 F = \$88.99 AUD	60,000 F = \$889.88 AUD			
700 F = \$10.38 AUD	7,000 F = \$103.82 AUD	70,000 F = \$1,038.19 AUD			
800 F = \$11.87 AUD	8,000 F = \$118.65 AUD	80,000 F = \$1,186.50 AUD			
900 F = \$13.35 AUD	9,000 F = \$133.48 AUD	90,000 F = \$1,334.81 AUD			
		100,000 F = \$1,483.13 AUD			

### Banknotes of New Caledonia

The currency of New Caledonia is the French Pacific Franc, which is abbreviated using the term "CFP Franc" or the currency code "XPF". The French Pacific Franc is also used in French Polynesia and Wallis and Futuna. The following units of currency are the most common however other units are also in circulation (including a new set of banknotes slowly being introduced). As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images before travelling.





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**About New Caledonia**

Full Name:	Territoire des Nouvelle-Caledonie (Territory of New Caledonia).	Significant Dates:	1774	- Captain Cook is the first European to discover the islands, naming them after Scotland (Caledonia).
Dependency:	Declared as a possession of France in 1856. Currently classed as an Overseas Territory.		1840's	- Anglican and Catholic missionaries arrive in the islands and convert the indigenous to Christianity.
Size:	18,575 sq km (30% the size of Tasmania).		1853	- New Caledonia becomes a French colony.
Population:	260,000 persons. Noumea has 144,000.		1864	- French convicts arrive, including political prisoners. New Caledonia becomes a penal colony.
Religion:	Catholic 60%, Protestant 30%, other 10%.		1864	- Large nickel ore deposits found.
Language:	French (official) is the main language along with 33 Melanesian-Polynesian dialects.		1943-45	- Noumea becomes a base for US forces.
Ethnicity:	Melanesian 44%, European 34%, Wallisian & Futunian 9%, Tahitian 2.6%, Indonesian 2.5%.		1946-57	- All New Caledonians granted French citizenship.
			1988	- Matignon Accords end period of civil disorder.
			1998	- Noumea Accord grants greater autonomy and sets path for an eventual independence referendum.

