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Noumea, New Caledonia

The capital of New Caledonia, Noumea is a little piece of France in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Before World War II, New Caledonia was a little known and seldom-visited French possession known for its penal colony and its natural resources. (Nickel smelting still plays a major role in the island economy.) Today, travelers are drawn to New Caledonia for its scenic beauty. The island is famed for its white-sand beaches while its barrier reef is the world's second longest. The offshore waters also offer superb diving and snorkeling.

In 1774, James Cook thought the island's rugged hills resembled those of his native Scotland. Hence he christened the island New Caledonia. The island and its outlying groups became a French colony in 1854 and an overseas department of France in 1956.

Points of Interest

1 Aquarium des Lagons

The aquarium, founded in 1956 by biologist Rene Catala, boasts an extensive collection of fish and other aquatic life forms of the area.

2 Anse Vata

As one of Noumea's most popular resorts, Anse Vata is a favorite spot for swimming, windsurfing, sailing and kayaking.

3 Baie de Citrons Beach

With big shade trees to picnic under, a broad expanse of sand on which to stretch out, and clear shallow water to cool off in, Baie des Citrons Beach is "where everyone in Noumea goes swimming."

4 Parc Forestier

Perched high above the city, Noumea's zoological and botanical gardens covers 74 miles with an extensive collection of birds and other animals from the region.

5 Place des Cocotiers (Coconut Square)

Lined with centuries-old flame red trees, the main central square is a bustling center of activity, with street markets and concerts, musicians practicing on the bandstand and locals playing chess.

6 Mt. Ouen Toro

At the southern tip of the Noumea peninsula, Mt. Ouen Toro (420 feet) offers stunning views of Noumea. A hike to the summit puts you a stone's throw away from Anse Vata Beach.

7 Duck Island ("Ilot Canard") or Amedee

Duck Island is a natural marine park located in the lagoon surrounding Noumea; Amedee is a tiny islet on the barrier reef marine reserve. Both offer the opportunity to sunbathe and swim in a South Pacific paradise.

8 Outer Islands

Noumea is a peninsula surrounded by several islands and coral reefs, including Duck Island, Amedee, Goeland Island and Island Master, each within easy reach by water taxis, shuttles and boats.

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Sightseeing & City Tours



Most Popular

Noumea Scenic Drive & Aquarium
NOU-100 | Noumea, New Caledonia | Group Size: 49

You will visit: 1 | You will see: 2 3 5 6 | E | 3 hours | from **$99.95 (AUD)**

Experience the sights and sounds of Noumea on a narrated, half-day drive around town and into the surrounding countryside. You'll visit the renowned Aquarium of Lagons and take in sweeping views from the Ouen Toro Lookout.



Noumea Town & Country
NOU-105 | Noumea, New Caledonia | Group Size: 53

You will visit: 2 6 | You will see: 3 5 | E | 3 hours | from **$99.95 (AUD)**

Experience the history and beauty of Noumea on a half-day, narrated drive. Witness the centuries-old flame red trees in the Place des Cocotiers and the giant nickel smelter that forms the basis of the island economy. Cap your tour off with pastries at a seaside restaurant on Anse Vata Beach.



Noumea & Anse Vata Beach
NOU-115 | Noumea, New Caledonia | Group Size: 53

You will visit: 2 6 | You will see: 3 5 | E | 3 hours | from **$69.95 (AUD)**

This half-day tour is all about breathtaking vistas. You'll visit Ouen Toro Lookout to spy the glimmering bay across the lagoon. Also on your itinerary is Anse Vata Beach, the windsurfing center of the South Pacific.



Scenic Drive
NOU-290 | Noumea, New Caledonia | Group Size: 53

You will visit: 6 | You will see: 2 3 5 | E | 2.5 hours | from **$129.95 (AUD)**

This tour is designed for passengers who prefer to see some sights from the motorcoach with little or no walking involved. Get a "taste" of Noumea on this half-day tour. Drive through Place des Cocotiers in the heart of the city, and by the breathtaking Ouen Toro Lookout. Enjoy a tasting of French wines and cheese at a local restaurant.



Yellow Tchou Tchou Petit Train
NOU-295 | Noumea, New Caledonia | Group Size: 55

You will visit: 6 | You will see: 2 3 5 | E | 2 hours | from **$89.95 (AUD)**

Noumea's "Tchou Tchou Train" is an excellent option for passengers who wish to see the sights without much walking. This half-day tour takes you past the century-old military barracks, one of Noumea's oldest residential districts, and to Ouen Toro Lookout. During the tour, tasty French pastries and beverages will be served.



Noumea Scenic Drive & Aquarium (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)
NOU-101 | Noumea, New Caledonia | Group Size: 1

You will visit: 1 **You will see:** 2 3 5 6 E

3 hours from **$99.95 (AUD)**

This departure is space set aside on lift-equipped vehicles for wheelchair confined passengers - please be sure to read the Notes section of the tour description regarding requesting this space. Experience the sights and sounds of Noumea on a narrated, half-day drive around town and into the surrounding countryside. You'll visit the renowned Aquarium of Lagons and take in sweeping views from the Ouen Toro Lookout.

Activities & Adventures



Dumbea River Kayak Adventure
NOU-760 | Noumea, New Caledonia | Group Size: 30

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3 hours from **$119.95 (AUD)**

Explore one of New Caledonia's most scenic river valleys on a kayak trip along the tranquil Dumbea River. This half-day tour offers opportunities to dip in the river's cool and clear waters.



Zodiac Ride & Duck Island Marine Reserve
NOU-800 | Noumea, New Caledonia | Group Size: 11

You will visit: 7 **You will see:** 2 3 S

3 hours from **$109.95 (AUD)**

Board a high-speed Zodiac boat for an exhilarating ride to Duck Island. Relax, swim or snorkel on this coral islet, then cruise past such sights as the French naval base and one of Noumea's favorite beaches.



Off the Beaten Path

Amedee Island Marine Reserve
NOU-810 | Noumea, New Caledonia

You will visit: 7 **You will see:** 8 M

8 hours from **$229.95 (AUD)**

Spend the day on Amedee Island, one of New Caledonia's most renowned island gems. Swim in its crystalline waters and sunbathe on the white-sand beach. View its colorful coral gardens from a glass-bottom boat.