

NEW CALEDONIA:

Escape to paradise in just a few hours

Blending French sophistication with South Pacific beauty, the archipelago that is New Caledonia may just be the ultimate South of France escape this side of the equator. In just two hours from Brisbane, three hours from Sydney and four hours from Melbourne, you can say “bonjour” to the dazzling shores of a World Heritage-listed lagoon that sparkles with every shade of blue.

STAY

Hilton Nouméa La Promenade Residences' spacious self-catered apartments are perched across from the mainland's popular Anse Vata Bay. Describing their style as 'French Riviera style meets the charm of New Caledonia', this centrally-located hotel is currently ranked one of the top five hotels in Nouméa on TripAdvisor.

Escape to the turquoise shores of Escapade Island Resort, located a 20-minute boat ride from Nouméa. Surrounded by the world's largest lagoon, these luxurious overwater bungalows make you feel like you're in the Maldives, but without the jetlag. Watch the sun set on your 15sqm outdoor deck or descend your private stairs and drop into the sparkling Pacific Ocean below.

EAT & DRINK

Gourmet French food meets local produce on an island that's known for its locally-grown fruits and vegetables and its abundance of seafood. Think: classic French dishes with a tropical twist. Oh, and some of the most delicious wine you'll taste outside of France.

Enjoy an AU\$50 dining credit to use at the decadent La Terrasse Restaurant with your stay at Hilton

Nouméa. Overlook the waters of Anse Vata Bay as you feast on tasty local staples with a modern twist like seared tuna with polenta, deer tartar with capers and parmesan cheese and beef rossini.

The region's staple dish is a combination of chicken, lobster or fish mixed with yams, bananas, sweet potatoes and coconut milk and wrapped in a banana leaf. Bougna—as the locals call it—can be found steaming on hot stones roadside or at local restaurants. Don't look past your nightly buffet dinner inclusion at Escapade Restaurant that'll feature more delicious local staples made with locally-sourced produce.

Local tip: If the striking Isle of Pines is on your New Caledonia itinerary, sample the forest-dwelling snails, considered a delicacy by the locals who farm them.

When you're surrounded by a UNESCO World Heritage-listed lagoon, it's a must to enjoy a tippie with a backdrop of gently lapping waves and turquoise ripples. Head to Nouméa's floating Pop Light – one of New Caledonia's hottest bars positioned on stilts above the ocean. Or watch the waves from Code Bar, at Hilton Nouméa's neighbouring Nouvata Hotel, where you'll enjoy two welcome house wines or local beers with your stay.

EXPLORE

The islands of New Caledonia epitomise natural beauty with their pristine sands, untouched waters and colourful sea life.

Your Luxury Escape includes three nights in an overwater bungalow at the small, beach-fringed Escapade Island featuring some of the best turtle spotting in the area. With Escapade Island Resort boasting a number of watersports (additional charge)—from stand-up paddle boarding and kayaking to kite surfing and snorkelling—you'll experience the overwater and underwater nirvana of this paradise.

Thanks to the great roads and infrastructure, the mainland is easily explored by car where you can journey along the coastal beaches or inland through the lush terrain. However, one of the most majestic sights on the mainland isn't a beach or bay, it's in fact a mangrove swamp that has naturally developed into the shape of a love heart. The Heart of Voh sits towards the north of the island and is best seen by plane with affordable 45-minute flights are readily available.

It goes without saying that the many islands of New Caledonia that dot the Pacific are a must-visit. Lifou is the largest and most populous island in the region. It's here you'll discover some of the world's most unspoiled beaches, secret caves, clear waters and plenty of diving spots.



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Regular flights are available with Qantas and Air Calin departing Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. Flights are under 2 hours from BNE, under 3 from SYD and under 4 from MEL. Connections are available from other Australian cities.

Taking you from a beachside Hilton escape in Nouméa to overwater bungalow luxury on the sparkling shores of Escapade Island surrounded by a 200ha marine reserve, an island escape has never been so seductive.



YOUR HILTON NOUMEA LA PROMENADE ESCAPE INCLUSIONS:

- Four nights in a spacious, 65sqm self-catering One Bedroom Apartment featuring a furnished, private balcony with panoramic Pacific Ocean views, plush king bed, tres-chic living and dining area and a fully-equipped kitchen.
- Return scheduled airport transfers from La Tontouta International Airport (NOU) located a 45-minute drive away
- Two welcome drinks to share at the neighbouring Code Bar where you can choose from house wine, local beer or a soft drink
- AU\$50 dining credit to share for La Terrasse Restaurant where you can unwind on the outdoor deck overlooking the waters of Anse Vata Bay

YOUR ESCAPADE ISLAND RESORT INCLUSIONS:

- Three nights in a huge 70sqm overwater bungalow boasting spectacular ocean views from its 15sqm furnished outdoor terrace, luxurious white Italian marble bathroom and stairs that drop you into the seemingly-endless lagoon below
- Nightly buffet dinner at the poolside Escapade Restaurant serving up a selection of local seafood, cold cuts, fresh salads, grilled meats and featuring a spectacular cheese and dessert station
- Daily buffet breakfast at Escapade Restaurant featuring a selection of flaky French pastries, fresh fruit, hot breakfast staples, breads, condiments as well as tea, coffee and juice
- Scheduled return 20-minute boat transfers between Port Moselle and Escapade Island Resort



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