

NEW CALEDONIA
6 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS TOUR
SATURDAY 8TH TO
SATURDAY 15TH JUNE

Enjoy a Pacific Immersion

You enjoy French as a language and as a culture? You also appreciate paradise-looking beaches and taking time out of the busy Melbournian life? Come and discover our new immersion to Noumea!

With a three hour-flight only from Melbourne, Noumea, previously called Port-de-France until 1866, offers a relaxed setting, perfect for a French immersion. At the Baie des Citrons or the Anse Vata, you will admire the natural landscape with its perfect beaches and cristal clear waters before diving into the heart of the Quartier Latin and its stores, restaurants and cafés. Lose yourself (we won't be far behind though!) at the Baie des Moselles market and learn about Melanesian history through cultural places like the Tjibaou Centre.

Roaming Noumea's streets, you will set your pace to the "Pacific time": waking up early to beautiful sunrises, exploring the streets to discover colonial houses, enjoying typical dishes such as bounia and maybe, if you search well, some local temporary kava bars.

Additional feature for this immersion: you can ask a friend or your partner to join you -we promise that he or she will not have to learn French! The more, the merrier!

YOUR DETAILED ITINERARY



DAY 1: SATURDAY (D) - ARRIVAL

Arrival at La Tonta, Noumea's airport, at 5:45pm and transfer to the hotel Le Meridien. The teachers accompanying for this immersion will be on the flight with you - a good way to review French vocabulary about aerial transport! Once comfortably settled in your room, we will meet for a "dîner de bienvenue", another occasion for more French conversation for those who want to.



DAY 2: SUNDAY (B)

Each morning begins with a buffet breakfast at Le Sextant, the restaurant of the hotel. After breakfast, your grocery mission, if you accept it, is to catch public transport and head to the market to buy some food or artefacts! Beware, the market closes at noon...

Once your mission completed, it is lunchtime. You can join the teachers or enjoy lunch on your own, before having free-time for the rest of the afternoon.

We meet at the hotel lounge every night at 5:30pm for one hour of general conversation in French, around an "apéro".



DAY 3: MONDAY (B, L)

Excursion day!

Another early start as we head to the pier and embark at 8am for a beautiful journey to the Phare Amedee. Included that day: trip on a glass-bottom boat, all-you-can-eat lunch buffet (including wine), a famous island dance show featuring the Tamur dance, free snorkelling equipment (deposit required), demonstration of tying a sarong, demonstration of coconut tree climbing, entrance to the Phare.

We disembark around 5pm, after a full day enjoying the island's beauty, and ready for more French conversation for the bravest ones.



DAY 4: TUESDAY (B, L)

After breakfast, we go to CREIPAC for our first French class there, starting at 8:15am (again, Pacific time is no joke, but you are used to it by now!). Don't worry, you have two breaks every morning. You are each in a group with other students coming from all over the world and who have the same level as you. The content will prepare you to whatever excursion is planned after. Class finishes at 11:45 and after that, we enjoy a pic-nic style lunch in the gardens, learning about the buildings' history as it used to be a jail back

in the XIXth century. As Monday was a public holiday, we have a three-hour class to make up for on Tuesday.

After that, we transfer back to the hotel where we can all rest before it is apéro time!

Ideally located in the Anse Vata and close to the Ilot Canard, Le Meridien Hotel features anything you need for a luxury holiday stay, great to rest after your French classes: great bedrooms, buffet breakfast, swimming pool, spa and of course, the beach. Close to the hotel is a kite surf school. The hotel is only 20 minutes* away from CREIPAC, 25 minutes* away from Tjibaou centre and 10 minutes away* from the Quartier Latin. (*driving distance)



Noumea is the capital city of New Caledonia, an archipelago discovered during the second expedition lead by James Cook, which was already inhabited for thousands of year before that.

Though this immersion will focus on Noumea itself, there is much more to explore in the Greater Noumea area, both inlands and on other islands, if you wanted to stay longer.

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY (B, L)

After breakfast and another French class, we have a buffet style lunch at CREIPAC and then we head back to the hotel. The rest of the day is free.

You can either enjoy the hotel and its many services such as the swimming pool or the spa, or go out on an excursion. The hotel has a concierge to help you organise any trip you want. For the French addicts, you can stay with Nathalie and Clémence for whatever they plan to do that day!

DAY 6: THURSDAY (B, L)

After the French class and pic-nic style lunch at CREIPAC, we head back to the hotel and prepare for today's mission: discover the Ilot Canard that is located right across the hotel's beach. For the adventurous ones, paddles and canoes are available. For the others, there is a taxi boat. Don't forget to take your snorkelling gear! Once on the island, you can choose to relax on the beautiful beach or go explore the aquatic trail that gives details about the fauna and corals. Rebuild your strength before heading back to the hotel, because as usual, the apéro is on for more French conversation!

DAY 7: FRIDAY (B,L,D)

Today's class at CREIPAC prepares you for a special goal: go to the market and buy the ingredients needed for the preparation of a typical Melanesian dish: the "bounia". During the class, you also learn about typical Melanesian braiding. When lunch time comes...well, you are the cooks today so let Nathalie and Clémence know when it is ready! After this last class, we go to the remarkable Tjibaou centre for a guided visit. In addition to its unique architecture and its gardens, the guided visit will help you know more about New Caledonia's history and culture. Once the visit is over, we head back to the hotel and get ready for our "diner d'au revoir", as our plane is the next day (DAY 8), on Saturday, at 8:30am.

Nathalie Foes, originally from the South East of France, is passionate about teaching French to adults. Her French classes in Melbourne have always been designed to offer an entire immersion into the language, food and cultural aspects, as she believes a language should be taught in context. She has now decided to embark on new French Journeys and start the 'real immersion' in various French regions – this time she will take you to New Caledonia, the hidden French gem of the Pacific! In collaboration with the CREIPAC centre, she will encourage you to put all your French knowledge into practise, and 'live' the language on a daily basis while enjoying the simple pleasures of the Caledonian French way of life!

Clémence Poly, originally from Paris, is a natural teacher who knows how to share her passion for the French language and is a great source of inspiration and motivation for students of all ages. Clémence has been working at French Journey for more than 5 years and has specialised in adult teaching and particularly conversation workshops. She is also a very keen traveller and has had previous travelling and living experiences in New Caledonia. She will share with you her enthusiasm for this beautiful part of France and cannot wait to be your host and help you practise your French from morning till evening..

The teachers – Nathalie & Clémence – aim to share their passion for all things French with their students.

YOUR HOSTS
Nathalie &
Clémence

TOUR PRICE*

Single bedroom with breakfast for 1 person:
\$1,900.00**

Double bedroom with breakfast for 2 people:
\$1,500.00**

French activities and classes package:
\$1,900.00**

* Please be aware that the price is based on a minimum of 10 rooms booked. Under that number, prices will be revised.

** subject to currency changes until final payment is made

- First Deposit due by Thursday 8 November 2018, non-refundable, payable within seven (7) days of booking application confirmation. The First Deposit is non-refundable, unless specifically stated otherwise in these Terms & Conditions: \$500 AUD per person
- Second Instalment due by Friday 8 February 2019: \$1,400AUD per person if you are taking a single bedroom OR \$1,000 if you are taking a double bedroom
- Third Instalment due by Friday 8 March 2019: \$1,000AUD per person if you are taking the French activities & classes, regardless of the type of room
- Final Payment of Balance due in full by Monday 8 April 2019: \$900 per person if you are taking the French activities & classes, regardless of the type of room

Tour Price Inclusions

- Transfers from/to Noumea Airport/ Meridien Hotel on Day 1 and Day 8 (group transfer only by private minibus)
- Transfers by private minibus from the Meridien Hotel to CREIPAC on Day 4, 5, 6 and 7
- Transfer by private minibus from CREIPAC to Meridien Hotel on Day 4, 5 and 6
- Transfers by private minibus from CREIPAC to Tjibaou Centre on Day 7
- Transfer by private minibus from Tjibaou Centre to Meridien Hotel on Day 7
- 2 dinners (Dîner de bienvenue on Day 1 and dîner de départ on Day 7)
- Shopping mission on Day 2 at the market
- 15 hours of French class at CREIPAC including shopping at the market, bounia dish preparation and braiding initiation
- 1 hour of French conversation with the Tour Teachers at the end of each day at the Hotel Lounge
- Taxi boat to/from ilot Canard / Meridien Hotel
- 5 lunches (on Day 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7)
- Entrance and guided visit of Tjibaou Centre

- Full day excursion at Phare Amédée with transfer from/to Meridien Hotel, lunch included
- A pack of 10 bus tickets
- Hotel inclusions: access to swimming pool and loan of snorkelling gear, canoes and paddles (subject to hotel availability)
- Fully escorted by your Tour Teachers

Tour Price Exclusions

- Airfares, airport taxes and charges
- Train fares, taxes & charges to reach Noumea or the accommodation
- Day 2 lunch, Day 2 to Day 6 dinners and any tours, transfers, activities, meals, drinks, entrance fees etc not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance and Visas
- Vaccinations and other health requirements as required
- Tipping, gratuities & portage
- Excess baggage
- Any items of a personal nature
- Transfer for any person accompanying the client during the tour
- Activities for any person accompanying the client during the tour

Special Dietary Needs

As we are immersing ourselves in authentic local produce & dishes, this tour is not advisable for travellers with special dietary needs, such as celiac, vegetarians, vegans, diabetics etc.

