

The New Caledonia Compendium

A Compilation of Guidebook References and Cruising Reports



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1 Introduction

We started creating compendiums as a way for s/v Soggy Paws and friends to organize notes and internet sources while we were in French Polynesia. Later, it became a way for us to pass on what we've learned to other cruisers for several other countries.

We have since created over 25 compendiums across the Pacific and in to SE Asia. Including, Panama, Ecuador, French Polynesia, Cook / Samoa Islands, Tonga, Solomon's, Fiji, New Caledonia, Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Hawaii, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Indian Ocean, and the Red Sea. Plus, we have received updates from cruisers since 2011 (please send us yours!).

If you haven't found our other 'Compendiums', they're free at <https://svsoggyaws.com/files>. There are also links on that page to our satellite charts, track files, and anchorage waypoints in GPX format.

This is not intended to replace the guidebooks or charts, but to supplement out-of-date guides with recent cruiser first-hand reports, and fill in information on places that the guides don't cover.

This 'compendium' contains cruiser feedback from personal experiences, some website content, and information from our own experience. Source and date of information are noted.



1.1 Organization of the Guide

This guide is organized from the perspective of a cruiser arriving in Noumea first. The guide will take you from Noumea around Grande Terre counter clock-wise. Then to Isle of Pines, Loyalty Islands, and the surrounding outer islands also going counter clock-wise.

Even though Noumea is part of Grande Terre we pulled it out as its own section in this guide.

New Caledonia's main island is Grande Terre.

To the south of Grande Terre are the Isle of Pines.

The Loyalty Islands are on the east side of Grande Terre.

The Belep Islands are north of Grande Terre.

Isle of Pines

The main island in this archipelago is Isle of Pines and the smaller is Kotomo Island. There are several islets around these two islands. About 150km (80nm) to the east is Walpole.

The Isle of Pines is surrounded by the New Caledonia Barrier Reef. Its nick name is l'île la plus proche du paradis (the closest island to paradise).

Loyalty Islands

The Loyalty Islands are a pristine province of New Caledonia consisting of 3 main islands: Lifou, Ouvea, Mare. However, you will also find the smaller islands of Ile Dudune, Ile Leilogat, Ile Oua, Ile Vauvilliers, Ile Tiga, and atoll de Beautemps-Beaupre.

The Loyalty Islands are famous for their raised coral atoll geology, UNESCO-listed lagoons, and deep-rooted Kanak tribal culture. You will experience an authentic, off the beaten path experience!

June 2026: PRIOR to sailing to the Loyalty Islands: Contact Louis Katrawa at the We Marina by email at L-KATRAWA@loyalty.nc to let him know of your intention to visit the Loyalty Islands. He will send you some forms to complete and to send back to him. Once he receives your forms, he will notify the chiefs of the villages near your intended anchorages so that they know you will be arriving.

This is a courtesy and a sign of respect. It is not a requirement but is a highly recommended gesture so please comply. – sv Sugar Shack

Lifou is the largest and most dynamic of the three main islands. This island has a great variety of landscape ranging from towering cliffs in the north to white, sandy beaches in the south.

Ouvea is often called "Island closest to paradise" as it is a crescent shaped atoll boasting a continuous 25-km stretch of white sand beach. The lagoon has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage lagoon.

Mare features rugged scenery with high raised coral cliffs, mysterious forests and hidden natural aquariums.

1.2 Formalities

Detailed information about New Caledonia entry requirements is included below. However, regulations change rapidly so be sure to double check official New Caledonia websites for up-to-date information on arrivals and departures. Here are a few resources:

Immigration: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/accueil>

Customs: <https://douane.gouv.nc/particuliers/formalites-douanieres-pour-les-navires-de-plaisance>

Noumea Yacht Services (agents): www.noumeayachtservices.nc/authorities-pre-arrival

Noonsite: www.noonsite.com/place/new-caledonia

New Caledonia Tourism: www.newcaledonia.travel/pro/promoting-the-archipelago/thematic-fact-sheets/visa-passport-and-entry-requirements

Please engage an agent or join a rally if you are uncertain how to handle formalities.

Island Cruising Pacific Rally: www.islandcruising.nz/home

Noumea Yacht Services (NYS) Clementine +687.79.56.01 and +687.24.01.23

www.noumeayachtservices.nc, contact@nys.nc, c.givre@nys.nc. Hours: Mon-Thurs: 0700-1200 & 1330-1630, Fri: 0730-1200 & 1330-1600. Located near Port Moselle, 40cRue Austerlitz, BP1263, 98845 Noumea Cedex, New Caledonia

Please be advised that all officials are required to identify themselves to you, but you may not inhibit them in the performance of their duties, and they are authorized to take any steps they may deem necessary to exercise their duties

1.2.1 Ports of Entry

Noumea is the compulsory port of entry and departure. There are no other ports handling formalities.

There are two marinas within Noumea where you can conduct formalities:

Port Moselle Marina +687.277.197, port.moselle@sodemo.nx, www.sodemo.nc/portmoselle, VHF channel 67. Hours: Mon-Fri: 0730-1700, VHF is monitors 24/7

Port du Sud Marina +687.27.47.77 or cell: +687.847.620, capitainerie@portsud.nc, www.portdusud.nc

1.2.2 Arrival Formalities

1.2.2.1 Pre-Arrival Notice

New Caledonia does not require pre-arrival notifications. However, it is wise to alert the marina, where you plan to clear-in, that you are coming.

Port Moselle and Port du Sud may not take a berth reservation, but if they know you are coming ahead of time they will do their best to accommodate you. Sending updated arrival information 48hrs and 24hrs out is recommended.

If you have a pet onboard you will be required to notify Customs prior to arrival. In addition, you must have the Customs Declaration form ready upon arrival.

1.2.2.2 Documents Required for Entry

It is not required to complete these documents prior to arrival. However, it will make the entry process a lot easier for you and the officials if you have these forms completed and printed prior to arrival.

Notice Forms: www.sodemo.nc or they can be found on each website below

1. Passports: Valid passports. Visa, if required.
2. Clearance documentation from last port of call.
3. Customs Clearance Form:
file:///C:/Users/chris/Desktop/Pacific%20Islands/New%20Caledonia/Formalities/Arrival_Customs%20Clearance.pdf
4. Biosecurity Form:
https://davar.gouv.nc/sites/default/files/atoms/files/fiche_de_formalites_darrivee_des_navires_de_plaisance.pdf also see <https://douane.gouv.nc/particuliers/les-voyageurs>

5. Crew List with names and nationalities
6. Vessel Registration

1.2.2.3 Arrival Procedures

The clearance process is fairly easy and there is no cost (free). However, if you have a pet onboard there will be a fee (even if the pet never leaves the vessel).

You will have to visit (2) official offices which are spread out across Noumea. The marina should be able to provide you with a map and directions.

You can engage Noumea Yacht Services to facilitate the entry process, but it is not required, just convenient.

- Fly the Q flag and the French Courtesy Flag as you enter New Caledonia waters. The Q Flag must not be taken down until all formalities have been completed.
- Telephone Port du Sud if you are planning on clearing in at this marina.
- Call Port Moselle Control on VHF channel 67 upon approach. You will need to provide the vessel name, estimated time of arrival, and length of your vessel.
 - Their radio is not very strong, so do not call until you are close to the anchorage just outside the marina entrance.
- Tie up at the quarantine dock.
- Biosecurity is the only official that will want to come to the boat.
- **Biosecurity will no longer come out to an anchored yacht** (they used to but they do not do this anymore).

1.2.2.4 Cruiser Report on Checking In

June 2026: We had a berth reservation at Port Moselle as we thought we would arrive on a Saturday. As it turned out we arrived on Friday morning around 1000. We asked the harbor master (who helped us with our lines) if he would contact Biosecurity for us. He said yes and said we needed to go to the office. We assumed we would go to the office after Bio cleared us so we were waiting and waiting.

Finally, the office came to the boat and said the captain must come with boat paperwork to the office now. So, Matt went up there and the office handled the “customs” side of things. They gave him a map to go to Immigration. Luckily, he made it just before they closed at 12n. He filled out a paper, went back to the office and finished paperwork there. Then biosecurity came to check out the boat. Easy process, just way different than we expected.

We suspect they did it this way to ensure we got to Immigration before they closed. Otherwise, we would have had to wait until Monday. – sv Sugar Shack

April 2026: It is possible to clear in without booking a berth in a marina. We arrived on a Wednesday, anchored outside Port Moselle marina at around 1400. The mooring field was full so we anchored a bit outside the mooring field but made sure not to be in the shipping lane.

We dinghied to the marina office who very kindly gave us information about check in procedures and helped set up an appointment with Biosecurity. We went back to the boat, raised anchor, and went to the floating dock / Fisherman’s Wharf (where the marina instructed us to go). Biosecurity met us. Super-efficient!

The next day was a holiday so we had to wait until Friday morning to complete the check in. We were not allowed to leave Noumea until we were fully cleared.

Friday morning, we went to immigration and customs offices to complete the check-in. We found their offices using No Foreign Land and the map the marina provided. All officials were very helpful.

Remember, if you have crew flying in or out, they need to be signed off your crew list at Immigration office. – sv Thule

1.2.2.5 Arrival on Weekends or Evenings

Weekend hours are 0800-1145 and 1500-1730. Do not disturb them during non-working hours.

Arrival on Weekends. If you plan to arrive on a weekend, it is best to notify the marina (either Port Moselle or Port du Sud). Provide them with vessel name, length, width, draft, date/time of arrival, departure port, number of souls on board. Request a berth and assistance with biosecurity on your date of arrival.

The marina should reply with a short email of with your ETA and instructions for you to follow upon arrival.

Upon entry, call the marina VHF 67 as you approach, proceed to your assigned slip, and wait for Biosecurity to come to your boat. No charge.

The marina is not open on the weekends but they will have a dock hand available to assist you with dockage. In addition, the dock master will contact biosecurity and schedule them to come to your boat during the weekend.

The following business day you must complete the formalities with Customs and Immigration.

If you arrive on the weekend after their weekend business hours (0800-1145 and 1500-1730) you will have to anchor out and wait until the weekend business hours to go to your berth.

Arrival at Night: If you arrive at night, you are allowed to anchor in the authorized anchorages outside the entrance to the marina until morning. Do not anchor in the ship channel.

You may anchor out over the weekend or overnight upon arrival – but DO NOT leave the boat or have anyone come on to your vessel. The next business day you will be required to go into the marina’s quarantine wharf to perform formalities.

1.2.3 Customs

Customs Contact:

Website: <https://douane.gouv.nc/particuliers/formalites-douanieres-pour-les-navires-de-plaisance>

Phone: +687.26.54.10 or +687.26.54.13 or +687.26.53.85

Email: port-noumea@douane.finances.gouv.fr or douanes.nc@offratel.nx

Hours: Monday-Friday from 0730-1130 and 1230-1630.

Location: 022°16.022S / 166°26.016E, 4 rue Felix Russeil, Noumea

It is helpful to have the Customs Clearance form printed and completed. (See “Documents Required for Entry.”

The marina will provide a map of the location for the Customs office.

Ensure that you ask for your vessel to be placed in the Temporary Duty-Free Import scheme (IFT). IFT allows for taxes and duties withholding for 1 year maximum.

Once formalities are completed, the “**Temporary Franchise Boat Entry Formalities**” form will be endorsed, returned to the yacht and must be kept onboard for the duration of your stay. This will be used to collect duty free parcels and presented to Customs during departure formalities.

1.2.4 Immigration

Website: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/accueil>

Website: www.nouvelle-caledonie.gouv.fr/Demarches/Accueil-des-etrangers

Phone: +687.20.02.04 or +687.24.32.21, or +687.24.32.00

Email: dtpn988-stpaf-usgport@interieur.gouv.fr or dtpn988-stpaf@interieur.gouv.fr

Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1130. Immigration is **NOT open in the afternoon**.

Location: Immigration is located near the cruise ship wharf (25-minute walk from the marina). The marina will provide a map with directions.

From the marina you can see “Burger King and the Shell Station” just beyond the fish market and K dock. Head to this street, turn right at the Shell station and walk straight down this street. About 20 minutes, on the left you will see the Ferry Dock...keep walking...you will then see the Tourism Office on the left and a BINGO on the right. Turn right after BINGO.

second building will be a 2-story white square building – municipal police. This is where immigration is located.

Location: 022°16.086S / 166°26.296E, non-descript building, go to 1st floor.

Visa Waiver Countries: www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article_lc/LEGIARTI000051759426.

Check this list to see if you are from a Visa Waiver country. If you are not, you will need a visa.

New Caledonia Travel Guide: www.newcaledonia.travel/travel-guide/passport-visa-and-customs

All visitors (including French citizens) require a **valid passport** issued less than 10 years before and valid for at least 3 months after the departure date. Check above Visa Waiver Countries link to see if you require a visa.

Visa: if you are from a country that is not listed on the visa-waiver list, then contact a French Consulate General to obtain an application. Note: the application must specific France + New Caledonia.”

All visitors must have a **health insurance certificate** covering all medical and hospital expenses for which you may be liable for the duration of your stay (minimum requirement of 30,000€). This must include medical repatriation costs and expenses in the event of death.

Immigration will ask you to complete a form and sign a registry.

You will be issued a **short-term visa valid for 3-months** upon arrival (unless you are not from a visa waiver country). This 3-month visa is non-renewable and will be the only one issued within a 6-month period. It is recommended to ask for the maximum stay even if you plan to depart earlier.

If you are leaving New Caledonia for a short period, make your return easier by:

- Ask Immigration to provide you with a Port Immigration stamp to say that you will be returning on a one-way ticket; or
- Purchase a last minute, refundable one-way ticket and cancel within 24 hours; or
- Work with Noumea Yacht Services to assist you with a one-way letter.

1.2.5 Biosecurity

Website: <https://douane.gouv.nc/particuliers/les-voyageurs>

Phone: +687.245.060 (port Moselle)

Email: davar.sivap-ivmp@gouv.nc

Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-0900 and 1300-1500. Biosecurity will come to the vessel (at the quarantine dock) on the weekends if prior arrangements are made with the marina.

Location: 022°16.026S / 166°26.038E

It is helpful to have the **Biosecurity Declaration Form** printed and completed. (See “Documents Required for Entry.”)

If you arrive on a weekend and have a reserved marina berth, you can schedule biosecurity to clear you in on the weekends. Once you are cleared with biosecurity you may go ashore. On the following business day, you must clear in with Customs and Immigration.

Biosecurity will not visit anchored boats. You must be at the quarantine dock or a berth to have biosecurity clear your vessel.

New Caledonia has strict biosecurity rules which requires declaration and or removal of several items. Fresh food products (vegetables, fruits, eggs) are not allowed and will be removed.

All animal products, or products from animal origin, plants, plant products, and minerals are to be declared when entering New Caledonia.

Meat (beef, chicken) must be sealed, labeled (type of meat, expiry date, date of purchase, place of purchase) and from either AU or NZ.

Pork is strictly prohibited (cooked, canned, raw, frozen, and in pre-made meals).

Daily, milk, cheese, seeds, cured meats, plants, flowers are prohibited. Dairy and cheese may be allowed if they are from NZ or AU and are properly labeled.

For a biosecurity complete list: https://davar.gouv.nc/sites/default/files/atoms/files/import_-_list_of_products_in_new_caledonia_not_requiring_import_permit_and_certificate.pdf

1.2.5.1 Biosecurity Restrictions:

This varies based on websites so pick the one you feel is more accurate. [Gouv.nc Douanes New Caledonia](#) and [New Caledonia Duty Free](#)

Alcohol: Limited to 2 liters of wine plus 1 liter of alcohol (content >22%) per person. Or 2 liters of alcohol (content <22%). Beer usually 12-16 liters. Overage products can be sealed onboard.

Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250grams of smoking tobacco

Coffee: 500 grams or 200 grams of coffee extracts and essences

Tea: 100 grams or 50 grams of tea extracts and essences

Perfumes: 50 grams

Firearms & Ammunition: All firearms must be declared and will be bonded until departure.

1.2.6 Port Authority

Harbor Master's Office Port Moselle +687.27.71.97, port.moselle@sodemo.nc, www.sodemo.nc

1.2.7 Length of Stay

The Temporary Admission (TA) Regime will grant a 6-month stay for the vessel upon entry. However, foreign vessels can stay in New Caledonia for a maximum period of 12 months. The craft must be for private use only.

If the owner leaves the boat, they can suspend the Temporary Import and leave the boat in New Caledonia. However, the boat still can only remain in New Caledonia for a maximum of one year. The owner will have to import the boat if they wish to leave the boat longer than 1 year.

1.2.8 Departure Formalities

Departure formalities can only be done in Noumea.

However, it is possible to receive permission to depart from another port. Permission must be obtained from Customs and Immigration at least 15 days prior to departure.

Permission may also be granted for a 24-hour stop in the Loyalty Islands (Mare, Lifou, or Ouvéa, or the Isle des Pins). Permission must be obtained from Customs and Immigration at least 15 days prior to departure.

Foreign yachts who have not received special permission, are not allowed to stop anywhere after they have cleared out and must depart New Caledonia waters immediately. You may request an exception to be able to clear out and stay up to 48 hours after clearance.

The captain must visit these offices in this order 24 hours PRIOR TO DEPARTURE:

Border Police (PAF) / Immigration (0800-1130): bring passports and outward tickets of crew leaving by air. You will get your documents stamped.

Customs (0730-1100): bring passports, pay port fees, get documents stamped, and ask for duty-free fuel if you require it. You must state how many liters of petrol and diesel you require.

On the custom's form (front) it asks for Captain's info (name, passport, date of birth, etc). On the back of the same form, it asks for crew and passengers. Be sure to include the captain along with crew and passengers.

Go Online: www.noumeaport.nc/permis-de-depart submit departure permit application with both of your previously stamped documents (jpeg or pdf). Wait for your permit – the Harbor Master's Office will email it to you.

For any questions, contact +687.78.57.36, capitainerie@panc.nc. Remember the office hours close early so start early. If you are planning to depart on the weekend, you must clear out on Friday morning.

Fees: Port fees for 30 days (minimum) are payable when clearing out with customs. There are no immigration fees.

1.2.9 Agents

Noumea Yacht Services (NYS) Clementine +687.79.56.01, +687.24.01.23 www.noumeayachtservices.nc, contact@nys.nc, c.givre@nys.nc.

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 0700-1200 & 1330-1630, Fri: 0730-1200 & 1330-1600.

Located near Port Moselle, 40cRue Austerlitz, BP1263, 98845 Noumea Cedex, New Caledonia. They are in a brown hut near the fresh market in Port Moselle.

NYS offers many services including assistance with formalities, refit, trip/tourist information, haul out, refueling, berth reservations and more. NYS has been working with officials for over 20 years and have established good relationships creating an efficient, reliable, and professional support system.

1.2.10 Pets on Board

New Caledonia Veterinary Information: <https://davar.gouv.nc/importations-exportations-importations-particuliers-voyageurs-plaisanciers/information-importante>

Any animal that has visited a country where rabies is present in the past 6 months are not allowed entry into New Caledonia.

Any vessel with a pet must submit an application for importation **before** the yacht arrives. The pet must have a veterinary health certificate from the last country visited.

Quarantine is required for a minimum of 10 days (or less if the yacht leaves before that time) at a government facility at the owner's expense.

1.3 Crew and Guests Arriving / Departing

See Transportation under Noumea for more specifics on transportation.

La Tontouta International Airport (Noumea) "NOU" is the main international airport in New Caledonia. It is located approximately 37km (23miles) which is about 1 hour from Noumea.

Noumea Magenta Airport serves domestic flights. The main local airline is [Aircalin](#).

Airlines servicing New Caledonia include: [Air New Zealand](#), [Qantas Airways](#), and [Aircalin](#).

Arriving by Plane: If you have guests or crew arriving by plane and departing by boat, they will require proof of this before boarding the plane.

To get "proof" for your guests/crew: The captain must visit the Immigration office with (2) copies of a letter (vessel name, captain's name, visitor's name, visitor's passport number and country of origin, visitor's flight date/number" and confirmation they will be joining the yacht). In addition, vessel boat registration must be presented. Both letters will be stamped and one copy must be sent to crew/guest prior to departure.

Departing by plane: Both the skipper and crew/guest (with air ticket or copy) must go to the Immigration Office and have the crew officially removed from the crew list.

1.4 Protected Anchorages

www.province-sud.nc/environnement/ilots/ilots-accessibles-au-public-en-temps-ree/

The above website indicates a list of Province Sud reserves only.

There are other anchorages that are restricted to yachts (both for reserves and for cultural reasons). The Rocket Guide New Caledonia offers detailed information on each anchorage.

1.5 Weather

New Caledonia is divided into different weather regions and weather forecasts are issued for each region. Local weather announcements can be heard on VHF Channel 66.

The trade winds prevail from the SouthEast during the summer. During the winter there can be strong westerlies gusting up to 50kts and lasting 1-3 days.

Air temperature is generally 22-24°C

Sea Temperature is generally 21.5-26.5°C

1.5.1 Useful Weather Websites:

New Caledonia Meteo: <https://meteo.nc/fr/marine/lagon/>, +687.27.93.00

www.nouvelle-caledonie.gouv.fr

Weather Forecast VHF 16 daily in French at 0630, 0930, 1515 and 1830

1.5.2 Weather Sources – Voice

The best source of voice weather is the Gulf Harbor Radio net, on 8752 kHz or 8779 kHz or 8297 kHz (in that order, depending on interference). Gulf Harbor Radio posts each sched on YouTube.

The latest information on the Gulf Harbor Radio scheds and frequencies: www.ghradio.co.nz.

Their broadcast is available at 0515 UTX / 1715 NZST from May to November. Daily passage making usually on weekdays only. Both on SSB and streaming via the internet. Check their website for details and frequencies.

David and Patricia Sapiane (s/v Chameleon) located in Gulf Harbor, NZ (when not out cruising).

1.5.3 Online Weather Sources

www.meteo.nc

Soggy Paws & friends have created a “French Polynesia Weather Compendium” for overall Pacific weather systems which is very useful for all cruisers. Here are a few additional sources.

Color Satellite View of Entire SW Pacific: www.ospo.noaa.gov/products/imagery/sohemi.html

1.5.4 Tropical Weather (Dec-April)

The official tropical season runs 1 Dec - 30 Apr. But the height of the activity seems to be 15-Jan through 15- March.

The MJO passes around the world, and is tracked by weather forecasters. Arrival of the MJO signals rainier weather and more volatile weather. Check this link for more information on the current state of the MJO: www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/precip/CWlink/MJO/foregfs.shtml

The main cyclone forecasting in our area is handled by Fiji. Fiji is not like the US National Weather Service. The frequency of bulletins is not very good, and they only forecast about 24 hours in the future. If the tropical system drops below 25S, Fiji stops reporting, and Wellington, NZ, picks it up. We had one system that walked along 25S, and neither weather center took responsibility for it.

The **US Joint Typhoon Warning Center** is not supposed to be forecasting cyclones in our area; however, they do. If there is an active system, they have a graphic and text forecast out for 120 hours.

www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

1.5.5 Tsunami Information

The entire Pacific Basin is subject to tsunamis. There have been 4 significant tsunamis which have affected cruising locations (Tonga 2023, Hawaii & Mexico 2011, South America, Galapagos & Panama 2010, American Samoa and Tonga in 2009). The tsunamis originate in various locations, but the worst origination locations were Japan and Chile, however, many ‘tremors’ happen in these locations that do not cause widespread tsunamis.

Tsunamis Alert

<https://securite-civile.gouv.nc/prevention-des-risques/risques-naturels/tsunamis>

The US Tsunami Warning Center website is located here: <https://www.tsunami.gov/>

1.5.6 Tides

Tides are semidiurnal: 2 high tides and 2 low tides every 24 hours. The average range is 1m.

There can be strong currents near the passes and channels so take caution when entering or exiting. The best thing is to check the tide prior to entering the area. www.meteo.nc.

The Havanah Passage and Canal Woodin can have very strong tidal flows up to 3-4kt. Exercise caution.

1.6 Overview of New Caledonia

1.6.1 Currency

New Caledonia uses the Franc Pacifique (XPF or CFP). Credit cards are generally only accepted in Noumea. Most of the shops, restaurants, and fresh market vendors accept Visa and Mastercard. Smaller shops, local transport, and the outer islands will require XPF cash.

Currency Exchange: Be sure to ask what the exchange rate is BEFORE you try to exchange your foreign currency.

The local banks and ATMs can disperse XPF Francs.

N°1 Currency office at 35 Avenue Foch, Complexe Le Village in Noumea. +687.45.11.48.

Banks and ATMs are very difficult to find outside of Noumea.

Conversion rate as of April 2026.

XPF	U.S.D.	NZD	AU
100	\$1.00	\$1.67	\$1.37
1,000	\$10.00	\$16.77	\$13.76
10,000	\$100.00	\$160.77	\$137.61

1.6.1.1 Tipping & Hagglng

Tipping is not a common practice in this region. It is not expected or required.

Hagglng is not common practice in New Caledonia.

1.6.1.2 Traditional Economy

The major export in New Caledonia is nickel. Roughly 10% of the world's nickel comes from New Caledonia.

France provides substantial support and tourism is a key component to their economy.

1.6.2 New Caledonian Culture

New Caledonia is a complex mixture of French and Melanesian influences and cultures. The experience you have in Noumea will be different than the experiences you will have in the outer islands and atolls.

The Kanaks traditional greeting is a gentle handshake and touching of the noses. This is a symbol of sharing life breath, a deep sign of respect and connection.

However, with the French influence being predominant, especially in Noumea, many locals adopted the cheek-kissing tradition.

It is crucial to address individuals by their appropriate title until you are told otherwise. This shows respect and deference, key pillars of cultural etiquette in New Caledonia.

There is some "conflict" between the French and the Kanaks. In order to avoid any unpleasantness, it is recommended to fly both the French flag and the Kanak flag when visiting the outer islands.

1.6.2.1 Taboo and Sacred Space

It is considered taboo to point using fingers. Locals use “lip puckering” to indicate directions which might seem unfamiliar, but it is one of the unique traits that make this culture so interesting.

1.6.2.2 Language and Communication

French is the official language, but in the outer islands and atolls you will hear a variety of 30 indigenous languages. Listed below are the three most popular. Paicî is typically spoken in Grand Terre. Drehu is typically spoken in Lifou and the Loyalty Islands.

Kwênyî is usually spoken in Isle des Pines but this Kanak dialect is not widely documented.

In New Caledonia, “Bonjour” before anything else is not optional, it is basically a social currency. Skip it and you will feel the temperature drop instantly.

The phonetic version of each phrase is in parenthesis.

Paicî: double vowels you stretch the sound out (i.e.: wââ is not rushed). “oo and “u” are soft like “food”

Drehu: “hn” is soft and nasal breathy sound, not a hard “h” and the “hna” is soft, almost exhale through your nose.

French: (like “combien”) has a soft “n” let it fade out

ENGLISH	FRENCH	PAICÎ - Kanak (GRAND TERRE)	DREHU - Kanak (LIFOU)
Hello	Bonjour (bohn-ZHOOR)	Wââ (wahhh drawn out)	Eö (Eh-oh)
How are you?	Ca va? (sa vah)	Içii? (ee CHEE)	Hna ia? (hna EE-ah)
I’m good.	Ca va bien	ûru	Kola
Goodbye	Au revoir (Oh ruh-VWAHR)	Aè (ah-eh)	Ewë (eh-weh)
Thank you	Merci (mehr-SEE)	Mêrî (Meh-REE)	Oleti (oh LEH-tee)
Please	S’il vous plaît	Mwâârî?	I ke?
Yes	Oui	Êê	Ai
No	Non	Ôô	Hna
What?	Quoi? (kwah?)	Tii? (tee?)	Nyuma? (NYEE-ma?)
What is that?	Qu’est-ce que c’est? (kess kuh say?)	Mwâ tii? (mwah tee?)	Ke Nyima (keh NYEE-ma? (...hnah?)
All good / everything’s fine	Tout va bien (too vah BYEN)	Ûrû tii (oo-roo tee)	Kola Nyima (KOH-lah NYEE-ma)
How much is that?	C’est combien? (Say kohm-byen)	Mwâ tii wâ? (Mwah tee wah?)	Ke nyima hnage? (Keh NYEE ma HNAH-ngeh?)

Where is	Où est ___ ? (Oo eh ___?)	Mwâ wâ ___? (Mwah wah ___?)	Eke ___ hna? (EH-keh ___ hnah?)
How do you say "hello" in your language?	Comment on dit "bonjour" dans votre langue? (koh-MAHN on DEE bon-ZHOOR dahn VOH-truh lahng?)	Mwâ tii wâ "Wââ" nâ pwa? (mwah tee wah "wahhh" nah pwa?)	Ke nyima i eö i qene hna? (keh NYEE-ma ee EH-oh ee KEH-neh hnah?)

1.6.2.3 Dress Code

Dress Code is conservative. Outside of resorts and major towns, women should wear modest clothing. Topless and nudity is forbidden.

In church, at cultural events, and religious occasions, men should wear trousers and women should wear dresses or skirts that reach to the knees or beyond.

1.6.2.4 Alcohol

Please do not give alcohol as a gift or trade item. You may imbibe on your yacht but DO NOT GIVE ANY ALCOHOL to a New Caledonian visitor on board your yacht. Do not take alcohol ashore when picnicking on uninhabited islands.

1.6.2.5 The Coutume "Costume" (similar to *sevu sevu* in Fiji)

The Coutume is not about what you wear but rather what you do when you enter a new village.

"Coutume" is the French word for "Customary Gesture."

This is the traditional call you must make when sailing around the outer islands where you pay respects to the local chief and ask for permission to land and visit. The chief will tell you where you can or cannot anchor and what you can or cannot do during your visit.

It is important to bring a token gesture. The usual gift is a length of fabric, a souvenir from your country, rice or food staples, or money (700 to 1000 xpf).

Fabric (sarongs or parou) can be found at the market but they are expensive. You can find them at Auchen Supermarket for about 690XPF or at the shop located at the entrance of Rue Anatole France (opposite Place de Cocotiers).

1.6.2.6 Gift Giving

Sharing and generosity are woven into the fabric of New Caledonian society. It is customary to bring a gift upon meeting the chief, a new family, or when visiting a home.

Traditional gifts include fabric, mats, or food.

Suggested Trade and Gift Items:

Food items are good trade in the outer islands and atolls; including basics like rice, instant coffee, sugar, chocolate, and canned meat.

Fishing gear is always asked for--fishing line, lures, good hooks.

Shoes (flip-flops) make good trade items.

Balloons make good "hand out" items for the kids (vs candy).

Hats, **sunglasses**, and T-shirts are always good.

We have also been asked for **reading glasses**... get a few pairs from 1.0 to 2.0 in power. However, if you bring prescription glasses to the outer islands/atolls it is best to give them to the clinic or medical professional to properly disperse them.

Most of the outer atolls rely on solar and batteries... so LED lights, battery testers, wire, connectors, and your own trouble-shooting expertise are good trade/gift items.

Gasoline is always expensive and in short supply. If you are asking someone to take you somewhere in their boat, make sure you throw in the gasoline from your stock.

Photographs are also a good trade item... take your camera ashore, take some pictures, and bring back prints.

1.6.2.7 Privacy

You may think that you are on a deserted beach, miles away from anyone, a chance for that refreshing nude swim. Everyone in the villages across the atoll will know just about the time you splash into the water. If you don't want to be the talk of the villages, for the next several months, keep your clothes on. Your privacy aboard your yacht is ensured.

On shore, anywhere in the atoll, except inside a home, you have no privacy. If you are doing something you shouldn't be, everyone will know the moment you perform. Don't be the yacht that provides the proof of this.

1.6.2.8 Whales & Dugongs

www.operationcetaces.nc, and www.province-sud.nc,

Humpback whales breed in the winter from July to September. The south lagoon is the main breeding area.

Do not swim or take your boat in front or behind the whales and always reduce speed within 300m of the whales.

Do not chase them, encircle them, obstruct their movement, come closer than 100m (when motor is running), do not stay more than 30 minutes with a female and her calf.

Dugongs are a rare treat to see in the wildlife. Please respect their space, do not block their path or chase them.

See this website for more details on Dugongs in New Caledonia:

www.dugongconservation.org/media/2018/06/Day-2-presentation-4_New-Caledonia.pdf

1.6.3 Health

In this section you will find information on hospitals, ciguatera, mosquito-borne diseases and emergency contact numbers.

1.6.3.1 Hospitals

Each crew member is required to show a health certificate covering at least 30,000 € and repatriation. Without evidence of insurance, the vessel will be refused entry and turned away.

In general, medical facilities are good on the main island but very limited on the outer islands.

Medipole du Grand Noumea public hospital (CHT Gaston-Bourret) +687.20.80.00, www.cht.nc/le-cht-gaston-bourret/le-medipole/, info@cht.nc. Medipole du Grand Noumea is the only facility that offers:

- Decompression chamber ([SCADEM](#))
- Hemodialysis Treatments
- Modern equipment
- Provides quality medical care.

Here is a list of hospitals and medical clinics in Noumea with varying degrees of care.

- Nouville Private Hospital
- [Norh Hospital \(CHN\)](#)
- [Anse Vata Clinic](#)
- [Centre Hospitalier Territorial de Magenta](#)
- [CAFAT](#)
- [Gaston Bourret Hospital](#)
- [Centre d'Accueil Therapeutique et Hospital de jour "Les Gaiacs"](#)
- [Drs Bourgeois and Faget](#)
- [Albert-Bousquet Specialized Hospital](#)
- [Clinique Magnin](#)
- [Hospital de Magenta](#)

In addition, several clinics and rural health facilities are fully equipped to offer first aid care.

Emergency airplane and or helicopter assistance is available.

Emergency Numbers:

- Medical emergencies dial 16
- Ambulance dial 18
- Police dial 17
- Maritime Police dial 16
- Fire dial 18
- MRCC Search and Rescue: +687.264.772 or +687.292.332, operations@mrcc.nc, www.mrcc.nc/index.php

1.6.3.2 Ciguatera Fish Poisoning

Ciguatera ("la grate") caused by consuming fish that live and eat on the coral reefs. It is best to avoid eating local shellfish and lagoon fish in New Caledonia – even in restaurants.

From Wikipedia: Ciguatera fish poisoning, also known simply as ciguatera, is a foodborne illness caused by eating reef fish whose flesh is contaminated with certain toxins. Ciguatera Fish Poisoning commonly occurs in tropical and subtropical areas, particularly in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean, and the Caribbean Sea.

Symptoms may include diarrhea, vomiting, numbness, itchiness, sensitivity to hot and cold, dizziness, and weakness. The onset of symptoms varies with the amount of toxin eaten from half an hour to up to two days. The diarrhea may last for up to four days.

Any reef fish can cause ciguatera poisoning, but these species: barracuda, grouper, red snapper, moray eel, amberjack, parrotfish, hogfish, sturgeon fish, kingfish, coral trout, and sea bass are most commonly affected.

The toxins do not affect the taste, texture, or odor of the fish and cannot be destroyed by cooking, smoking, freezing, salting or any other method of food preparation.

Outbreaks can occur seasonally or sporadically, particularly after storms. Not all fish of a given species or from a given area will be toxic.

Preventive efforts include not eating reef fish, not eating high-risk fish such as barracuda, and not eating fish liver, roe, or fish heads. Ciguatoxin has no taste or smell, and cannot be destroyed by conventional cooking. There is no specific treatment for ciguatera fish poisoning once it occurs. Mannitol, Gabapentin or amitriptyline may be used to treat some of the symptoms. Gastrointestinal decontamination with charcoal has also been used. Intravenous fluids may be necessary to control nausea and vomiting.

1.6.3.3 Mosquito-Borne Diseases

New Caledonia is having a rather large outbreak of Dengue in 2026. By April 2026 over 600 cases were reported in the first 4 months of the year.

In addition, you are susceptible to Zika and Chikungunya which are also transmitted by mosquitos.

1.6.4 Public Holidays (2026)

1 Jan	New Year's Day		21 Jun	June Solstice
21 Mar	March Equinox		14 Jul	French National Day
3 Apr	Good Friday		15 Aug	Assumption of Mary
5 Apr	Easter Sunday		23 Sep	September Equinox
6 Apr	Easter Monday		24 Sep	New Caledonia Day
1 May	Labor Day		1 Nov	All Saint's Day
8 May	Victory Day		11 Nov	Armistice Day
14 May	Ascension Day		21 Dec	December Solstice
24 May	Whit Sunday		25 Dec	Christmas Day
25 May	Whit Monday		31 Dec	New Year's Eve

1.6.5 Time Zone

New Caledonia is UTC +11, roughly (1) hour earlier than NZ and Fiji. There is no daylight savings time in New Caledonia.

1.7 General Services

1.7.1 Communications

The international dialing code for New Caledonia is +687.

Noumea offers several public WiFi terminals that allow you to connect for free. Port Moselle Marina and Port du Sud Marina both offer free wifi throughout the marina.

The mobile provider is **OPT Mobilis** and they offer 82% coverage with 4G connectivity. This is a state-owned company.

OPT Tourism SIM card (Carte Tourisme) is available at the airport and at the Office des Postes et Telecommunications. It offers coverage across Grand Terre and the Loyalty Islands. The cost is approximately 3,000 XPF (\$50NZD) which typically includes 4G data, local calls, and credit validity for up to 3 months.

Top-Up Options (Recharge) You can recharge or top-up at Gas Stations (Mobil, Shell), Corner Stores (Tabacs), and OPT Branches.

“Liberte” Data Extensions: You can use credit to buy data boosts. Purchasing an “IMOL” (internet Mobile) add on. A 5GB data extension might cost around 2,000 XPF (\$30NZD). Always be sure to check the SMS codes required to activate these data packs as they frequently change. Usually, they will send a code that looks like “IMOL” to 1088.

Noumea Yacht Services can provide a SIM card for a nominal fee. Or you can purchase a Tourism Card SIM card at the airport or OPT store.

eSIMs are available with providers like Airalo that provide New Caledonia specific packages. These can tend to be more expensive than a local OPT plan.

NC Pocket Wifi www.ncpocketwifi.com is another option that lets you connect several devices to the 3G/4G Pocket Wifi. This is a small unit that is available for rent and offers unlimited internet access by the day, week, or month. This is a simple solution to connect multiple devices. However, the Pocket Wifi device is difficult to find as they are in limited supply.

1.7.1.1 Cruiser Reports

June 2026: We visited the OPT main building which is located behind the fresh market at Port Moselle. It is a 2-story white building with OPT sign. Go inside to the kiosk, click on the bottom gray button to get a number. Before you go, be sure to download Google Translate offline so you can communicate with them. Ask the person for the 15gig 30-day plan and request assistance to install the sim and get started. The cost was about 3000xpf (\$30USD)

At the end of 30-days, you can go back to OPT to get a Credit Card Libre to get another 15gig for 30-days. There is a process to top up but it was confusing and required me to understand French on the app. – sv Sugar Shack

1.7.2 Shipping Parts

DHL Express +687.25.14.14, Located 32 BP 1583 Ave James Cook, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1300. International DHL shipments will be sent to this location. Your IFT form from Customs must be shown (and stamped) to retrieve parcels tax-free. DHL Specific fees will still be charged and must be paid in cash.

Foreign vessels may import spare parts and equipment duty free. However, the formalities must be completed at customs in advance. It is possible, customs may charge import taxes to be refunded during the yacht’s clearance procedure.

When ordering spare parts, put “Vessel in Transit” followed by the vessel name, captain’s name, and the address to where it is being shipped.

DHL and FedEx are the recommended carriers for international shipping into New Caledonia. You will need to provide your IFT (customs clearance) to be exempt from paying taxes.

Noumea Yacht Services can assist with importing spare parts.

1.7.2.1 Cruiser Reports on Shipping

Oct. 2025: DHL Express +687.25.14.14, Located 32 BP 1583 Ave James Cook, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1300. International DHL shipments will be sent to this location.

Your IFT form from Customs must be shown (and stamped) to retrieve parcels tax-free. DHL Specific fees will still be charged and must be paid in cash. – Outrun

1.8 Marinas & Haul Out Facilities

1.8.1 Port Moselle Marina:

VHF 67, +687.28.71.97, <https://sodemo.nc/port-moselle>, port.moselle@sodemo.nc, contact@sodemo.nc, 6 rue de la Frégate-Nivôse, Nouméa 98800, New Caledonia

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 0800-1600, Fri: 0800-1500

Port Moselle: 7 days a week from 0700-1700. Night VHF watch from 1800-0700 for the safety of property and people only.

Address: 6 Rue de la Fregate Nivose, 98800, Noumea

Approach: Upon approaching the marina, call “Port Moselle” on VHF 67 when you are 0.5nm from the entrance and again when you are 5 minutes out. You need to provide your boat name, overall length, draft, width, and estimated date/time of arrival.

It is forbidden to arrive at the marina at night.

Extreme caution should be taken when entering the port area at night. Many boats are moored and anchored without anchor lights.

Services Available include:

700 berths afloat and 90 berths ashore with an average draft of 5-6 meters maximum. Berth prices include power and water. Marina offers formalities assistance, fuel dock, laundry, water, waste management (trash, recycling, oil), electricity (5, 10, or 15A under 220V), sanitary facilities, power, mail service, wifi, fax and copies, numerous restaurants and shops nearby, mail and parcel acceptance.

The marina usually only takes reservations a few days prior to your arrival. If you are arriving on the weekend, they will accept a booking 5-7 days prior to arrival. If you book through Noumea Yacht Services (Clementine) they can make earlier reservations.

The marina will issue you a key fob (for a deposit) which will allow you to come and go on your specific pontoon and access the car park.

The trolleys require another special key (for a deposit) to use them.

Toilets and showers are accessed with the key fob. Showers are free.

Marina will allow anchored boats to use their dinghy dock and facilities for a fee. Please see office for details and rates.



1.8.1.1 Cruiser Reports:

May 2026: It is important to email updates of your arrival to the marina. Also make a reservation for a weekend or holiday arrival. They do not always reply. Upon arrival, our crew spoke French and was able to speak to the VHF operator who met us at the berth. We circled for a while as he would not give the berth number until he was in position. We arrived late Sunday and despite never receiving a confirmation email, we were on the list and had an attendant ready at the dock to handle our lines. Easy. – sv Bella Donna

1.8.2 Port du Sud Marina

+687.27.47.77, www.portdusud.nc/en, contact@portdusud.nc, capitainerie@portdusud.nc,

Hours: Mon-Fri: 0730-1700, closed on weekends and holidays

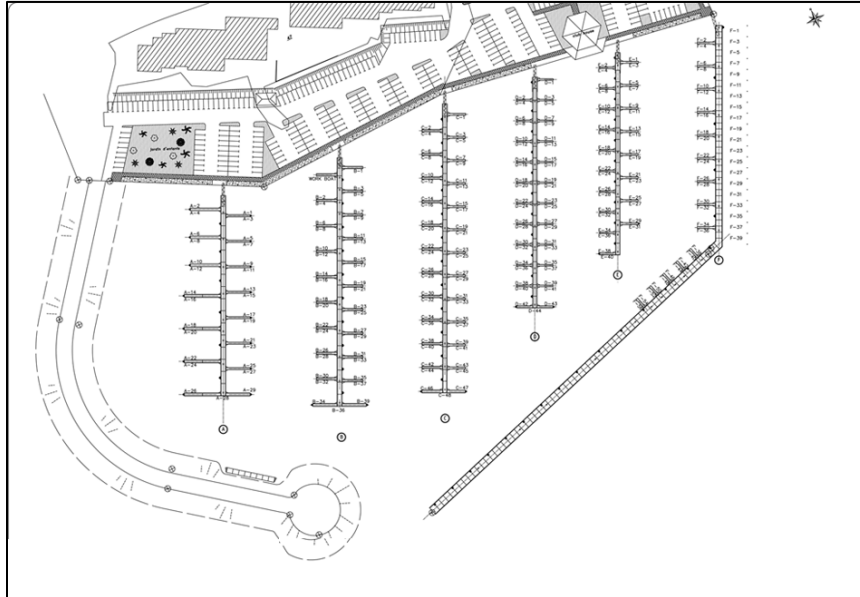
Address: Port du Sud Marina, BP123, 98800 Noumea, New Caledonia and physical address 5 ter rue Barrau, Baie de l'Orphelinat, 98800 Noumea, Nouvelle-Caledonie

Berth prices include water and power. 260 berths afloat and 106 berths ashore.

They do not have VHF so the only way to reach them is via email or phone. They are very accommodating and helpful with everything from formalities to local interests. Cynthia and Nadine will assist with formalities and if they have time will drive you to the official offices. The Harbormaster is multilingual and can assist with formalities.

Services include: fuel dock, laundry, high-speed internet, secure parking, formality assistance, sanitary facilities, water, power, mail and parcel acceptance, numerous restaurants and shops nearby. Showers are free. Laundry requires tokens which can be purchased at the office.

Marina Map has pontoons from left to right A through E.



1.8.3 Nouvelle-Plaisance (Haul out)

Nouvelle Plaisance +687.27.71.97 +687.26.53.77, VHF 69, nouvelle.plaisance@sodemo.nc, Located 7 Rue du Capitaine Bois (across the lagoon from Port Moselle). Hours: Mon-Thurs: 0700-1400, Fri: 0700-1300. Trav lift for boats under 50Tons with max width 6.2m, cradling, water/electricity on demand, waste and used oil collection, trolleys, toilets, showers, mail collection. External contractors do all work.

1.8.3.1 Cruiser Reports

June 2026: We hauled Askari at sodemo Nouvelle Plaisance in June 2026 after a cutlass bearing spat itself from our p-bracket. This is a fairly big job on Askari as not only does the propeller need to be removed but also the aqua drive and thrust bearing needs to be detached.

We discovered the problem on the Friday afternoon. Monday, we connected with Karine, who manages the yard, we requested a lift on Tuesday at 11a. They quoted our charges up front (they are all online and no surprises). Karine prefers email and speaks good English.

Note that pressure wash, ladders etc are not included and can't be arranged by the yard. Equipment can be rented from Acropaint- contact below. We didn't do this but we saw Carl bringing ladders and moving the pressure washer between boats. He was very friendly.

If you are a foreigner, you can stay onboard for a short haul. Power & water Included. Service providers are all on site and fantastic. Clean but old and basic shower block with no hot water.

We contacted Clive (Kiwi who lives in NC, speaks perfect English) he arranged ladders and did a great antifouling job - or his guys did. He is a character and knows everyone (his workers have been with him 20years) and we understand he can arrange all sorts of repairs.

We also reached out to Julian, who runs Tech Nautic, as we happened to be docked next to him at Port Moselle when we arrived - he connected us with Karl the engineer who assisted with the cutlass bearing/ prop removal and checking shaft alignment. Karl speaks excellent English and is really professional. He and his brother even turned up as we splashed so they could check the shaft seal in the water.

Contacts for Nouvelle-Plaisance Yard:

- Yard Amin.: Karine Vagner, +687.27.71.97 option 3, nouvelle.plaisance@sodemo.nc
- Tech Nautic: Julian or Shelby +687.96.29.34 WhatsApp
- Painting & Fiberglass Repairs: Clive +687.85.11.99, clivejudd17@gmail.com
- Mechanical Engineer: Karl +687.51.61.30, karyljago@gmail.com
- Equipment Hire: Carl, carl@arcopaint.nc, ladders and pressure washer rental

The work was all done in 6 days including a weekend, was less expensive and as efficient as it would have been in Australia. And considering none of this work was planned it was an amazing experience. We would recommend this yard highly. – Askari

1.8.3.2 Services at Nouvelle-Plaisance Yard:

Alto Marine +687.25.96.12, infos@altomarine.com, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0830-1630, Sat: 0830-1130. Marine electronics.

Arc O Paint +687.26.26.07, Sells a range of paint products including international paints (epoxy, primer, antifoul) and prop speed.

Royal Motors Marine +687.27.27.98, royalmotors@gbh.fr, Yamaha outboards and service. Hours: Mon-Thir: 0715-1630, Fri: 0715-1530, Sat: 0730-1130.

Tek Zone +687.29.84.84, contact@tekzone.nc, will fill scuba tanks, equipment sales and service, rentals. Dive instructor on site.

1.8.3.3 Canvas and Sail Repairs

Sellerie du Lagon +687.86.55.95, selleriedulagon@hotmail.fr. Canvas work and repairs.

Rod Sails +687.28.58.33, +687.77.69.02 WhatsApp, rod.sails@gmail.com

1.8.3.4 Chandleries

Marine Corail +687.25.44.60, www.marinecorail.nc, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1600, Sat: 0800-1200. Large marine chandlery.

Speed Marine: +687.2511.12.96, www.speedmarine.nc, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1600, Sat: 0830-1130. Large marine chandlery. Offers discount to Island Cruising/Pacific Rally members.

1.8.3.5 Stainless, Fabrication, Welding

JC Soudure +687.97.64.41 (Tel & WhatsApp), Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1200 & 1330-1700

Pacific Welding: +687.786.908, pacificweld@pwf.nc, stainless welding and fabrication

1.8.4 Carenocean & Neptune Yards

Carenocean +687.28.18.35, Located in Baie de Numbo, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0730-1200 & 1330-1700. It has a marine railway capable of handling most catamarans and trimarans.

Neptune Entretien +687.77.41.44, +687.28.01.95, Neptune.nc@outlook.fr, www.neptune.nc. located in Baie de Numbo, Travel lift for monohulls (max 34 tons, 15m long, 5m wide, draft 2.1m) Run by the same management team for Carenocean. Chandlery store on site.

1.9 Cruising Information Resources

We are indebted to the people and organizations below for documenting their experiences and sharing them with us. Every section is a mix of several sources.

1.9.1 New Caledonia Websites:

Loyalty Islands Tourism Office: www.newcaledonia.travel

Bonjour Noumea: <https://bonjournoumea.com>

Sud Tourism: www.sudtourisme.nc/en/southern-province/noumea/noumea-highlights

1.9.2 The Rocket Guide: New Caledonia

<https://rocketcruisingguides.com>

The New Caledonia Rocket Guide provides interactive guides to help you explore this beautiful region. Detailed anchorage information, stunning images, and insider tips to help you design an unforgettable journey. The Rocket Guide is available for a fee.

Cruising New Caledonia: www.cruising-newcaledonia.com is a free community for sailors and tourism partners to connect, organize cultural activities, and enjoy New Caledonia's beauty together.

1.9.3 Noonsite

www.noonsite.com/place/new-caledonia

Noonsite is the cruising world's trusted navigator for over 25 years. They provided in depth information for dozens of countries including formalities, ports of entry, regulations, and general services. The valued team meticulously researches all information prior to posting on their site. This is a free resource.

1.9.4 Island Cruising Pacific Rally

www.islandcruising.nz

Boats depart from New Zealand, Australia, French Polynesia and explore Minerva Reef, Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia. Rallies are packed with fun events, tons of content to prepare you, your vessel, and crew for amazing adventures. Membership includes intensive pre-departure training, weather routing and weather support, all of the necessary documentation for formalities (for each country), loads of resources, and many discounts from a variety of vendors, marinas, and boatyards. There are several different rallies to select from (1: Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, NZ, Australia. 2: French Polynesia, Cook Islands, Samoa, Niue, Tonga, NZ, Australia. 3: Australia across the Tasman to NZ, 4: Traditional route "Go East" to Australia, New Caledonia, Vanuatu)

1.9.5 Pacific Puddle Jump Yahoo Group

<https://groups.io/g/PacificPuddleJump>

This group is where the people gathering in South and Central America meet to share information about crossing the big puddle. A good source of information, but not very organized, and it can be full of bloat from people who ask the same questions without doing any research of their own. You must be a member to read or post anything on this site, but if you are getting ready for a Pacific crossing, it is well

worth a few minutes to sign up for Groups IO and then sign up for this group. Explore Files and Links pages, for great information.

1.9.6 Stopover Handbook New Caledonia

https://www.nouvellecaledonie.travel/app/uploads/nouvelle-caledonie/2023/10/stopover_handbook_in_new_caledonia_2017-2018.pdf

Despite this being a little outdated (2017-2018) there is a lot of useful information in this Stopover Handbook.

1.9.7 Yellow Flag Guide: New Caledonia

<https://en.nc.yellowflagguides.com>

Arrival and departure procedures, various regulations, anchorage and navigation rules, useful contacts, and essential practical information.

1.9.8 Seven Seas Cruising Association

The SSCA is a world-wide organization for cruisers whose primary function is to exchange information about cruising destinations. They have a monthly publication that is mostly letters from cruisers about the areas they are cruising. They also have a good website and a well-attended bulletin board. Membership is reasonable, and the monthly publication and indexed back issues are available electronically.

1.9.9 Facebook Groups

There are several New Caledonia Facebook Groups:

- Sailing & Cruising in New Caledonia, Vanuatu, & Beyond:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sailngcruisingnewcaledonia>
- Boating New Caledonia
- New Caledonia Marketplace Buy and Sell Near Me
- New Caledonia: www.facebook.com/newcaledoniatourism
- New Caledonia Travel Tips
- Travel New Caledonia

Search Facebook for the group name to find the join link.

1.9.10 WhatsApp Groups

There are several New Caledonia WhatsApp groups that you can join:

- NewCal Cruisers' Hub
- Cruising Up and Over PNG
- Island Cruising New Caledonia Group – Pacific Rally (have to be a member)

1.9.11 Cruiser Reports

We are indebted to the people and organizations that have documented their experiences and shared them with us. We can't do this alone and rely on cruisers sharing updated information. So, please be sure to document and email us your notes at sherry@svsoggypaws.com.

Every section is a mix of several sources: a few details about the boats are included, so you can assess what "a foot under the keel" means, for example.

For most of the earlier sources, we have gleaned the information off the internet (cruiser websites, blogs, and online forum postings). For the sources reported below, much of the info came directly from cruising friends, helping to round out the information in our various compendiums.

sv Sugar Shack (2026): A 47' Catana Catamaran (15m long, 7.7m wide, 1.3m draft). Matt and Christine have sailed from Turkey to the Caribbean, ABC's Panama, Costa Rica, Galapagos, Chile, French Polynesia, Tonga, New Zealand, Minerva, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, Kiribati, and New Caledonia. Arriving in New Cal in 2026 and stayed for 3 months.

sv Wainani (2026): A 2006 Beneteau Oceanis 473 and is 15m long, 4.3 beam, 2.1 draft. Jaqui and Tony are typically based in Auckland, New Zealand. Wainani spent the 2024-2025 cruising season exploring Fiji and headed to New Caledonia in 2025 where they left the boat. Returning to cruiser in New Caledonia in 2026.

Zipper (2026): Zipper is an Outremer (13m) with Jamie, Sophie, Angus, and Ila onboard.

sv Bella Donna (2026): Is a beautiful Island Packet 349. James Ronayne and Jeshni sail on this 12.5-meter yacht across the Pacific. A short visit to New Cal before heading to Thursday Island and then Indonesia.

Silver Air (2026): Warrick and Karen are on Silver Air a 43' monohull (4m wide, 1.8m draft). After cruising the east coast of Australia (Tasmania to Whitsundays and Townsville) they crossed the Pacific with the Pacific Rally. They spent 6 weeks exploring New Caledonia, Isle des Pins, and the Loyalty Islands.

L'Orient (2026) an Amel 2004 Super Maramu 2000 (53' long, 15' beam, 6.5' draft). Tom and Kristin sailed off from Annapolis, Maryland in 2011 as full time live aboards. After years in the Caribbean, we decided to sail west in 2020. We seem to be on the slowest circumnavigation but have enjoyed our years in the Pacific. We spent a wonderful three months in New Caledonia in 2025.

Moin (2024-2025) Onboard is a family of 5 that has been cruising since 2018 on a Lagoon 620 sailing catamaran. Length 19m, width 10m and draft 16m. The family has spent 4 years in the Caribbean and 4 years in the Pacific and have plans to head to Asia next.

Charmierre (2025-2026): Martin and Christine are on a Dufour 385GL (11.72m long, 3.93m wide, 1.82 draft). They have completed a full circumnavigation of New Caledonia. They cruised up the West coast of Grande Terre, day hopped down the east coast, crossed to Ouvea and Lifou in the Loyalty Islands, stopped at Isle des Pins and back to Noumea.

2 Noumea (Grande Terre)

Noumea is the only port of call for both arrivals and departures. It is the main cruising hub where you will find services, provisions, medical assistance, marinas, marine facilities, restaurants, cafes, and more.

Noumea is located on the SW side of Grande Terre.

2.1 Passes

There are several passes that will take you into Port Moselle and Port du Sud. However, the Passe de Boulari and Passe de Havannah are the "recommended" passes to use.

Passe de Boulari 22°31.078S / 166°26.454E is a direct approach to Noumea when coming from the West or South. This is very close to the Amedee Lighthouse.

The North pass at pass Boulari is best in all conditions. Least current best markers easiest route to Nouméa after you are inside the barrier reef. 13nm to Noumea – Richard, Rocket Guide

Passe de Havannah 22°18.256S / 167°06.958E is located 39nm from Noumea and is a key entry for eastern approaches. Enter during slack tide. Caution is advised as outgoing tides can create intense currents of up to 4.7kts. Approximately 40nm to Noumea.

Yves Merlet near the Havannah Passage is strict nature reserve and strictly forbidden.

Passe de Uitoe 22°10.243S / 167°05.405E is reported to be accurately represented on the charts. Can be easier to navigate than Dumbea during tradewinds.

Passe de Dumbea 22°22.111S / 166°14.743E on some weather conditions, this can be a tricky passage with wind and swell.

Parc du Grand Sud Pass (south pass) 22°39.659S / 166°56.480E. We exited this pass from Ilot Mato on the way to Isle des Pins during low tide and had 1kt of outgoing current. It is a well-marked pass and easy to navigate. – sv Sugar Shack

2.1.1 Cruiser Reports

June 2026: We approached the North Boulari Pass at dawn with 25kt of wind and 2m seas (not ideal). Slack tide was 4:41am and we were 3hrs late. However, with scraps of sail and our engines were able to make it through the pass with 2kts of current against us. The pass is well marked and accurate on Navionics and charts. – sv Sugar Shack

May 2026: The approach through the Passé Nord was exactly like Navionics. No problems in the reef, very well charted. No need for Rocket Guide. – sv Bella Donna

2.2 Anchorages

Anchoring is along the north side of the point towards Port Moselle or west of the moorings to the south after entering.

Do not anchor in the mooring field or in the shipping channel.

There are three anchorages near Port Moselle:

- Outside the mooring field, **22°16.756S / 166°25.928E**, well protected anchorage but there will be a roll from passing traffic. Be aware that boats on moorings are lit poorly or not at all and holding can be challenging.
- Across the channel, **22°16.641S / 166°25.778E**, about .5nm from the marina entrance. Good holding, plenty of room behind the mooring field (but stay out of the ship channel).
- At the southern tip, **22°17.088S / 166°25.935E**, anchor in 13m of mud with good holding and protection. Passing traffic creates some swell. This is only a temporary stop. Closest to Port du Sud Marina about .4nm).

2.2.1 Cruiser Reports:

May 2026: The anchorage outside Port Moselle was extremely crowded and we were very glad that we did not need to anchor part way out in the channel. – sv Bella Donna.

2.3 Yachtsmen Services

2.3.1 Cooking Gas (Propane and Butane)

LPG bottles are filled with butane. Propane is not available in New Caledonia.

Typically, LPG bottles cannot be refilled in New Caledonia. They can only be exchanged with other local bottles. To refill your LPG bottle, you will need to either decant or buy a new bottle.

June 2026: Despite what we heard we found someone who is willing to refill cooking gas tanks with NZ, AU, and US fittings (not French).

Pacific Accastillage +687.78.78.46, pacificaccastillage@gmail.com, located in one of the brown huts with a yellow sign near the marina. Ask for Laurent. Cost is 1000xpf per 1kg and it takes 24-48 hours turn around.

The fittings on the bottle are different than NZ and AU fittings. They are the same as French Polynesia if you have these fittings.

Noumea Yacht Services will be able to assist you in gravity filling your tank. – sv Sugar Shack

2.3.2 Electricity

New Caledonia offers 220v and 50hz frequency. They use European style electrical plugs.

2.3.3 Fuel (Diesel and gasoline)

Both Port Moselle and Port du Sud Marinas have fuel docks and gas stations near the marinas.

Port Moselle Fuel +687.28.97.47, cap.moselle@lagoon.nc, Located at the end of the breakwater. The dock has vertical rubber fenders and they have lines available on the dock.

This station distributes diesel, gasoline, small market, ice, and more.

Hours: Mon-Sun: 0730-1800. VHF 67 call “Cap Moselle”

Fuel can be purchased Duty Free after completing departure clearance and after filing a request form from the Customs Office. Fuel can also be purchased in large quantities by fuel truck.

Port du Sud Marina: The service station offers diesel and unleaded gasoline at the main pontoon.

Fuel Stations: There are several fuel stations around Port Moselle and Port du Sud.

2.3.4 Trash and Recycling

The outer islands and atolls do not have proper rubbish disposal. Please dispose of all of your rubbish and recycling in Noumea.

Unfortunately, there is not a good recycling program in New Caledonia. Most people just combine trash and recycling into the same bins.

Port Moselle Fuel has facilities for trash, recycling, and used oil at the end of each pontoon.

The office has a bin for small batteries and there is a bin for used oil by some of the trash receptacles.

Port du Sud Marina: Waste management available with selective sorting and collection of special waste (oils, batteries, etc...)

2.3.5 Water

Water provided in Noumea is potable as New Caledonia’s treatment facilities adheres to strict health and safety standards.

However, visitors should remain cautious. Tap water is considered safe to drink in most urban areas, but rural regions may have issues with water treatment and contamination.

Water is included in the berth prices for both Port Moselle and Port du Sud.

2.4 General Services

2.4.1 Banks & ATMs

The most common banks are Bank of New Caledonia (BNC), BNP, and BCI.

- **BCI:** 54 Avenue de la Victoire, +687.36.67.66
- **BNC:** 48 Avenue de la Victoire, +687.25.74.00
- **Bank of New Caledonia:** 1 Rue Emile Zola

There are many ATMs in Noumea and at the airport. They accept Visa/Mastercard as well.

The closest ATM to Port Moselle is just behind the fruit and veggie market. It is on the back side of a small, white octagon type building with OPT on it.

No. 1 Currency Exchange +687.45.11.48, Located 35 Av. du Marechal Foch, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0830-1600, Sat: 0800-1200, businessnewcaledonia@fexcopacific.com, www.facebook.com/no1currencynewcaledonia

2.4.2 Communications

See section “1.8 Communications” for more information on wifi and cellular services.

Port Moselle: The marina offers internet throughout the marina.

Port du Sud: Free fiber optic internet connection is available throughout the marina.

Post offices and Noumea Yacht Services will offer SIM cards for cruisers.

OPT Tourism SIM card (Carte Tourisme) is available at the airport and at the Office des Postes et Telecommunications. It offers coverage across Grand Terre and the Loyalty Islands. The cost is approximately 3,000 XPF (\$50NZD) which typically includes 4G data, local calls, and credit validity for up to 3 months.

Top-Up Options (Recharge) You can recharge or top-up at Gas Stations (Mobil, Shell), Corner Stores (Tabacs), and OPT Branches.

“Liberte” Data Extensions: You can use credit to buy data boosts. Purchasing an “IMOL” (internet Mobile) add on. A 5GB data extension might cost around 2,000 XPF (\$30NZD). Always be sure to check the SMS codes required to activate these data packs as they frequently change. Usually, they will send a code that looks like “IMOL” to 1088.

Noumea Yacht Services can provide a SIM card for a nominal fee. Or you can purchase a Tourism Card SIM card at the airport or OPT store.

eSIMs are available with providers like Airalo that provide New Caledonia specific packages. These can tend to be more expensive than a local OPT plan.

NC Pocket Wifi www.ncpocketwifi.com is another option that lets you connect several devices to the 3G/4G Pocket Wifi. This is a small unit that is available for rent and offers unlimited internet access by the day, week, or month. This is a simple solution to connect multiple devices. However, the Pocket Wifi device is difficult to find as they are in limited supply.

2.4.3 Computer Store

June 2026: iStore NC +687.27.84.14, +687.36.67.11, ventemag@istore.nc, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0800-1800, www.istore.nc. Apple products sold here. Services include training, services, and rental. – sv Sugar Shack

2.4.4 Divers & Diving Gear

Sept. 2025: Tek Zone +687.29.84.84, contact@tekzone.nc, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1700, Sat: 0900-1700, Located Zone Technique de Nouville Plaisance 9, <https://tekzone.nc>, Scuba tank refills, equipment sales and service, parts, rental, compressor service repairs and parts. Pricing available on their website. – Learjet

June 2026: People to help with underwater work (hull cleaning, anode replacement, etc...):

Enzo Cal +687 89.37.26 can change anodes and possibly clean the hulls. Noted to be pricey.

Joss Senia +687.75.70.68, jocelynsenia@gmail.com, speaks English.

Basile Delorme, Commercial diver tel & WhatsApp: +687.74.70.77, basiledelorme@gmail.com, Hull cleaning and will provide hull certificate (for AU, NZ). – sv Sugar Shack

2.4.5 Electronic Stores

June 2026: Micro Media +687.27.39.55, www.micromedia.nc, quartierlatin@micromedia.nc, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1700, Sat: 0830-1200. Multimedia equipment, cameras, SD cards

L'AS De Trefle +687.27.82.41, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0800-1800, <https://www.asdetrefle.nc/>, Located Rue Du Docteur. A variety of products including electronics, computers (Apple), printers, cables, power strips, multimedia, art supplies, school supplies, toys, some clothing and purses.

2.4.6 Hardware Stores

June 2026: Quincaillerie Nouvelle +687.27.26.73, Located 22 Rue de la Republique, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0730-1730, Sat: 0800-1200, info@quinvel.com, www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057035996426#, Hardware, electrical, gardening, locksmith, kitchenware, and more.

Bricorama +687.28.16.36, www.bricorama.nc, Located 6 Rue Fernand Forest, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0800-1700. Large hardware store (similar to Home Depot) with some home goods, garden

SCET +687.24.26.26, www.scet.nc, Located 6 Route de la Baie des dames Ducos, Hours: Mon-Thur: 0630-1530, Fri: 0630-1500, Sat: 0730-1130. Large hardware store.

IDEFIX +687.24.14.64 Hours: Mon-Fri: 0900-1700, Sat: 0900-1200. Located behind McDonalds 6 Rue Tourville. A combination hardware and craft store. <https://idefix.nc/>. – sv Sugar Shack

Sept. 2025: Quincaillerie Caledonian Hardware +687.27.27.00. Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1700, Sat: 0730-1600. Located 13 Rue Ampere, Noumea. www.quincaillerie.nc Comprehensive hardware store, slightly smaller than Bunnings or Home Depot – sv Lorient

2.4.7 Laundry

There are laundry facilities at both Port Moselle Marina and Port du Sud Marina. Generally, around 1500 XPF for 5kg (wash/dry). There is also a laundry facility across from McDonalds.

Lav Matic +687.27.39.37, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1500, Sat: 0700-1200. Located 4 Rue Tourville (across from McDonalds). Walking distance from the marina. Full service 6kg around 1600xpf

Port Moselle: Laundry is located at the fuel dock (at the end of the breakwater). facilities. This is a laundry service (not self-service). Usually takes 24-48 hours for wash/dry/fold. Rates are more reasonable during the week (1500xpf for one large load).

June 2026: Wash, dry, fold 5kg for 1500xpf. – Darek

Port du Sud: Laundry service with professional washing machines and dryers. Machines require special tokens which can be purchased at the marina office.

2.4.8 Medical

Noumea Hospital +687.20.80.00, www.cht.nc

North Province Hospital Centre (Kone, Joumac, Poindimie)

Port du Sud: Pharmacie de Port Plaisance +687.26.16.06, +687.26.1605, Located: 10 Rue Jules Garnier, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1200 & 1400-1800. www.pharmaciedelabaie-nc.fr, Medical center on the 1st floor above shopping mall. General Practitioner, Dentist, and various specialties (derm, gynecology, neurology, pediatrics, orthopedics) and a pharmacy.

Samu Hospital CHT (Public) +687.25.66.66

Magnin Clinic +687.24.62.00

Bai-des-Citrons Clinic +687.26.18.66

Anse-Vata Clinic +687.26.14.22

Pharmacie Gallieni Rocade +687.27.34.63, Located: 12 Rue Anatole, Hours: Tues-Fri: 0700-1930, Sat: 0700-1800.

Pharmacie Medisud: +687.26.16.91 Located 147 Route de L Anse, Hours: Mon-Sun: 0730-1900. <https://autourdemoi.pharmacielafayette.com/province-sud/noumea/pharmacie-lafayette-medisud>

Pharmacie de l'Alma +687.27.37.07, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1800, Sat: 0800-1800. Located Rue de l'Alma. Fairly large pharmacy

Pharmacie de la Pace +687.27.31.57, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1800, Sat: 0730-1200. Located 31 Rue Georges-Clemenceau

2.4.9 Post Office

June 2026: OPT Main Office+687.26.84.00, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0745-1500, <https://www.opt.nc>. Located at 022°16.591S / 166°26.715E. From Port Moselle, behind the fresh market, across the street is a white, 2-story building with a large OPT sign on it. Be sure to take a number from the kiosk to the left of the door. Typically, you select the gray bottom button to get your number.

OPT Post offices sell SIM cards, office supplies, and shipping products.

2.4.10 Print and Copy

Sept. 2023: Print and Copy +687.28.98.58, Located 32 Rue du General Gallieni, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1700, Sat: 0900-1200. They offer a variety of services (print, scan, copy) – Second Wind

2.4.11 Transportation

International Airport: Noumea-La Tontouta (NOU): +687.35.11.18, www.tontouta-aeroport.nc, www.aeroports.cci.nc/en/tontouta (50km from Noumea)

The International airport offers free wifi, currency exchange, mobile internet, OPT (post office), ATMs, and showers. There is no baggage storage.

Domestic Airport: Noumea-Magenta +687.25.03.32, www.air-caledonie.nc

The Domestic airport serves Loyalty Islands, Isle des Pins, and Northern Grande Terre through Air Caledonie and Air Loyaute.

Airlines:

- Aircalin – www.aircalin.com, +687.26.55.00, +687.25.03.32, +612.92.64.4866
- Air France – www.airfrance.com, +687.41.48.48

- Qantas – www.qantas.com, +687.28.65.46
- Air New Zealand – www.airnewzealand.co.nz, +687.28.66.77
- Air Caledonie (domestic) – www.air-caledonie.nc, +687.25.21.77

Transport to NOU Airport: +687.35.11.18 (passenger info), +687.36.67.18 (flight schedule).

There are buses, taxis (\$140 NZD one way), and shuttles from Noumea to NOU the International airport. Typical cost is around \$140NZD one way.

Shuttle with Pickup/Drop off anywhere in Noumea:

Arc en ciel: www.arcenciel.nc/fr/home, +687.27.19.80, reservation@arcenciel.nc
www.lanavette.nc, Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 0730-1800, Sat: 0800-1200

There are several other [shuttle companies](#) including NC Driver, Les Mouettes, Sandrine Transport, VIP Drive NC, Smith Voyage, Rapid Transport, SMK Transport, Joe's Transport

Rental Cars: Rental cars can be pre-booked at the airport via Hertz Kone, SIXT, Golf Car Rental, A5 Vallee du Tir, Europcar, and more.

Visa Car Rental is located near Port Moselle. +687.26.24.44, visalocation@visalocation.nc, www.visalocation.nc or <https://carrentalnoumeabestprice.com>. Rates start at 1500xpf/day plus 24xpf/km. Offer economy, suv, and more. The most economical car hire in Noumea.

AmaRent Agence Centre-Ville +687.27.82.18, +687.77.32.59, contact@amarent.nc, www.amarent.nc, Located 157 Rue Jacques Lekawe

June 2026: We highly recommend AmaRent! We did everything by email and the owner's partner spoke perfect English. – Askari

Europcar +687.28.48.00, europcar@mencar.nc, www.europcar.nc 128 Route de l'anse Vata

Hertz +687.26.18.22, hertz@canl.nc, Located 113 Route de l'Anse Vata,

Car Sharing App: There are two car apps to download and try:

Papaye is a 24/7 keyless car-sharing service. +687.87.52.24, hello@papaye.nc. Located near the Port Moselle office near the parking lot.

Rent cars and SUVs directly from their app. Pricing automatically adjusts to the best rates. Will accept AU, NZ, and European driver's licenses.

Zygo is a mobile app that lets you book a driver (similar to Uber). You can book immediately or schedule your trip up to 90 days in advance

Buses: There are two primary bus networks:

- **Taneo** the urban bus network of Greater Noumea +687.26.00.26, www.taneo.nc
- **RAI** the intercity coach network. +687.05.81.61, www.rai.nc

Tickets are approximately 500XPF. If you plan to make multiple trips, consider the **Pass Journee** which costs 1,500 XPF.

Taxi Services: Book +687.28.36.12 available 24/7.

Betico 2 +687.26.01.00, www.betico.nc, high-speed passenger catamaran operating transfers to the Isle of Pines and the Loyalty Islands.

2.5 Marine Services & Stores

2.5.1 Canvas and Sailmaking

Mathieu +687.76.66.52 does canvas work in Noumea.

MC Marine +687.26.12.23, mcvs@canl.nc, Located 4 Avenue Henri Lafleur. Sailmaking, canvas, marine upholstery, life rafts, semi-rigid inflatables.

Sellerie du Lagon +687.86.55.05, Located 9 Rue du Capitaine Bois. Canvas Work. – Hawkeye

Rod Sails Voilerie Sellerie +687.77.69.02, +687.28.58.33, Located 9 rue du Capitaine bois Lot N8, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0900-1800, rod.sails@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/p/ROD-SAILS-100054241101249.

2.5.2 Electronics

June 2026: Tech Nautic +687.96.29.34(Tel & WhatsApp), technautic@outlook.fr, Ask for Julian or Shelby. Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1800. Located, Port Moselle. Julien is a cruiser and knowledgeable in electrical and electronic systems. He does installation, repairs, troubleshooting services for all types of boats. He can also help navigate local marine service networks in Noumea.

ATB Magasin Atelier +687.25.45.75, +687.28.45.71, info@atb.nc, Located 1 Rue Seguin, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1100 & 1300-1530. Services windlass, alternators, etc...bits, pieces, parts.

Alto Marine +687.25.96.12, infos@altomarine.com, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0830-1630, Sat: 0830-1130. Marine electronics. – sv Sugar Shack

May 2026: Tech Nautic Electricity & Electronics +687.96.29.34, technautic@outlook.fr, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1800, electric engineer, hydraulics, lithium batteries, solar, plumbing, electronics, and green energy. – sv Shelby

Nov. 2023: Altomarine Sarl +687.25.96.12, +687.91.13.58, infos@altomarine.com, <https://altomarine.com>, Located 9 Rue du Capitaine Bois, Lot 1, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0830-1630, Sat: 0830-1130. Marine Electronics, B&G, Simrad. – sv Taloa

2.5.3 Electrical Motor Repairs

Auto Technic Industrie located 5 Rue Champollion Rue (shows mostly brake related work on their website, but they also do electric motors. +687.27.22.05, direction@auto-technic.nc, magasin@auto-technic.nc. Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1630, Sat: 0730-1100. They do not make “house calls” but you can hire a car or taxi to bring parts to them.

2.5.4 Filters

Nov. 2025: Maison du Filters +687.27.38.00, Hours: Mon-Thur: 0700-1630, Fri: 0700-1600, Sat: 0730-1100, Located 36 Rue Auer, Noumea, www.facebook.com/lamaisondufiltrenc?locale=de_DE. Good place for engine filters. – sv Lolli

2.5.5 General Maintenance

June 2026: There are a few people who do “general maintenance”

- Tristan +687.777.666. He also does rigging, boat watch, and more.
- Ulysse +687.84.34.07. General maintenance.

June 2026: Tristan is fantastic! He watched our boat and did some work while we were away. He brought in Olivier to work on our refrigeration as well. – Wainani

2.5.6 Harken Dealer

Pacific Accastillage +687.78.78.46, +687.26.12.50, +687.26.33.44, pacificaccastillage@gmail.com is a Harken dealer with Wichard, Profurl, Harken blocks, cordage, and other accessories. Noumea. Well stocked with Harken blocks, Wichard, Profurl, etc...cordage, and other accessories. The owner is very helpful and speaks English.

2.5.7 Marine Stores

Marine Corail Centre Ville +687.27.58.48, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0900-1630, Sat: 0830-1230, <https://marinecorail.nc>. Located 26 Rue du General Mangin. This has everything marine related clothing, home goods, sporting goods, diving, fishing, and more.

Marine Corail Nouville +687.25.44.60, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1600, Sat: 0800-1200. www.marinecorail.nc. Located 6 Rue du Capitaine Bois. Marine parts and supplies.

Marine Corail Ducos +687.28.28.38 Hours Mon-Fri: 0830-1630, Sat: 0800-1200

Limousine Marine +687.28.17.88, www.limousin-marine.nc/pacific-marine, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1130, 1300-1730, Sat: 0800-1130. Located: 1 rue Edouard Mercier. Electronic and steering accessories, deck hardware, seats, safety equipment, fishing gear, hobbies

Port Moselle:

- **Speed Marine:** +687.25.12.96, <https://speedmarine.nc>, mag@speedmarine.nc, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1600, Sat: 0830-1130, Located 9 Rue du Capitaine Bois. Paint, resin, tools, cooling, electrical, deck fittings, safety
- **Neptune** +687.77.41.44, +687.28.01.95, Neptune.nc@outlook.fr, neptune@lagoon.nc, www.neptune.nc, yard, haul out, marine services
- **Caren Ocean** +687.75.75.61, carenocan@yahoo.fr, carenage, electrical, mechanical, yard, haul out, marine services.

Port du Sud:

- **JKR Marine:** +687.26.51.51, lasym@abshop.nc, www.facebook.com/jkrorphelinat/, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0830-1230 & 1330-1730, Sat: 0730-1200 & 1300-1500, Located 109 Avenue du General de Gaulle

2.5.8 Mechanic & Mechanical Engineer

June 2026: Marina Yacht Services (Volvo Penta Authorized Service Dealer). Steeve Maridas (Diesel Marine and Industrial Engineering). +687.93.81.96, steeve.maridas@mys.nc, 8 Rue Jean Banuelos – Dock B13 Z1 Ducos 98800 Noumea New Caledonia. (his name Steeve has two “e”)

Will do house calls and came highly recommended

Mechanical Engineer Karl +687.51.61.30, karyljego@gmail.com. He came highly recommended by Askari (see review under Nouville Plaisance Haul Out Facility. – sv Sugar Shack

2.5.9 Paint Supplies, Paint & Fiberglass Work

June 2026: Paint and Fiberglass work and repairs contact Clive Judd +687.85.11.99, clivejudd17@gmail.com. He normally works out of Nouville Plaisance Haul out yard. – Askari

Sept. 2025: Arc O Paint +687.26.26.07, gerald@arcopaint.nc, www.arcopaint.nc. Sells a range of paint, paint products. Including International paints (epoxy primer, antifoul) and propspeed. Sells at discounts to yachties. Nice guy, super trustworthy and helpful. Connected me with good trades people to apply the products. – Learjet

2.5.10 Outboards

Nov. 2023: Royal Motors Marine +687.27.27.98, Located 9 Rue du Capitaine Bois, Hours: Mon-Thur: 0715-1630, Fri: 0715-1534, Sat: 0730-1130, www.facebook.com/royalmotorsmarine, royalmotors@gbh.nc, Yamaha parts and engines. – Taloa

2.5.11 Plumbing Supply

Sept. 2025: Gaschet +687.27.27.36, Located 26 Rue Reaumur, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1200 & 1300-1600, Sat: 0800-1130. www.facebook.com/GaschetNC?locale=ca_ES. Offers a large variety of plumbing products from the most routine to the specialty items. The staff are very friendly and helpful. – sv Lorient

2.5.12 Refrigeration

June 2026: Olivier works on refrigeration (and electric) +687.814.546.

2.5.13 Rigging

June 2026: A few people have been referred for rigging work:

- Tristan +687.777.666 (he also does general maintenance and boat watch)
- David +687.95.32.54

2.5.14 Stainless, Fabrication, Welding

JC Soudure +687.97.64.41 (Tel & WhatsApp), Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1200 & 1330-1700

Pacific Welding: +687.786.908, pacificweld@pwf.nc, stainless welding and fabrication

2.5.15 Surveyors

Yacht Surveyors – Le Coin Du Capitaine includes assistance with importation of yachts, tax duties, surveys, skipper, and boat deliveries. +687.26.12.50, cell: +687.78.78.46, lecoin@offratel.nc, www.lecoinducapitaine.nc.

2.5.16 Welder

June 2026: The very best welder is Concept Soudure (Eric) +687.96.58.62. – Rocket Guide

Sept. 2025: JC Welding +687.97.64.41. Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1200 & 1330-1700. Located 21 Rue du Capitaine, www.facebook.com/noumeasoudure. Aluminium and stainless welder and stainless fabrication. – Midnight Breeze

Dec. 2024: Pacific Welding +687.78.69.08, pacificweld@pwf.nc, Located 8 Rue du Capitaine Bois. Stainless welding and fabrication. – Moin

2.6 Provisioning

Noumea offers a variety of large supermarkets offering French wine, cheese, bread, and imported goods from New Zealand and Australia.

In general, alcohol must be purchased from bottle stores in the mornings on Wednesday through Sunday. You cannot purchase alcohol on public holidays.

2.6.1 Bakeries

Les Petits Choux +687.43.90.01, Located 32 Rue du General Gallieni, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0500-1800, Sat: 0500-1500, Sun: 0600-1230. boulangeriespetitschoux@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/boulangeriespetitschoux.

June 2026: This is an excellent bakery! Wonderful baked goods, bread, and lunch items. Turn right at shell station, walk 1-2 blocks it is on the corner. – sv Sugar Shack

Bakery located in the Port Moselle Market. Best to arrive before 1100 as they sell out fast.

June 2026: There are 2 bakeries in the market area. Both are just “ok” good if you are in a pinch, but better to go to Les Petits Choux. – sv Sugar Shack

Aux Delices de Noumea +687.27.25.24 Located 21 Rue Eugene Porcheron, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0500-1800, Sat: 0500-1730

2.6.2 Butchers

Boucherie Gallieni (Butcher) +687.27.10.26, Located 10 Rue de la Somme, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0600-1700, Sat: 0600-1400, Sun: 0630-1200, www.facebook.com/boucheriegallieni

Votre Boucherie Gallieni du Centre Ville +687.27.10.26, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1700, Sat: 0700-1500, Sun: 0700-1200. Located 10 Rue de la Somme. From marina, right at Shell station, 1 block down on the right.

2.6.3 Grocery Stores and Markets

Port Moselle:

- **Auchan Supermarket:** +687.24.30.60, Located 8 Rue Anatole Hours: Mon-Sat: 0700-1900, Sun: 0730-1230, www.facebook.com/AuchanQuaiFerry. Big supermarket with excellent selection, including meats, bread and fresh produce. There is an ATM here. Best grocery store close to the marina with a wide variety of products.
- **Carrefour Market** +687.28.77.22, located at 56 Rue du Port Despointes, Noumea. Hours: Mon-Sat: 0730-1930, Sun: 0730-1200. There are several around but all of them are small.
- **CG Import Market Discount** +687 288.825, 13 Rue Boucle Nord Zico Paita, Noumea. Hours: Mon-Sat: 0800-1300
- **Geant Hypermarche** +687.28.55.25, 7 Rue Henry Schmidt, Noumea. Hours: Mon-Sat: 0800-2000, Sun: 0800-1230. Largest super market. This is the best grocery store to go to if you have a car. It is enormous with a very large selection.
- **Good Food** +687.27.10.67, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0830-1600, Sat: 0830-1200. Located 25 Rue Jean Jaures. Some American products, good selection of unique items. No fresh or meats.
- **Johnston** +687.24.30.60. 8 Rue Anatole France, Noumea. Hours: Mon-Sat: 0730-1930, Sun: 0730-1230
- **Mini Marche – La Grande Epic** +687.254.952, Round point de magenta, Noumea. Hours: Mon-Sun: 0730-1300
- **Port Moselle Fuel Dock:** A small grocery store is located at the fuel dock.
- **Shell Fuel Station Market:** believe it or not, the market at the fuel station is rather good. They have a decent variety of products, some pre-made meals, and all of the basics that you need.
- **U Express** There are several stores in town.

- **U Express** Quartier Latin Located: 5 Rue Charles de Vermeuuh, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0730-1930, Sun: 0800-1200
- **U Express Alma** +687.23.77.82, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0700-1800

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- **Carrefour** general supermarket Located 022°17.040S / 166°26.711E, small in comparison to other Carrefours.
- **Casino Port Plaisance** +687.26.17.33 Located 10 Centre Commercial Port 10 Rue Jules Garnier. Hours: Mon-Sat: 0730-1930, Sun: 0730-1230, www.monclub.nc,
- **Galerie Port Plaisance: Accueil:** Located 10 Rue Jules Garnier, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0600-2000, Sun: 0730-1230. Supermarket and shopping mall (clothing shops, café, pharmacy)
- **Casino Port Plaisance** +687.26.17.33, Located 10 Centre Commercial Port Plaisance (10 Rue Jules Garnier) Hours: Mon-Sat: 0730-1930, Sun: 0730-1230, www.facebook.com/GeantCasino.NC, excellent supermarket High quality meats, cheese

2.6.4 Liquor Stores

Le Pavillon Des Vins +687.27.80.20, +687.46.52.00. Located 97 Route De L'Anse Vata. Open daily 0830-1230 & 1430-1930. Wines, champagnes, scotches, bourbons, and spirits.

2.6.5 Restaurants

Port Moselle

- **Billy's Burgers** +687.30.11.50, billyburgernc@gmail.com, Located 36 Avenue du marechal foch, www.facebook.com/billys.nc Hours: Tues-Sat: 1000-1400, Sun: 1800-2100.
- **Boops Café:** +687.28.60.70, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0600-1700, Sun: 0600-1130, Located 20 Rue Eugene Porcheron. www.facebook.com/p/Boops-Caf%C3%A9-100057155392454
- **Brasserie Village** +687.30.66.56, Located 35 Av. Du Marechal Foch, Hours: Mon-Sat: 1600-2300, www.brasserie-village.com, contact@brasserie-village.com
- **Café Expo** Maison Cheval and Art Expo: +687.70.91.78, +687.82.28.10, Hours: Thurs-Sat: 1600-2300. Located: 3-5 Rue Jean Jaures. Terrace, covered patio, café, live music, and art. www.nouvellecaledonie.travel/offres/art-factory-maison-cheval-cafe-expo-noumea-fr-4393355/#sheetPart-opening
- **Chamas Tacos** Located 6 Rue Charles de Vermeuilh, Hours: Mon-Sun: 1000-2200, <https://chamas.nc/>, direction@chamas.nc, order online, delivery, click/collect, not your normal taco, more like gourmet poutines in a soft tortilla, large portions
- **Chez Lesly** +687.28.52.63, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0930-1400, Located: Ducos, 29 route de la baie des dames (at Port Moselle parking lot).
- **Chocolats Noumea Maison Morand** +687.27.31.77, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0630-1730, Sun: 0630-1200. Located 13 Rue Eugene Porcheron. Huge selection of chocolates!
- **Big Ferdinand** +687.27.60.66, www.bigferinand.com, Located 30 Rue de Verdun, Hours: Mon-Sat: 1100-2130. Burgers and fries.
 - **June 2026:** The paprika fries were delightful, but the burgers were just average. The buns were very dry and too big for the burger. – sv Sugar Shack

- **Food Trucks:** A variety of food trucks are located behind the marina restaurant. You will find a desert truck and anywhere between 6-10 other food trucks. Hours: 1700-2100
- **La Chaumiere** +687.27.24.62, Hours: Mon-Sat: 1000-2200, Located: 11 Rue du Docteur Guegan, lachaumiere@canl.nc, www.facebook.com/RestaurantLaChaumiereNoumea,
 - **June 2026:** The best dinner ever. Less than 10-minute walk from marina. \$220 for 3 course meal, bottle of wine and 2 additional glasses of wine. – sv Evoke
- **La Guinguette** +687.28.40.79, Hours: Mon-Thurs: 0700-1400, Fri: 0700-1400 & 1900-2100, Located: 2 rue Georges Guynemer, www.facebook.com/bistrotLaGuinguette, excellent café with good coffee & breakfasts. Opens for dinner on Friday night only.
- **Le Bout Du Monde** +687.27.77.28, direction@leboutdumonde.nc, 4 rue de la Fregate Nivose, Mon-Sun 0800-2200, Located: 4 rue de la fregate. Bar. Brasserie, restaurant with reasonable prices and food. Live band on Saturdays. Happy hour Mon-Thur: 1800-1900
- **Les 2 Coqs** +687.31.09.40, Hours: Tues-Thur: 0930-1400, Fri: 0930-2200, Sat: 0930-1500, Sun: 1000-1500, www.facebook.com/LaBistrotisserie. Bar and Grill, limited menu, nice beers and chicken-based dishes, modest prices, friendly staff
- **Les Quais Noumea** (Ferry Dock) Hours: Mon-Wed: 0600-2100, Thurs-Sat: 0600-2300, Sun: 0600-1300. Located 8 Rue Jules Ferry, <https://www.lesquais.nc/> Several restaurants, bars, and cafes along the ferry terminal area.
- **Les Pieds Dans Le Plat** +687.23.88.33, [lespiedsdansleplat.nc](https://www.lespiedsdansleplat.nc), contact@lpdlp.nc, Hours: Mon-Fri: 1000-2100, Located: 13 Rue Auguste Brun, eat in, take away, delivery. Pizza, pastas, risottos, sandwiches. Excellent food, good atmosphere, friendly staff
- **Malongo Le Village Cafe** +687.26.00.90, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0700-1430, <https://malongo.nc/le-village>
- **Market Café La Buvette Du Marche** is located inside the market and has the same operating hours as the market.
- **Panorama Café** +687.54.52.19, Hours: Mon-Thur: 0730-1900, Fri: 0730-2100, Sat-Sun: 730-1400. Located: 51 Rue Du Pasteur Marcel Arige. Really good brunch
 - **June 2026:** Amazing views, lovely setting, simple, but lovely. – sv Sugar Shack
- **Roulottes de Port-Moselle**, local cuisine, take away only
- **Tierra De Fuergo** +687.30.42.82, Located: 18 Rue Jules Ferry, Hours: Mon-Sun: 1000-2130, www.facebook.com/tierradefuego.nc Tapas Bar and Restaurant. Argentinian and Brazilian, draft beers, cocktails, entrees 30-40XPF
- **USA Kitchen** +687.32.11.32, Located 46 Avenue de la Victoire, www.us.kitchen.nc, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0700-1400 & 1800-2100.

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- **Au P'tit Café** +687.28.21.89, Located 8 Av Des Freres Carcopino, Hours: Mon-Tu: 1000-1800, Wed-Fri: 1100-1330 & 1900-2100, <https://aupititcafe.nc>,
- **Amorino Gelato** Hours: Mon-Sun: 1100-2200. Located: 22°17.929S / 166°26.325E. Best ice cream in the Pacific. Worth the walk!
- **Babar Café:** +687.26.08.70, Located 7 Promenade Roger, Hours: Mon-Sun: 0700-2230, www.facebook.com/BABARCAFENOUMEA, babarcafenoumea@gmail.com. Very unique eatery with large meals.

- **Les Sales Gosses** +687.54.16.95, Located 10 Rue Victor Roffey, Hours: Mon-Fri: 1130-1430, 1800-2300, Sat: 0630-1130, great food and drinks, but limited menu
- **Marmite et Tire-Bouchon** +687.25.1705, mtb@canl.nc, lamarmite@legroupe.lr.com, Hours: Mon-Sun: 1130-1430 (last order 1330), & 1900-2300 (last order 2130), Located 5 rue Jules Garnier, Baie de l'Orphelinat, each night they have a set menu, very good
- **MV Lounge Cocktail bar** +687.77.87.38, Located 22 Rue Jules Garnier, Hours: Tues: 1700-2200, Wed: 1700-1200a, Thus: 1700-0200, Fri: 1700-0300, Sat: 1700-0300.
www.facebook.com/mvloungenoumea/?ref=bookmarks, commercial@medusabeachclub.net, #1 place in Noumea for nightlife

2.7 Activities

Download this free Map of Grande Terre: www.nouvellecaledonie.travel/app/uploads/nouvelle-caledonie/2023/10/New_Caledonia_Map_Top_Experiences_EN.pdf?_gl=1*c9guio*_gcl_au*OTY5MzExNz15LjE3Nzk1MDEwMTQ

- **Amedee Lighthouse** Open Mon-Sat. 247-step lighthouse dated 1865.
- **Art Factory** +687.77.79.77, event.artfactory@gmail.com, Located: 5 rue Jean Jaures, exhibitions, concerts, workshops, a welcoming space for creating, meeting, & enjoying.
- **Aquarium des Lagons** +687.26.27.31, Located 61, BP 8185 Promenade Roger, Hours: Mon-Fri: 1300—1700, Sat-Sun: 0900-1700, www.aquarium.nc. 1600xpf/adult
 - **June 2026:** We loved the aquarium! Highlights: a fabulous seahorse exhibit. A lovely nautilus exhibit, huge turtles, 2 leopard sharks! – sv Sugar Shack
- **Cine City Cinema** +687.29.20.20, Located 18 Rue de la Somme, <https://cinacity.nc>,
- **Laser Game Evolution** +687.45.41.45. Located 7 Rue de la Somme, Hours: Tues-Fri: 1400-1900, Sat: 1000-1900. <https://lge.nc/>
- **Maison du lagon** +687.27.27.27, www.maisondulagon.nc, nautical activities bureau
- **Maritime Museum of New Caledonia** +687.26.34.43, Located 11 Ave James Cook, Hours: Tues-Sat: 1000-1700, <https://museemaritime.nc>, contact@museemaritime.nc.
- **Mont-Dore Cultural Center** +687.41.90.90, culture@ville-montdore.nc,
- **Musee de la Seconde Guerre Mondiale (WWII Museum)** +687.27.48.70, Located 14 Ave Paul Doumer. Hours: Mon-Sat: 0900-1200 & 1300-1700, mairie.musee@ville-noumea.nc, www.noumea.nc/noumea-dynamique/culture/musee-seconde-guerre-mondiale
- **Musee of New Caledonia** +687.27.23.42
- **Places des Cocotiers** (park surrounded by shops and restaurants)
- **Tjibaou Cultural Centre** +687.41.45.45, www.adck.nc, exhibition and cultural exchange centre. Gardens, Melanesian huts, and architecture.
- **Tourism Office:** +687.28.75.80, www.office-tourisme.nc
- **Zoological and Forest Park** +687.27.89.51, Hours: Wed-Sun: 0900-1700, www.province-sud.nc/decouvrir-et-visiter/ppzf/, One of the few places you can see the Cagu, New Caledonia's national bird (flightless and only found here!). 900xpf/adult.
 - **June 2026:** This is more of an aviary than a zoo, but it is really well kept. They do have a mini farm (donkey, deer, rabbits), a lemur island, some reptiles, and lots of grounds to walk on. The highlight are the kagus which you can see right up close and watch them get fed every day at 10:00am. – sv Sugar Shack

3 Grande Terre

Information for the main island, Grand Terre starts at Noumea and goes anti-clockwise around the island.

Smaller islets, islands, atolls are listed in this section based on their geographic location to Grand Terre (starting at Noumea and going anti-clockwise)

3.1 Port Despointes

3.1.1 Anchorages

Oct. 2025: 22°17.111S / 166°27.771E anchored in 8m of mud with good holding. We had strong NE / E winds, but it was calm & reasonably quiet. Moderate SE / S winds make it choppy here.

Dinghy Landing: N'gea Jetty dinghy landing. You can pull up at the base of the jetty and tie to a small tree. You can also beach your dinghy which is a short 10-minute walk to the large Geant Supermarket. – Mosaic

3.1.2 Yachtsmen Services

3.1.2.1 Trash and Recycling

Oct. 2025: There are small rubbish bins near the dinghy dock. – Mosaic

3.1.3 General Services

3.1.3.1 Marine Stores

June 2026: Speed Marine +687.25.12.96, www.speedmarine.nc, mag@speedmarine.nc, achats@speedmarine.nc, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1600, Sat: 0830-1130. They offer a 15% discount to Island Cruising / Pacific Rally members. – sv Sugar Shack

Oct. 2025: There are two Marine stores:

Navitec: +687.26.16.87, www.navitec.nc, infos@navitec.nc, Hours: Mon-Fri: 080012-- & 1300-1600. Marine Electronics specializing in radio, GPS, satellite, safety, and navigation equipment. Best in class products.

Limousin Marine: +687.28.22.95, +687.27.41.86, Located PF83+C74 Rue du Commandant Riviere, www.limousin-marine.nc, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1600, Sat: 0800-1130. – Mosaic

3.1.4 Provisions

Oct. 2025: There are two supermarkets within walking distance. – Mosaic

Carrefour Supermarket N'Gea +687.28.77.22, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0730-1930, Sun: 0730-1200. Located 22°17.135S / 166°27.389E. Nice medium sized supermarket with a decent selection. Very easy provisioning and a close walk to the dock.

Geant Hypermarche +687.28.55.25, Located 22°16.530S / 166°27.495E. Hours: Mon-Satu: 0800-2000, Sun: 0800-1230, www.monclub.nc, massive, modern grocery store (larger than Carrefour).

3.1.5 Cruiser Reports

Oct. 2025: A taxi to Port Moselle is available. It is 250m to Carrefour and bus stop. – Mosaic

3.2 Baie Ouie

3.2.1 Anchorages

June 2026: **22°20.588S / 166°45.125E** anchored in 4-5m of very thick, red mud. It was very messy for the boat pulling up the hook. Holding was good, we never budged. Protection from S-SE-E-NE-N-NW. Beautiful, quiet spot. Wainani

Nov. 2023: **22°20.787S / 166°44.845E** in 8m of mud with good holding. Very well protected and calm. Plenty of space and easy access at night. – Taloa

3.2.2 Cruiser Reports

June 2026: We were told you could go up the river. However, we tried at low tide and could not make it. Perhaps during high tide. – Wainani

3.3 Prony Bay

South end of Grande Terre. There are many anchoring spots in the very large Baie de Prony.

Baie du Carenage (22°18.156S / 166°51.412E general area) et Baie des Kaoris cyclonic holes of the Great south protected from all winds at 10-15 meters waters depth, muddy/sandy bottom.

3.3.1 Anchorages

June 2026: **22°18.300S / 166°50.655E** in mud. This is a great bay to hide from high winds in most directions. This is an easy bay to anchor in. The boat has not budged even during strong east and southeast winds. We had strong westerly winds when we arrived and held well.

This is used to hide from hurricanes. There are a few permanent boats in this bay that do not have their mooring lights on.

All moorings are private.

Dinghy Landing: There is a well-marked dinghy area. There are two buoys where you can tie your dinghy to and then walk to the shore (reef shoes are advisable). You tie your dinghy to one of the buoys, hop in the water and walk to shore. You can do this at any tide as there is a nice deep channel to get on/off the dinghy. – Wainani

June 2026: **22°19.700S / 166°49.355E** is the actual Proby Bay spot to find Didiche. Cruisers have reported this is well protected from every wind direction except NE. The holding is good, but it is red mud which can stain the boats (and hands).

Dinghy Landing: 22°19.614S / 166°49.406E is a nice floating dock that is accessible at all tides and provides good access to hikes– sv Sugar Shack

3.3.2 Yachtsmen Services

3.3.2.1 Trash and Recycling

June 2026: There are rubbish bins next to the floating dock. – sv Sugar Shack

3.3.3 Cruiser Reports

June 2026: There are loads of great walks onshore.

The mud has good holding but it will get everywhere leaving “red” stains (on the boat, on your hands, etc...)

Richard and Freddie (Rocket Guide) use this bay as their home base. – Wainani

June 2026: Didiche is very eager to have cruisers come visit. He can arrange dinners, tours, and lots of fun activities. For example, he offered dinner for 3500cfp, beer 500cfp, wine 3000cfp.

Visit Prony Peak which is an underwater curiosity with its multi-colored coral concentration of 35m high.

Prony Village has an old prison dated 1873 with ancient walls cut by convicts, now over-run by banyan trees. Free admission.

Hiking path from the village of Prony. Mountain refuge and crossing of botanical reserves from 3 to 6 days. www.randonne-gr-sud-nc.com. There is a sign by the ramp that shows the various trails for the hikes in this area. – sv Sugar Shack

3.4 Anse Majic

3.4.1 Anchorages & Moorings

June 2026: 22°22.930S / 166°54.882E. This is a nature reserve and anchoring is not allowed. Yachts are requested to use one of the free, (6) moorings. Protected from NE-E-SE-S-SW. – Wainani

June 2026: 22°22.9S / 166°54.8E We were on one of 6 buoys. All were taken by the end of the night and all seem good. This is well protected from everything but a westerly. –Zipper

Oct. 2025: We loved this anchorage. Very interesting with coral and red dirt and rock. The water was clear enough to see it was coral on the bottom and plenty of fish. – Mosaic

Sept 2025: 22°22.910S / 166°54.818E. There are (6) free, good condition mooring balls. This bay is well protected from the South and East. – Hawkeye

3.4.2 Activities:

Oct. 2025: There is a lot of bird chatter throughout the day. There are lovely, easy walks to the lighthouse and around the bay. – Mosaic

Sept. 2024: Light house Walk: 22°22.955S / 166°54.963E. Well maintained, easy uphill trail to the lighthouse with great views. Pull dinghy to the beach, but mind the red mud! -- Tina of Ponce

3.5 Baie de Kouakoue

East side of Grande Terre

3.5.1 Anchorages

Aug. 2025: 21°56.477S / 166°40.205E anchored in 10-16m muddy bottom. Don't go too close to the rise. Protection from NE-E-SE-S-SW. – Quokka2

3.5.2 Cruiser Reports

Aug. 2025: Snorkeling or diving. Abundant healthy corals, fish. Reef top shallows down to 20m flat. – Quokka2

3.6 Ile Nemou

East side of Grande Terre

3.6.1 Anchorages

Jan. 2026: 21°40.419S / 166°22.926E anchored in 7m of coral and sand. Good holding. Protection from the E-SE-S-SW. Beautiful anchorage. Calm, picturesque, clear waters and fantastic snorkeling nearby. One of our favorite spots. – Charmierre

3.7 Baie de Touho

East side of Grande Terre (north)

3.7.1 Anchorages

Jan. 2026: 20°46.532S / 165°13.940E anchored in 6m, very sheltered. Protection from all wind directions except North. – Charmierre

3.7.2 Cruiser Report

Jan. 2026: The Mobil Touho Fuel station +687.42.88.05, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1800, Sat-Sun: 0700-1100. There is an attached general store with lots of stuff including groceries, bread, fishing supplies, and hardware items.

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East side of Grande Terre (north)

3.8.1 Anchorages

Entry into Hienghene River: do not pass in the middle of the entry as there is a large sandbank. It is best to pass close to the left shore during mid to high tide to reach the marina.

Hienghene Marina: 20°41.518S / 164°56.585E Small marina with (10) places. +687.42.43.57 or VHF 67. Water, electricity (220v), showers are available with the cost approximately 16,000XPF per month. It is very inexpensive to stay but it is in disrepair. Very well protected during cyclone season. Accommodates monohulls 15m or less and drafts less than 1.8m.

Jan. 2026: 20°40.643S / 164°56.717E offers multiple anchoring options including: Behind Le Sphinx, next to Poule Couveuse, or further inside the bay (gets shallow so watch the charts). We anchored behind Le Sphinx which was a bit roly, but bearable. Good holding in mud.

3.8.2 General Services

3.8.2.1 Banks & ATMs

Dec. 2025: BCI +687.42.77.10. www.bci.nc, Hours: Tues & Thurs: 0915-1045 & 1115-1415. Located: 20°41.535S / 164°56.546E. 24/7. – Charmierre

3.8.2.2 Information & Tourist Center

Dec. 2025: Hienghene Tourist Center +687.42.43.57. Located: 20°41.527S / 164°56.574E, www.facebook.com/OTHyehen. Open Mon-Fri. On Saturday only open until mid-day. – Charmierre

3.8.3 Provisions

Marche de Hienghene Located: 20°41.602S / 164°56.570E. Hours: Tuesday and Friday: 0700-1200. Local greens, bananas, cassava

Little General Store Located: 20°41.569S / 164°56.571E. Bread, fish, some meats

Pause Café Located: 20°41.544S / 164°56.544E. Fresh fruit and vegetables including carrots and apples. Selection of groceries and locally produced products. Coffee available.

3.9 Port De Pouebo

East side of Grande Terre (north)

3.9.1 Anchorages

Aug. 2025: 20°22.393S / 164°35.462E anchored in mud bottom surrounded by reef and mangrove. Flat anchorage, but winds can gust down river valley in strong westerlies. Protection from S-SW-W-NW. – Quokka2

3.9.2 Provisions

Aug. 2025: A small relatively well-stocked grocery store located in a traditional round thatch “case.” Close to dinghy access from river at bridge. – Quokka2

3.10 Ile Poudioue

East side of Grande Terre (north)

3.10.1 Anchorages

Dec. 2025: 20°17.325S / 165°29.346E anchored in 8m sand. There is a lot of sea grass. – Charmierre

3.10.2 Cruiser Reports

Dec. 2025: The sea grass attracts the dugongs! This is the first anchorage Captain Cook on H.M.S. Resolution landed when he discovered New Caledonia in 1714.

The monument on the island is dedicated to the French Explorer Jean-Michael Huon de Kermadec. He is the first European to be buried in New Caledonia (on Poudioue). – Charmierre

3.11 Baie de Pam

North East side of Grande Terre

3.11.1 Anchorages

Dec. 2025: 20°14.149S / 164°18.263E anchored in 5m of mud with excellent holding. Very well protected from the south to east winds. – Charmierre

3.11.2 Cruiser Reports

Dec. 2025: Hike up any one of the hills on Pam Island to enjoy a beautiful panoramic view of the area and anchorage. – Charmierre

3.12 Poum

West side of Grande Terre (north)

3.12.1 Anchorages

Dec. 2025: 20°13.577S / 164°02.213E anchored in 6m of mud. Protected from SW-S-SE. There is a little floating pontoon behind the wharf where you can tie your dinghy. – Charmierre

3.12.2 Yachtsmen Services

3.12.2.1 Fuel (Diesel and Gasoline)

Dec. 2025: Poum Pacific Station +687.29.70.73, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0800-1800. – Charmierre

3.12.2.2 Trash and Recycling

Dec. 2025: There is a small rubbish bin near the wharf – Charmierre

3.12.2.3 Water

Dec. 2025: There is a public water tap near the wharf. – Charmierre

3.12.3 General Services

3.12.3.1 Banks and ATMs

Dec. 2025: An ATM inside the Post Office located at 20°13.954S / 164°01.516E. – Charmierre

3.12.3.2 Post Office

Dec. 2025: OPT – Agency de Poum located at 20°13.954S / 164°01.516E, www.opt.nc. Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1100 and 1215-1500. – Charmierre

3.12.4 Provisions

Dec. 2025: There is a small market at the Pacific Station Essence Shop with bread, vegetables, toiletries, cans, fishing supplies, etc...

There is another little general store near 20°13.691S / 164°02.185E with bread, fruit, and vegetables.

Fresh market is located at 20°13.885S / 164°01.594E and is open Wednesdays and Fridays with local produce. – Charmierre

3.13 Koumac

West side of Grande Terre (north)

3.13.1 Anchorages

Dec. 2025: 20°34.564S / 164°16.494E anchored in 4m with good holding. There was a slight swell coming from around the corner, so anchor close to shore. Protected from NE-E-SE.

Dinghy Landing on a small beach. Tie to a tree. It is a 2-min. walk to the marina. – Charmierre

3.13.2 Yachtsmen Services

3.13.2.1 Fuel (Diesel and Gasoline)

Dec. 2025: There is fuel available at the Marina Pandop (Koumac). Tie up to the wharf on port as you enter the marina. They will allow you to stay overnight with water and power if you purchase fuel. – Charmierre

3.13.2.2 Trash and Recycling

Dec. 2025: There are small rubbish bins in Pandop Park near the beach. – Charmierre

3.13.2.3 Water

Dec. 2025: There is a water tap in Pandop Park. Push button down. – Charmierre

3.13.3 General Services

3.13.3.1 Laundry

Dec. 2025: The small marina has laundry facilities (old machines, but they work). – Charmierre

3.13.3.2 Marina

Dec. 2025: The Pandop Marina office +687.47.3434, marinadepandop@canl.nc, hail on VHF 67. Located at 20°34.811S / 164°16.470E. Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1130 and 1300-1630, Sat-Sun: 0600-1100, www.mairie-koumac.nc/capitainerie-du-pandop.

This is a small friendly marina. There are a few places for visiting yachts. Toilets, showers, laundry, book swap, water, fuel, electricity and bicycle hire. – Charmierre

3.13.4 Provisions

Dec 2025: There are three grocery stores and a bakery:

La Boulangerie (bakery) +687. Hours: Mon-Fri: 0630-1055, Sat: 0630-955. Located C7V)+35M Koumac

Hyper U (Super U) Koumac +687.23.77.82, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1900, Sat-Sun: 0700-1200 & 1500-1800. Located 20°33.705S / 164°16.875E

Koumac Market Located 20°33.544S / 164°16.782E small market open Saturday and Wednesday from 0600-1100 with locally grown vegetables and produce.

Kgou Koumac +687.23.72.17, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0700-1900, Sun: 0700-1200. Located 473 Ave Emile Frouin, <http://www.korail.nc>

Posted above by – Charmierre

3.14 Baie De Bourail (Baie de Gouaro)

West side of Grande Terre

3.14.1 Anchorages

Oct. 2025: 21°37.033S / 165°27.696E anchored in large bay with good holding. Very pretty anchorage. Protected from N-NE-E-SE-S. – Fleur

3.14.2 Provisions

Oct. 2025: There is a supermarket about 4 miles along the river. Accessibly by dinghy. – Fleur

3.15 Ouano

West side of Grande Terre

3.15.1 Anchorages

Oct. 2025: 21°50.565S / 165°48.851E anchored in 4-5m of mud with good holding. Protected from the NE-E-SE-S.

There are two small dinghy docks. One is on the tip of the island and the other by the shore which is very shallow at low tide. – Charmierre

3.15.2 Yachtsmen Services

3.15.2.1 Trash & Recycling

Dec. 2025: Large waste bins (general waste only) near the dinghy landing. – Charmierre

3.15.2.2 Water

Dec. 2025: There is a tap water (push button) located near the dinghy landing. – Charmierre

3.15.3 Restaurant

Dec. 2025: At the Caledonian Wake park is a Japanese Restaurant in the Caledonian Wake Park. +687.45.97.59, info@packride.com, www.caledonianwakepark.com, located 21°50.789S / 165°48.628E. Very welcoming. – Charmierre

3.15.4 Cruiser Reports

Dec. 2025: The Caledonian Wake Park offers several activities including paddle boards, kayak, swimming pool & boat ride. +687.94.80.83, info@lafoaplongee.com -- Charmierre

4 Ilot MBE Kouen

4.1 Anchorages/Moorings

June 2026: 22°15.804S / 166°13.254E anchored in 5m of sand with very good holding. We had very light winds 8-10kts from the SE making this an ideal anchoring spot. The water is super clear...we could see the bottom as we came in at 10m depth. – sv Sugar Shack

June 2026: 22°15.709S / 166°13.210E in 7.5m of sand with good holding. – Wainani

4.2 Cruiser Reports

June 2026: A lovely little ilot filled with white sand, loads of birds and if you are lucky, lots of sand dollars. Super pretty anchorage offering a gorgeous sunset!

Local SIM cards do not work in Kouen. – sv Sugar Shack

5 Ilot Signal

5.1 Anchorage/Moorings

June 2026: There are 18 moorings (with just a loop, no painter). We secured a mooring for our boat only to later learn that these moorings are for boats 10 meters and under (according to the Rocket Guide). We had light winds and decided it was ok for the conditions. We did get a little roll during our stay here.

The Rocket Guide states that boats can anchor in 4-6m of sand behind the mooring field, but NFL states that there is no anchoring as it is a Nature Reserve. Hmmm? – sv Sugar Shack

5.2 Cruiser Reports

June 2026: We had a turtle visit us as we were picking up the mooring. There is a lovely walk around the island that is well tended to. You'll enjoy the walk through the dry forest, mangroves and vegetation while admiring a large variety of birds. Be sure to keep an eye out for the giant osprey nest!

Local SIM Cards do not work in Ilot Signal. – sv Sugar Shack

6 Ilot Maitre

Useful link for this island: www.wind-hounds.com/sailing-spots/asia-pacific/ilot-de-maitre

6.1 Anchorages

There is no anchoring allowed here. Yachts are required to take a mooring to protect this marine preserve. No fishing or spear fishing is allowed.

Mooring Field: 22°19.944S / 166°24.520E, the ferries use the large dock which is very busy. There is a beach which shallows at low tide where dinghies can be left.

April 2026: Moorings were high quality, easy to grab and see. – sv Walu

Oct. 2025: The moorings are in good condition. We stayed here in 30kts of NE wind without any issues (39' mono). However, do not take the moorings close to the shore as it gets very shallow and there are some bommies. – Lucky Johnny

Dec. 2024: The moorings seem to be in quite good shape. You want to grab one at the south end as there is a lot of day tourist shuttle boats using the main pier (creating wakes). – Moin

6.2 Cruiser Reports

Sept. 2025: The Ilot Maitre Kite Surf School offers kite lessons for all ranges. There is a long, shallow flat area protected by reef which provides an ideal learning condition. Good website to learn about conditions: <https://wind-hounds.com/sailing-spots/asia-pacific/ilot-de-maitre>

Oct. 2024: The Double Tree Hilton is cruiser friendly. Outside guests are allowed to use the public beach and public facilities (outside showers, beach snack, water activity center). However, the pool and private beach are reserved for overnight hotel guests. – Moin

7 Ile de Amedee

Contact Mary D. +687.26.31.31 to find out when the lighthouse is open. Sometimes they only open it when they have a tourist boat visiting.

7.1 Anchorages

Mooring Field **22°28.586S / 166°27.863E** which are free to use. They have short leads so a long line is necessary. Be sure to check for coral heads around the mooring as cruisers have reported coral heads that might hit your keel.

Protected from waves from the east and southeast.

Dinghy Landing: The Amedee Islet dinghy dock is where the tourist and cruise ships drop off/pick up passengers. You can tie up near the ladder on the north side.

June 2026: 22°28.500S / 166°27.900E We were on one of the two buoys that we thought were already distance from the bommies. The other moorings were too close to bommies for us. Our friends on Jadamama were on the other “safe” buoy which was the northern most buoys.

Oct. 2025: Be very careful for the coral heads. We stayed 5 days and saw three French / Local boats on the reef. – Lucky Johnny

Oct. 2025: Beautiful anchorage. Weekends are cruise ship days and it becomes packed. Moorings are in good condition. Clear water, shallow sandy bottom, turtles, sharks, lots of fish are around. It is worth a visit. – Tawaki

7.2 General Services

7.2.1 Information and Tourist Center

June 2026: There is an info board at the dock. Toilets are located near the informational board. – sv Sugar Shack

7.3 Activities

Contact Mary D. +687.26.31.31 to find out when the lighthouse is open. Sometimes they only open it when they have a tourist boat visiting.

June 2026: The famous Amedee Lighthouse +687.96.11.31, Hours: Mon-Sun: 0900-1700. It was built in 1865 and stands 56m tall (247 steps). This is the last remaining metal lighthouse in France. It costs around 300XPF per person. The view from this architectural gem is well worth the climb. It is ranked as the world's largest metal lighthouse. www.sudtourisme.nc/en/explore/must-sees/amedee-lighthouse

It is a lovely walk around the island. There is good snorkeling in front of the island to starboard of the dock and a lovely beach on the eastern side of the island.

It seems the lighthouse is under construction as it is surrounded by fence and has a padlock on the door. – sv Sugar Shack

June 2026: The mooring field has crystal clear water and lots of turtles and fish all around the boat as well as a few black tips. Sadly, also plenty of jelly fish that stung a little.

The lighthouse is currently closed, with construction fences and locks. But we walked around the island, lovely soft white sand with coral and shells (and a disappointing amount of broken glass). – Zipper

7.4 Cruiser Reports

Oct. 2025: We saw turtles and kratis swim through the anchorage frequently. – Lucky Johnny

8 Ile Mato

8.1 Anchorages

June 2026: **22°33.200S / 166°47.382E** anchored in 7m of sand with really good holding (during mid-tide). Dropped the hook once and it set right away. Two other boats were already anchored here when we arrived and there is plenty of room for more. – sv Sugar Shack

Oct. 2025: This is a stunning anchorage. There is some kind of “carpet seaweed” on the bottom in places. We couldn't get the anchor to catch so we raised anchor and found a huge bit of “carpet” on it. We moved and the anchor dug in fine. – Tawaki

Sept. 2025: Anchored in 11m of sand for 5 days and had changing winds from several directions with up to 20kts. It was always calm and safe in terms of waves. – Lady Blue

Sept. 2024: Very well protected. It felt like a marina in 18jts of wind from the East. – Moin

8.2 Cruiser Reports

June 2026: So, the “easy” trail up to the top was not so easy. Not because the incline was steep (only 150’ to the top) or because it was a long distance (.4 miles). But because the trail was severely overgrown, there were huge holes everywhere, the ground gives way dropping you into said holes, and there were lots of snakes. Not my favorite hike, but we did it. The views were beautiful and it took less than an hour to go up and down.

Local sim cards do not work on Ilot Mato. – sv Sugar Shack

Oct. 2025: Turtles and black tip sharks in the shallows by the beach. – Tawaki

Oct. 2025: Nice anchorage, with beautiful colors. Not good for snorkeling. We went to various spots around the reef and found a lot of dead coral and not many fish. But this is a good spot for wing foiling and kiting. – Lucky Johnny

Sept. 2025: 22°32.962S / 166°47.580E A small trail on the very western side of the North beach will take you to the peak of the mountain. It is a nice easy walk but keep an eye out for the poisonous snakes. Lovely views of the anchorage and surrounding reefs. – Valentin

9 Ile Ouen (Newa)

South of Grande Terre

In September 2024, the French locals told cruisers to avoid this island as the indigenous people are not welcoming.

9.1 Port Koube (Baie Tranquille)

9.1.1 Anchorages

Sept. 2025: 22°26.807S / 166°48.806E in 6-10m red mud with good holding. Excellent anchorage, pretty well protected. – Elyse

Aug. 2025: 22°26.398S / 166°48.168E in 10-11m with good holding. Nice, quiet, uninhabited and well protected anchorage. Good protection from all directions except east. Be sure to check the tides when entering as the current may be annoying. We stayed under 20-25 kts of wind with a few higher gusts. Good stop over between Ile de Pines and Noumea. – Alendoy

9.2 Port Koutoure

9.2.1 Anchorages

Sept. 2025: 22°28.120S / 166°48.337E good holding in 9-11m. Uninhabited. – sv Sea Dream

9.3 Baie De La Tortue

9.3.1 Anchorages

Sept. 2025: 22°27.475S / 166°46.790E in 5m, away from sunken wreck in N of the bay. Avoid going too close to the beach (corals). Sheltered from the east. Katabatic breezes, wharf is decayed and hotel is defunct. – Elyse (Alan & Gunilla)

9.4 *Baie Ue (Baie Blanche)*

9.4.1 *Anchorage*

Sept. 2025: 22°25.676S / 166°46.940E in 7-10m of good holding. – sv Sea Dream (Moana)

9.5 *Baie Ire*

9.5.1 *Anchorage*

Sept. 2025: 22°24.261S / 166°48.244E in 16m, secure anchorage. – sv Kekada II

10 Isle Des Pines

South of Grande Terre

FORBIDDEN ANCHORAGES: It is forbidden to anchor everywhere in Isle des Pines. The only places for yachts is in Baie de Kuto on the moorings. Only, when all moorings are taken are you allowed to anchor in Baie de Kuto.

FORBIDDEN ACCESS: Nokanhui and Upi Bay are forbidden anchorages.

Kanumera anchorage is allowed when west wind is blowing.

10.1 *Baie de Kuto*

Signage will clearly display where you are allowed to swim and where you are allowed to do water sports. Please take note of the map and act accordingly.

No fishing, no scuba diving, and no collecting of animals or plants.

10.1.1 *Anchorage*

(20) moorings are available (a ball on a chain to a helix). It is mandatory to use the moorings which are free of charge. Two moorings on the west side are set aside for yachts over 50'. They are a little larger than the rest of the buoys and are a different shape.

Book your mooring: www.sudtourisme.nc

Anchoring is allowed to the north end of the mooring field, but only when ALL of the moorings are full.

Protection from the South, East, North, NorthEast. Good, quality sandy bottom and a beach landing.

Dinghy Landing: 22°39.714S / 167°26.393E The best place to leave your dinghy is the Baie De Kuto Dinghy Dock (on the inside). Do not leave your dinghy on the outside as that is reserved for commercial vessels.

You are only allowed to beach your dinghy by the restaurant. Be very careful to avoid the swimming area and watch for the strong surge.

June 2026: 22°39.465S / 167°26.470E we picked up a mooring in the middle. We had SW winds which made the anchorage/mooring field roly. But the moorings are really well spread apart giving each boat plenty of space. There is no painter, but the loop does pull up to your boat to connect your bridle/lines. – sv Sugar Shack

Oct. 2025: Moorings are well spaced on a delightful sandy beach. – Skylark (Claire)

Dec. 2024: Nice bay with super soft sand. Moorings are in great shape. It can get a little swelly if the wind has a westerly component. – Moin

10.1.2 Yachtsmen Services

10.1.2.1 Fuel (Diesel and Gasoline)

Dec. 2024: Pacific Petrol Station +687.46.11.47 (22°39.575S / 167°26.862E) Hours: Mon-Sat: 0700-1130 & 1400-1530. – Moin

10.1.2.2 Trash and Recycling

Located near the dinghy dock is a single black bin next to the building that is for cruisers to dispose of rubbish. However, if you can, please hold all rubbish on the boat until you return to Noumea.

10.1.3 General Services

10.1.3.1 Banks & ATMs

BCI Bank +687.46.10.45. There is an ATM at the bank which is about 6km from the anchorage. There is another ATM at the fresh market but this is 7km from the anchorage.

10.1.3.2 Bike Rental

June 2026: Hotel Kou Bugny +687.24.92.80, www.kou-bugny.com and Nataiwatch Guest House offer bicycle hire.

Nataiwatch Guest House +687.46.11.13, <https://nataiwatch.com>, (22°39.765S / 167°26.919E) will rent bicycles for 250F per person/day.

L'Oure Lodge in Kanumera Bay hires scooters. +687.43.13.15, resa@ourelodge.nc. – sv Sugar Shack

10.1.3.3 Boutique

June 2026: Que du Bonheur Curios. Cute little boutique with local crafts, shells, some clothing, carvings. (22°39.823S / 167°26.431E). Hours: Mon-Fri: 0900-1130 & 1500-1730. Shop is next to the mechanic which is across from the Gendarmerie. – sv Sugar Shack

10.1.3.4 Communications

June 2026: The Local SIM card seemed to work on Isle des Pins. – sv Sugar Shack

10.1.3.5 Information and Tourist Center

This “tourist office” is really more about the ferry schedule. (22°39.735S / 167°26.373E)

10.1.3.6 Marine Services

June 2026: Tony Marine (22°39.823S / 167°26.431E) is a diesel and outboard mechanic. Hours: Mon-Fri: 0900-1130 & 1500-1730. Has a well-equipped workshop and machine shop. From the dinghy dock you will see a street perpendicular to the main street. He is across from the Gendarmerie. – sv Sugar Shack

10.1.3.7 Post Office

The Post Office +687.46.11.00 (or +687.46.10.00). Hours: Mon-Fri: 0900-1130 & 1500-1730.

10.1.3.8 Transportation

June 2026: L'Oure Lodge in Kanumera Bay will hire scooters. +687.43.13.15, resa@ourelodge.nc.

Ferry to/from Noumea (talk to the Tourism office). Embarcadere de L'ile des Pins (Betico 2).

Hotel Kou Bugny +687.24.92.80 offers car hire for about 7500xpf per day (no need to refuel). www.kou-bugny.com – sv Sugar Shack

May 2026: Nataiwatch Guest House, +687.46.11.13, <https://nataiwatch.com>, (22°39.765S / 167°26.919E) will rent cars (cheapest on the island). – Pukeko

Edmond Transport – Car Hire +687.76.69.96 (Whatsapp) or +687.44.29.42, www.edmond-transport.com, [Edmond-location@live.fr.](mailto:Edmond-location@live.fr), (22°39.058S / 167°26.554E). They do not speak much English, but if you phone them, they will meet you at the dinghy dock. – Hawkeye

10.1.3.9 Toilets

Public Toilets located (22°39.761S / 167°26.30E)

10.1.4 Provisions

June 2026: Curious Maliska +687.43.49.02, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1700, Sat: 0800-1600, Sun: 0800-1200. Located: 22°39.073S / 167°26.580E, from the dingy dock, turn left, walk past resort and military encampment on the left side past a giant billboard. This store has a decent amount of dry and frozen goods for being a small, convenience store on a remote island. They had a little of everything, canned goods, cleaning supplies, snacks, and at least 6-8 freezers in the back with chicken, pork, frozen veggies, fish, shrimp. The only fresh produce were onions.

Fresh Market: Is Wednesday and Saturday mornings. It is located about 7km away from the dock. – sv Sugar Shack

Oct. 2025: Grocery stores have dry goods and frozen foods. Not much, if any, fresh produce.

Fresh markets are on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. They are however, very limited in stock and supplies. – Skylark

Sept. 2025: Curious Maliska Convenience store about 1.6km from the dinghy dock along the road. Handy little store, very little fresh produce and bread. Chest of freezers are in the back past the hardware items. – Moin

10.1.5 Restaurants

June 2026: We found three places to have lunch or dinner:

Restaurant Les Trois Nautiles (Hotel Kou-Bugny) Hours: 0700-0900, 1200-1400, 1800-2100. This is a hidden gem located right on the beach overlooking the mooring field. Known for delicious food with a gorgeous view. Delicious dinner despite the fact it looks a little rundown. Worth a visit. Beautiful terrace. The burgers, chicken skewers and Fish Tartar were delicious.

L'oure Lodge +687.43.13.15, resa@ourelodge.nc, located at the end of Kanumera Bay. Very lovely resort. Lunch and dinner are available to outsiders but a reservation is recommended. They also have a delightful boutique Le Boutique de L'Oure Lodge open Mon-Sat: 0800-1130 & 1230-1700

Nataiwatch +687.46.11.13, <https://nataiwatch.com>, nataiwatch@lagoon.nc, (22°39.862S / 167°26.924E) Nice restaurant with pizza options. Reservation required. – sv Sugar Shack

Oct. 2025: Buying lunch was difficult without a pre-booking. – Skylark

Dec. 2024: Oure Teta Beach Resort (22°39.862S / 167°26.924E) has a very nice bar and restaurant. They allowed us to use their fresh water pool. – Moin

10.1.6 Activities

June 2026: Loop around Baie de Kuto and Baie de Kanumera (The Sentier Trail). From the dinghy dock find the trail in the trees. This beautiful trail will take you through the forest, mangroves, and other natural beauty. There are loads of places to sit on a bench or picnic along the way. You can walk all the way to Nataiwatch Guest House and then cut across the islet back to Kuto. Lovely walk, flat and easy to follow. A few old historic buildings are along the way. And you get to see the beautiful, sacred Vagina Rock up close and personal.

Hike to Pic N'ga two mountain and ridgeline hike. Roughly 6.5 miles, 900' elevation, and about 3 hours. Good shoes are recommended. Start the trail at the military camp (from dinghy dock, turn left, then turn right at the military camp (white buildings) follow the road to the path. Once at the top of the first mountain, follow the ridgeline to the 2nd mountain then down to the road to complete the full loop. Spectacular views, bring water.

Kunie Scuba Center +687.85.34.86, +687.46.11.22, +687.85.34.86 WhatsApp, kuniescubacenter@gmail.com, kuniescuba@canl.nc, Great diving operation with a comfortable high speed dive boat to take divers out to the reefs. Rates: 2 Dives (certified divers only) 17,000xpf, rental equipment (BCD, regulator, wetsuit, mask) 3,000xpf, Introductory dive (8 years or older) 14,000xpf. Payment can only be made in cash XPF or bank transfer (not credit card, travelers checks or USD, AUD, NZD). – sv Sugar Shack

Oct. 2025: Convict Prison Ruins just off the road (22°38.730S / 167°26.544E). Interesting ruins to explore very dilapidated and overgrown. About 5km return to dinghy dock. – Midnight Breeze

Oct. 2025: Hike to Pic Meuniel (22°38.617S / 167°26.953E) from the water tower. It is not a marked trail but fairly easy to find. It does get extremely steep in places. It is a walkable loop, starting at Kuto Bay, eastwards up to the summit (marked on the map), then descending northwest towards Pic Meuniel, exiting at the water tank onto the road and walking back south to Kuto Bay. – Able Seafarer

Oct. 2025: Hike to Pic N'Ga (22°39.353S / 167°26.846E). Start of the trail is marked by a marker on the road and another sign at the trail's start. The trail is well maintained but best done in regular shoes or hiking boots. 4km return. 260m elevation. 8km if you do both peaks. – Tawaki

Dec. 2024: Sacred Rock of Kanumera (22°39.737S / 167°26.664E). Do not climb on this scared rock. The locals call it the vagina rock. It is believed couples stayed on it overnight if they had issues producing children. – Moin

10.1.7 Cruiser Reports

June 2026: If you hire a car, these places were recommended for a visit: Natural Pool in Oro Bay (1000xpf per person or if you have 10 or more 5000xpf for the group). Bring snorkel gear. +687.91/17/94 or +687.81.26.21

There are relics of the Ouro penal colony here.

Oct. 2025: Many of the businesses, cafes, resorts were closed (many tourists around).

If you are trekking around the island, be sure to bring food and drinks with you. Cruiser ships apparently do not stop here anymore and the locals are happy about that. – Skylark

2012: Take the walk to Pic Nga, the highest peak. From here you can see all the way back to the mainland and there are some really stunning views. – Mr. John

10.2 Baie de Kanumera

10.3 Anchorages

Anchoring is only permitted here when there are strong westerlies AND when you receive prior approval from the Petite Chief of the Comagna Tribe Hilario KOUATHE +687.78.50.82. You will need to request permission on the same day you intend to move.

10.4 Restaurant

Dec. 2025: Nataiwatch Guest House +687.46.11.13, <https://nataiwatch.com/restaurant>, nataiwatch@lagoon.nc, Lunch 1130-1330, Dinner 1830-2015. Reservations required +687.85.65.47. Nice restaurant including pizza options. – Terikah

Dec. 2024: Oure Teta Beach Resort +687.43.13.15, www.ourelodge.nc, is a very nice bar/restaurant. Our kids were allowed to use the fresh water pool. We came here for sundowners on multiple occasions. Very friendly staff. Bring mosquito repellent. – Moin

10.5 Activities:

Naitawatch Guest House **hires cars** (7500x/fp/day) and **bicycles** (1500F/person/half day or 2500F/person/day). +687.46.11.13, <https://nataiwatch.com/>, nataiwatch@lagoon.nc

Island Tours available in a mini bus (7 seats) that lasts 2-3 hours. +687.77.53.06

Sacred Rock of Kanumera: (22°39.737S / 167°26.664E). Do not climb on this sacred rock. The locals call it the vagina rock. It is believed couples stayed on it overnight if they had issues producing children.

10.6 Port de Vao

10.6.1.1 Medical Facility

Centre Medico-Social de L'île des Pins +687.20.53.80 (22°40.262S / 167°29.334E). Reported to have great friendly staff with no wait times.

10.6.2 Provisions

Epicerie Saint-Mathieu +687.43.23.42, small store with basic supplies. Airport shop is better.

Market days are Wednesday and Saturday. (22°40.139S / 167°29.403E)

10.6.3 Activities

Oct. 2025: Saint Maurice: (22°40.408S / 167°29.629E) Lovely spot, fascinating sculptured totems. The monument commemorates the arrival of Fathers Goujon and Chatelut on 12 Aug 1848. Symbolizing harmony between the traditional beliefs & Christian Faith. – Midnight Breeze

Dec. 2024: Saint Josephy Bay near Vao village is a construction site (22°40.204S / 167°30.004E) of the island's famous outriggers and their departure for excursions into Up Bay. – Moin

11 Loyalty Islands

East side of Grande Terre

June 2026: PRIOR to sailing to the Loyalty Islands: Contact Louis Katrawa at the We Marina by email at L-KATRAWA@loyalty.nc to let him know of your intention to visit the Loyalty Islands. He will send you

some forms to complete and to send back to him. Once he receives your forms, he will notify the chiefs of the villages near your intended anchorages so that they know you will be arriving.

This is a courtesy and a sign of respect. It is not a requirement but is a highly recommended gesture so please comply. – sv Sugar Shack

11.1 Mare

Anchorage are listed clockwise.

11.1.1 Baie De Niri

21°37.015S / 167°56.818E. Anchorage and moorings

11.1.2 Baie De Tadine

11.1.2.1 Anchorage

May 2026: 21°33.100S / 167°52.482E. Anchorage and moorings. Good patch of sand close to town. Main town and well protected harbour. Access town center from the wharf. – Voila

11.1.2.2 General Services

Medical Centre +687.45.42.02 or +687.45.41.01. www.ilesloyauteexplorer.nc/en/shops-services/tadine-medical-center

Genarmerie +687.53.00. Hours: Mon-Fri: 0730-1130 and 1330-1730. Located on main road facing the bay.

11.1.2.2.1 Bank & ATMs

BCI Tadine +687.45.40.62

11.1.2.2.2 Car-Hires

Agma +687.45.40.45

Olalic +687.45.45.37

11.1.2.2.3 Post Office

Agence OPT Hours: Mon-Fri: 0745-1500. Located on main road facing the bay

11.1.2.3 Restaurants

Oasis de Belair +687.75.11.42, www.ilesloyauteexplorer.nc/en/accommodation/oasis-de-belair part of a small hotel, accepts credit and cash. Traditional and contemporary culinary specialties

Snack Hnala +687.26.95.63. Hours: Mon-Fri: 0800-1330

11.1.2.4 Activities

Aquarium Naturel is a natural basin with its crystal-clear waters, fed by the passage of the sea under the coral. Serves as a refuge for turtles and fish. Located on the side of the road.

www.ilesloyauteexplorer.nc/en/natural-sites/natural-aquarium-2

11.1.3 Baie Du Nord

21°24.005S / 167°53.284E. Anchorage and moorings. Good patch of sand close to town.

11.1.4 Cap Roussin

21°22.012S / 167°57.359E. Anchorage in 4m behind bommies. Be careful on entry.

11.1.5 Baie De Puan

11.1.5.1 Anchorages

21°27.704S / 168°01.733E. Anchorage and moorings.

11.1.5.2 Activities

Memorial Yeiwene Yeiwene +687.98.878, Hours: Mon-Thur: 0730-11 and 1300-1600. Fri: 0730-1100 and 1300-1530. This is a cultural center with paintings, sculptures, and exhibitions of traditional Kanak art. Information is fuzzy as to whether this is located in Baie de Puan or Tadine/

11.2 Lifou

Anchorages are listed clockwise

Xepemehe Chief's Residence: 20°47.057S / 167°09.240E. Chef Waehnya Siwele's house is past the church with colorful painted walls. The chief lives in a tan house with a front porch and green wire gate in front.

11.2.1 Baie De Santal (Drueulu town)

11.2.1.1 Anchorage South

June 2026: 20°55.381S / 167°04.960E. – Silver Air

20°55.451S / 167°05.074E. Anchorage.

11.2.1.2 Cruiser Reports

June 2026: You pay coutume plus 5,000xpf for a week stay in this bay.

Sylvain works at the Toyota Rental **car location** at the airport. +687.95.87.78, s.itrema@toyoya.nc, He speaks fluent English and is extremely helpful. He will pick you up at the cruiser ship dock or in Chepenehe and then you drive to the airport to do paperwork. You return the car to the airport and they will drive you back to your dinghy.

Lifou is a large island and everything takes awhile to get to. We particularly enjoyed Lucila Beach, Restaurant L'Occitan (nice French restaurant), L'Estanco for on the water lunch (more casual), Luengoni Beach, the bays in the town of MU and the Xodre Cliffs which were stunning (walk towards the right on the path). – Silver Air

11.2.2 Anchorage North

Aug. 2025: 20°47.313S / 167°08.995E. Xepenehe Anchorage. Anchor in 7-8m in a generally calm anchorage. Swell occurs with SW and S winds. – L'Orient

Dinghy Dock is to the left of the boat ramp and has a concrete arched bridge. Best to use during high tide. Caution is advised as there are a lot of sharp edges. Might be easier to beach it on the rocky beach.

11.2.2.1 Yachtsmen Services

Aug. 2025: Chez Alice Fuel Station +687.45.12.90, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1130 & 1430-1900, Sat: 0700-1130 & 1530-1900, Sun: 0700-1130. Located 20°47.043S / 167°09.076E.

11.2.2.2 General Services

11.2.2.2.1 Car Hire

Aug. 2025: The easiest way to rent a car is to contact Sylvan from the Toyota rental car location at the airport. He speaks fluent English and is very helpful +687.958.778, s.itrema@toyota.nc, his staff will pick you up and take you to the airport location to do paperwork and they will drive you back to the dinghy dock. – L'Orient

11.2.2.2.2 Pharmacy

Pharmacie du santal Xepenehe +687.45.00.69, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0730-1200 & 1400-1700.

11.2.2.3 Chief's Residence in Xepenehe

Jan. 2026: Located 20°47.057S / 167°09.240E. The chief of Zepenehe is Chief Waehnya Siwele. He is very friendly with limited English. From Chez Alix, take the road to the right past the church with colorful painted walls. The chief lives in a beige house with a front porch and a traditional kanak structure to the left. There's a green wire gate in front. – Charmierre

11.2.2.4 Provision

Chez Alice Grocery Store +687.45.12.90, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0700-1130 & 1430-1900, Sat: 0700-1130 & 1530-1900, Sun: 0700-1130. Located 20°47.036S / 167°09.086E. Well stocked supermarket with fresh baguettes, vegetables, fruit, and dairy items. They also sell beer, wine, and some spirits.

11.2.2.5 Restaurants

Aug. 2025: We enjoyed **Restaurant L'Occitan** (French) +687.79.00.63 and L'Estanco Restaurant +687.45.21.66 for lunch on the water (more casual).

Snack Bar (20°47.058S / 167°07.481E) simple snack bar and a good place to have a beer. Very friendly staff– L'Orient

11.2.2.6 Cruiser Reports

Aug. 2025: Lifou is a large island and everything takes a while to get to. We particularly enjoyed Luecila Beach, Luengoni Beach, the bays on the south by the town of MU and Xodre Cliffs were stunning. – L'Orient

11.2.3 Baie De Doking

It is customary to bring the “costume” to the chief upon arrival

11.2.3.1 Anchorages

June 2026: 20°42.448S / 167°09.623E. – Silver Air

July 2019: 20°42.378S / 167°09.649E. Anchorage in 12m of sand. Bommies on the bottom so be careful where you drop the hook. Very nice anchorage, recommended in good weather. Coral in crystal-clear water nearby. Better to moor the boat than to anchor (risk of damaging the coral). – Amalia of London

11.2.4 Baie De We

11.2.4.1 Anchorage

20°54.431S / 167°16.137E Anchorage.

11.2.4.2 Marina et We

Marina et We +687.45.43.00 or +687.45.10.62 or WhatsApp +687.79.74.43. VHF 67

Hours: Mon-Sun: 0600-1800

Contact Louis Katrawa, Deputy Head of the Port Service, Directorate of Ports and Airports +687.45.10.62, email l-katrawa@loyalty.nc. Or you may contact Mr. Lalie, Head of Ports Department at lalie@loyalty.nc.

Small marina, but a 45' catamaran fit into one of the berths. According to one reviewer, this marina can accommodate boats up to 55' in length.

Entrance is narrow with a minimum draft of 3m and 2.5m at the catways.

Services: Power, water, Toilets, showers, wifi available.

Jan. 2026: Friendly and helpful place, but run down and in a state of decay. It is a good place to stop and have a couple of nights of good sleep and easy access to water, food, and fuel. We did have lots of flies. – Charmierre

Oct. 2025: Clearest water I've ever seen in a marina. Well protected, friendly management. Much gratitude to Louis Katrawa. – Osmoze

11.2.4.3 Yachtsmen Services

11.2.4.3.1 Fuel (Diesel and Gasoline)

Total Petrol Station (20°55.215S / 167°16.643E)

11.2.4.4 General Services

11.2.4.4.1 Bank and ATMs

There is an ATM at the Post Office +687.45.11.00 or +687.45.10.00. Located: 20°55.057S / 167°15.875E

11.2.4.4.2 Car Hire

Aero Location +687.45.04.94

Alizee Location +687.45.07.67

11.2.4.4.3 Medical Facility

We Medical Hospital +687.45.12.12. Hours: Mon-Thur: 0730-1130 and 1300-1600, Fri: 0730-1130 and 1300-1530. Emergency available 24/7.

11.2.4.4.4 Post Office

The Post office phone is +687.45.11.00 or +687.45.10.00

11.2.4.5 Provisions

Korail Alimentation +687.45.05.70, <https://korail.nc>, BP 423 We, Hours: Sun-Fri: 0730-1900, Sat: 730-1200 & 1500-1900. Large market with a better selection than most grocery stores on island.

Total Minimarket (20°55.230S / 167°16.642E) is convenient for bread, some veggies, frozen food, water, juices, beer, spirits.

11.3 Ouvea

11.3.1 Mouly (Mouli)

11.3.1.1 Anchorages

Anchorage listed from the South West to the North West (western side of the island)

June 2026: 20°42.543S / 166°25.492E You can anchor anywhere in front of the resort (closed) at no cost with good holding. – Silver Air

Jan 2026: 20°42.979S / 166°25.308E in 7.6m of sandy bottom that was visible from the boat. No hazards that we witnessed on approach. You could anchor closer to shore. – sv Charmierre

11.3.2 Cruiser Report

June 2026: We paid coutume and found a guide. We also went to Jokin (pay coutume) and Droulu (pay coutume and 5000xpf for a week).

Tour Guide: Will and Eglantine +687.82.89.58. Will speaks fairly good English. – Warwick

Jan 2026: The church steeple marks a good place to bring the dinghy to shore. Very quiet but friendly community. Several locals will offer meals on the beach under thatch hut structures. If you linger by one at lunch time a local will come out to greet you. Chez Ruben prepared lobster burger with fries and papaya salad. – sv Charmierre

Jan. 2026: Beautiful, safe anchorage. We anchored a closer to the beach in 7m. – sv Charmierre

11.3.3 Ouvea Lagoon Anchorage (Resort)

This is located in front of the “closed” resort which lies in front of Fayava Island.

Jan 2026: 20°42.110S / 166°27.818E in 3.9m of sand. Beautiful spot with gorgeous beach.

Do not take your dinghy into the Baie de Lekiny Lagoon as the locals will be displeased. – sv Charmierre

11.3.3.1 Cruiser Report

Jan. 2026: Easy walk to the bridge where you will have beautiful views. From the beach, turn left, walk around the corner and look for the path that leads to a paved walk up to the bridge. – sv Charmierre

11.3.4 Fayaoue Anchorage

Aug. 2025: 20°38.377S / 166°32.247E in 4.5m sand bottom with very scattered small coral heads. Good holding. The large bommie closer to shore is shown on the charts and clearly visible. -- L’Orient

11.3.4.1 Yachtsmen Services

11.3.4.1.1 Fuel (Diesel and Gasoline)

Station Total Energies +687.41.94.98. Hours: Mon-Sun: 0600-1200 & 1500-1900. Located 20°38.049S / 166°32.827E is located in the same complex as the Lomel4 grocery store. Leave the dinghy on the shore in front of the walk across the street to the station. They offer both diesel and gasoline.

11.3.4.2 Provisions

Lomel4 market +687.45.94.98. Hours: Mon-Sat: 0600-1200 & 1500-1900, Sun: 0700-1200. This is the best grocery store on the island. They offer frozen meats, fruits and vegetables, cheese, dairy and standard staples. They also offer beer, wine, spirits, and bread.

JD Alimentaire +687.45.10.23, Hours: Mon-Sat: 0600-1200 & 1500-1930, Sun: 0600-1200. Located 20°37.987S / 166°33.173E. This is a much smaller market and they do not sell any alcohol.

Ouvea Fruit and Veg Market (20°38.781S / 166°32.336E) is open on Tuesday and Thursday in the open air building across from the War Memorial. Selling local produce, super friendly folks.

11.3.4.3 General Services

11.3.4.3.1 Bank & ATMs

BCI Hulup +687.45.71.31, +687.28.05.84, Hours: Mon, Wed-Fri: 0730-1200, Tues: 0730-1200 & 1300-1500

11.3.4.3.2 Car Hire

Gite Beupre +687.45.71.32

Ouvea Location +687.45.73.77, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0730-1130, 1500-1700, Sat-Sun: 0730-1130 & 1500-1700

11.3.4.3.3 Post Office

The Post office +687.45.71.00, +687.20.61.70, Hours: Mon-Fri: 0745-1145 & 1215-1500

11.3.4.4 Cruiser Reports

June 2026: Chief Mouly is very friendly but he made it very clear that no fishing or spear fishing are allowed.

Ouvea Road Tour (Will and Eglantine) with Transport Nasylia +687.95.37.11, www.ilesloyauteexplorer.nc/en/transport/transport-nasylia/

11.3.5 Unyee Anchorage

Aug. 2025: 20°25.510S / 166°32.265E in 4.6m sand bottom with very scattered small coral heads. There are some very large surface level bommies on approach. Good anchorage for northerly winds but it did get a little roly as the wind clocked to the West and then the SW. The beach is beautiful. -- L'Orient

12 Iles Belep

Located north of Grande Terre (tip island)

12.1 Art Island

12.1.1 Anchorages

South end of island:

June 2026: 19°47.022S / 163°41.155E is Baie De Peiroma noted as a good anchorage.

North West end of island:

Dec. 2024: 19°42.883S / 163°38.533E is reported to be a good anchorage with a small village. – sv Moin

13 Ile Pott

Further north of Iles Belep

13.1 Anchorages

June 2026: 19°33.160S / 163°35.228E good anchorage with one or two boats. No one lives here, but locals do come here to fish at night. WWII ruins (coast watcher building). – sv Moin

14 Ile Yande

14.1 Anchorages

June 2026: 20°01.968S / 163°47.872E anchor in 10m. Reported to be a beautiful anchorage that can get rolly with easterly swell. – sv Quokka2

15 Ile Neba

West side of Grande Terre

15.1 Anchorages

June 2026: 20°09.664S / 163°55.547E beautiful island with sand beach. Amazing snorkeling at the south corner. – sv Shanachie

16 Ile Yava

16.1 Anchorages

June 2026: 20°08.755S / 163°59.844E It took several attempts to stick the anchor. The wind was blowing 12kt from NE and there was a little swell. Enter from the west as there are shallow areas in the east. – Moin