



## NEW CALEDONIA ITINERARY 9 DAYS FOR EXCITEMENT SEEKERS

You are passionate and inquisitive and always on the lookout for new travel experiences — the more innovative and exciting, the better! For you, every day is a new adventure, somewhere just waiting to be explored. New Caledonia is a land of contrasts where different cultures live side by side and it is just perfect for you. How about flying over the barrier reef off the west coast? Or dining at a French restaurant on the edge of the lagoon in Nouméa? Or hiking, snorkelling and kayaking surrounded by lush, wild landscapes? This 9-day itinerary is a somehow a condensed “world tour” in itself and is less than 3 hours away by plane!

For each day, find out 3 accommodation and cafés/restaurants options classified by price range:

🏠 1 night for 2 : \$ < 10 000 F CFP, \$\$ < 15 000 F CFP et \$\$\$ > 15 000 F CFP  
 🍴 Main : \$ < 2 000 F CFP, \$\$ < 3 000 F CFP et \$\$\$ > 3000 F CFP.



### DAY 1 : ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT IN THE AFTER-NOON AND DRIVE TO NOUMÉA

PAÏTA (LA TONTOUTA AIRPORT) > NOUMÉA → 🚗 45 MIN

Upon arrival at La Tontouta airport, you will be picked up by a shuttle that will take you to Nouméa, the capital. Once in town, go to Baie des Citrons and Anse-Vata bay and admire the turquoise lagoon. Take the opportunity to hire an electric scooter, skateboard, bike or hoverboard with [Eplay](#) and enjoy a drive along the bays. Do you like the thrill of gambling or gaming? Visit [Noumea's Casino](#) or try your hand at a [Laser Tag Game](#) at the Quaies Ferry! Continue your evening with dinner at one of the delicious waterfront French restaurants followed by a cocktail in a bar by the Baie des Citrons!

🚗 : [Arc en ciel](#) \$ / [Les Mouettes](#) \$ / [Go Shuttle](#) \$

🏠 : [Hôtel Château Royal](#) \$\$\$ / [Hôtel Beurivage](#) \$\$ / [Noumea Youth Hostel](#) \$

🍴 : [Carré d'As](#) \$\$\$ / [Babar Café](#) \$\$ / [Ulysse snack bar](#) \$



## DAY 2 : CATCH THE WAVES IN NOUMÉA

NOUMÉA → 🚗 15 MIN

Admire the lagoon, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, while having fun as you try out different water sports in Nouméa. For example, hire a jet ski with [Locajet](#) and head over to Ilot Maitre and swim among colourful tropical fishes. Or try your hand at kitesurfing, a popular Caledonian hobby, with [Vakarm Kite-School!](#) On Anse-Vata beach, hire a windsurf board with [Aloha Windsurfing](#) and learn to glide along with the wind... Thrills and spills guaranteed!

- **Take a jet ski out to an unspoilt islet**
- **Try your hand at kitesurfing or windsurfing**
- **Or simply enjoy the lagoon**

🏠 : [Hôtel Château Royal](#) \$\$\$ / [Hôtel Beurivage](#) \$\$ / [Noumea Youth Hostel](#) \$

🍴 : [La Pirogue](#) \$\$\$ / [Le Fun](#) \$\$ / [Rimba Juice](#) \$



## DAY 3 : EXPLORE THE SOUTH

NOUMÉA > YATÉ → 🚗 1H45

The southern region of New Caledonia with its stunning landscape is a fabulous outdoor playground to enjoy once-in-a-lifetime experiences... Discover a region with a large choice of day-long activities from Nouméa. An excursion in four-wheel drive vehicles with [Caledonia Offroad Latitude](#) will appeal to thrill seekers. The combined kayak & mountain bike offer from [Sud Loisirs](#) is perfect to explore the Blue River Park. Here, you will have the best chance of seeing a cagou, New Caledonia's emblematic animal. Finally, keen hikers can complete the first stage of the GR® South on their own or get logistical support from [Toutazimut](#), for a trek from a village buried beneath the vegetation to the vast plains.

- **Treat yourself with an exciting trip in a four-wheel drive vehicle along the red earth tracks**
- **Paddle through the gum oaks in the Blue River Park**
- **Go hiking on the GR® South**

🏠 : [Hôtel Château Royal](#) \$\$\$ / [Hôtel Beurivage](#) \$\$ / [Noumea Youth Hostel](#) \$

🍴 : [Le Roof](#) \$\$\$ / [Texas Grill](#) \$\$ / [Sports Bar Ramada](#) \$



## DAY 4 : NOUMÉA SENSATIONS

NOUMÉA → 🚗 15MIN

Back in Nouméa, more exciting new experiences await! This time, embark on thrilling activities in a beautiful natural setting on the edge of the city. Launch yourself into the air on a zip line in the heart of Païta forest with [La Belle Verte](#). In Dumbéa, go horse riding in the heart of the natural park with [Yala Ranch](#) or challenge your friends at a game of paintball with [Adrenaline Paintball](#). At the end of the day, head back to Nouméa for a well-deserved cocktail by the capital's bays as the sun goes down!

- **Glide over the treetops 90 metres high on a zip line!**
- **Go horse riding in the Dumbéa natural park**
- **Challenge your friends at a paintball game**

🏠 : [Hôtel Château Royal](#) \$\$\$ / [Hôtel Beurivage](#) \$\$ / [Noumea Youth Hostel](#) \$

🍴 : [Marmite et Tire-bouchon](#) \$\$\$ / [Dumbéa golf course restaurant](#) \$\$ / [La Barca](#) \$







## DAY 5 : A DAY-TRIP IN THE BUSH

NOUMÉA > BOURAIL → 🚗 2H

Starting from Nouméa, we offer three unique day trips to discover the west coast of New Caledonia:

→ Skydiving at Poé airfield: for a real adrenaline rush over the turquoise lagoon, with a view of the coral reef, the plains and New Caledonia's central chain. Organiser [Nouméa Skydive](#) ensures a return shuttle service from Nouméa.

→ Immerse yourself in the bush culture of the stockmen and the Caledonian far west with [Bourail Shuttle Service](#): including a meal and visit to a farm, cattle feeding and tasting the farm's produce.

→ A welcome from a Kanak tribe organised by [Bourail Shuttle Service](#): traditional customs, lunch in a traditional wooden house, tour of the fields, weaving or fishing workshop...

- **For an adrenaline rush, try skydiving**
- **Immerse yourself in bush culture in Bourail**
- **Discover the Kanak customs with a local tribe at La Foa**

🏠 : [Hôtel Château Royal](#) \$\$\$ / [Hôtel Beurivage](#) \$\$ / [Noumea Youth Hostel](#) \$

🍴 : [The Beach House](#) \$\$\$ / [La Guinche](#) \$\$ / [Buenos Tacos](#) \$



## DAY 6 : THE BEACHES AND CAVES OF LIFOU

NOUMÉA > LIFOU → ✈️ 40 MIN

A change of scenery for this 6th day. In the morning, take off from the Nouméa-Magenta domestic airport to Lifou, the largest of the Loyalty Islands! After picking up your [rental car](#) at Wé airport, head south of the island to make the most of the wonderful Luengoni Beach. With its white sand and crystal-clear water, this is sheer heaven! Watch out for the turtles who often make an appearance. For lunch, if you didn't buy a sandwich at Wé, you can eat at L'Oasis de Kiamu or Chez Bella. Don't forget to book ahead! In the afternoon, swim in the Luengoni caves (organised guided tour Chez Bella), then drive back to Peng beach to witness a magical sunset...

- **Swim in the caves of Luengoni equipped with fins, mask and snorkel**
- **Bask on the picture-postcard beach of Luengoni**
- **Head to Peng beach to admire the sunset**

🏠 : [Hôtel Drehu Village](#) \$\$\$ / [Hôtel Oasis de Kiamu](#) \$\$ / [Chez Bella](#) \$

🍴 : [Drehu Village](#) \$\$\$ / [Hôtel Oasis de Kiamu](#) \$\$ / [Chez Bella](#) \$



## DAY 7 : ENJOY A TRIBAL WELCOME IN LIFOU

LIFOU → 🚗 15MIN + 🚗 1H10

The island of Lifou is not only known for its white sandy beaches and its unrivalled natural gems. It is also a privileged destination for once-in-a-lifetime experiences with the Kanak tribes that live on the island. Several families have decided to open their doors, much to the delight of visitors. Programme of the day, organised with [Tamanou Beach](#), [Lifou Nature](#) and or [Chez Jeannette](#): Kanak customs, cooking and tasting the bougna – a traditional dish, a visit to the huts and plantations, introduction to the secrets of medicinal plants... The kind of day you may only experience once in your lifetime!

- **Take part in the tribe's daily life**
- **Walk the customary path and take in the local plantations**
- **Prepare the bougna**

🏠 : [Hôtel Drehu Village](#) \$\$\$ / [Hôtel Oasis de Kiamu](#) \$\$ / [Chez Bella](#) \$

🍴 : [Drehu Village](#) \$\$\$ / [Hôtel Oasis de Kiamu](#) \$\$ / [Chez Bella](#) \$





## DAY 8 : DIVE IN THE LIFOU LAGOON

LIFOU > NOUMÉA → ✈ 40 MIN

For this last morning in Lifou, dive amongst tropical fishes in the Lifou lagoon. There are several popular spots, with easy access. You can set off in a boat to go snorkelling with [Rand'O Palmée](#). Otherwise, there are two stunning sites where you can go snorkelling on your own, at the Jokin Cliffs and in Jinek Bay. These unspoilt open-air aquariums are home to a wide variety of fish and corals of every colour imaginable. Good tip: you can hire snorkelling equipment in Jokin, at [Faré Falaise](#). After your swim, have a bite to eat on the island and then fly back to the capital, Nouméa.

- **Take a boat trip to admire the island from a new angle**
- **Go snorkelling to see multicoloured fishes and corals up close**
- **Admire the view from the cliffs of Jokin before going for a dip in the lagoon**

🏠 : [Hôtel Château Royal](#) \$\$\$ / [Hôtel Beurivage](#) \$\$ / [Noumea Youth Hostel](#) \$

🍴 : [The West](#) \$\$\$ / [Stone Grill](#) \$\$ / [Les 3 Brasseurs](#) \$



## DAY 9 : RETURN FLIGHT (9AM OR 12PM)

NOUMÉA > PAÏTA (LA TONTOUTA AIRPORT) → 🚗 45 MIN

If you have a bit of time left before your return flight (especially if you're taking the 12:00 flight), have lunch overlooking the lagoon at the [Babar Café](#) by the Baie des Citrons browse the shops around Anse-Vata and admire the lagoon one last time from Anse-Vata beach... It is time to take your shuttle to La Tontouta International Airport and to say aurevoir... until next time!

- **Have brunch in Nouméa**
- **Pick up a few souvenirs from the shops around Anse-Vata**
- **Enjoy one last time on Anse-Vata beach**

🍴 : [Babar Café](#) \$\$\$ / [Lemon Bay](#) \$\$ / [French Café](#) \$

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