



**DREAM YACHT  
WORLDWIDE**

# Base Guide

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION



**PACIFIC OCEAN | NEW CALEDONIA**



## BASE CONTACTS

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If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

### BASE MANAGER & CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Base Manager: Stéphane Auché

Phone: +687 78 44 43

### CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER:

Cédella Simba

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## BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATM                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Office                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi       |   |

## BASE INFORMATION

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### LICENSE

Sailing license required:  No  Yes

### PAYMENT

The base can accept:  Visa  MasterCard  Amex  Cash

### EMBARKATION TIME

Boarding time is 02:00pm.



## **YACHT BRIEFING**

Briefings will take roughly one to three hours for the technical briefing and 30 minutes to one hour for the chart briefing.

The team will give a detailed walk-through of your yacht's technical equipment, information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as mooring, anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

## **STOP OVERS**

Stop over options can be discussed with the base manager.

## **DISEMBARKATION TIME**

Disembarkation is at 8am on the final day of the charter.

The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

## **BAGGAGE**

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome onboard.

## **BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

- Base emergency telephone number: +687 78 44 43
- Marina emergency telephone number: +687 27 71 97
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: +687 26 47 72
- VHF marina channel: 67
- VHF emergency channel: 16



## HOW TO GET THERE?

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### ACCESS BY PLANE

La Tontouta International Airport (NOU): The airport is 50km from the base, which is a 45-minute journey by car/shuttle. There are regular flights from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Tokyo, Osaka, Auckland, Papeete and Port Vila with Air France, AirCalin, Air Vanuatu, Air New Zealand and Qantas. Please check the schedule on the [airport website](#).

### TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE

If you need organized transfer from the airport, please contact your aftersales team. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to airport website for info, working hours and contacts. Taxis are regularly available in front of the airport buildings.

### ACCESS BY ROAD

From the airport, follow RT1 to Voie Express n°2 (E2). Continue on Voie Express n°2 (E2) and take Voie Express n°1 - Route du Normandie to Route Provinciale du Normandie in Nouméa. Continue on Route Provinciale du Normandie and take Rue Jules Ferry to Rue Auguste Brun to arrive at our base.

## PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

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### BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service:  Yes  No

### LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Casino Johnson  
8 Rue Anatole France  
Nouméa

Day	Time
Monday - Saturday	7am – 7pm
	7am – 12pm

Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice.

## FUEL AND WATER

Fuel and water are conveniently located at Port Moselle Marina or the Loyalty Islands.

## HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- **Hotel Hilton**  
- 109 Prom. Roger Laroque, Nouméa
- **Chateau Royal Beach Resort & Spa**  
- Promenade Roger Laroque, Nouméa
- **Hotel Le Paris**  
- 45/47 Rue De Sébastopol, Nouméa
- **Hotel Beurivage**  
- 7 Promenade Roger Laroque, Nouméa

## RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- **Le Bout du Monde (French, European)**
- **Chez Toto (French, outdoor seating)**

## AREA GUIDE

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If you would like to make the most of your cruise you might wish to start planning your adventure right now. You can preview the best anchorages and routes plus see exactly what to expect when you sail into one of them and anchor, when you download the Rocket Cruising Guide to New Caledonia from [cruising-newcaledonia](#).

This modern, sophisticated up to date interactive cruising program has every anchorage in New Caledonia (over 200) plus routes and detailed information (and spectacular virtual reality images) about diving, treks, internet reception, customs... it is an encyclopedia of information about sailing in New Caledonia and as a bonus comes with a tourism guide with information on everything from car rentals to hotels and restaurants. The guides work on Windows and Macintosh computers but not on smartphones or ipads.

Rocket Guides has generously agreed to offer our clients a 20 % discount on the Rocket Cruising Guide. To get the special offer go to [link](#) or scan the QR code:





After your purchase Rocket Guides will send you a 20% Dream Yacht Charter rebate.

Bring your notebook with you on your cruise so you can use of the guide while actually sailing through New Caledonia's lagoon. Your computer does not have to be on the Internet to use the Guide. However, you will be able to connect your computer to the Internet almost everywhere in New Caledonia if you read the instructions on how to connect to the New Caledonia's 4G network (without roaming costs) right now so you can order the equipment you will need. Instructions are on the Rocket Guides, along with 3G and 4G coverage in the anchorages and you can read the instructions for connecting to the Internet in New Caledonia right now on the [link](#).

## LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

New Caledonia in the Pacific Ocean is home to the world's largest lagoon and a beautiful and unique natural aquarium, which is UNESCO-protected. This is an idyllic vacation destination if you love nature and water sports such as diving, snorkeling and swimming.

Today, New Caledonia is a self-governing territory of France and has an incredible mix of ethnic groups, traditions and customs. The region's blend of Melanesian and French culture, enhanced by Polynesian and Asian influences, creates an exciting yet harmonious lifestyle which you'll get to explore by sailing New Caledonia.

We were the first charter company to bring this exciting cruising ground to the market, establishing the largest fleet in the region. Sailing New Caledonia starts from our base in Nouméa, New Caledonia's capital, which has striking French cultural influences.

## TOP THINGS TO DO IN NEW CALEDONIA:

1. Visit a vanilla plantation: Sail to the quiet Pacific island of Lifou and visit an authentic vanilla plantation. New Caledonian vanilla is known for its excellent quality, and here you can learn about its history and production from one of the island's many producers.
2. See the Oumagne Grotto: Oumagne Grotto, better known as the 'Cave of the Queen', is located on the north end of the Isle of Pines (Île des Pins) and a visit here is among the

top things to do in New Caledonia. Hidden among lush tropical plant life, this grotto is a geological wonder and paradise of flora and fauna, complete with a mysterious legend.

3. Relax on Luengoni Beach: If you are sailing for longer, head to the Loyalty Island where you'll find one of the region's most beautiful beaches with its lush vegetation, white sand and limestone grottos and caves. Hidden treasures await here, including an underwater cave and sinkholes called 'the jewels'. **In case you plan to visit the Loyalty Island, you must inform the Dream Yacht Worldwide at least 5 weeks before your charter, as the company needs to request the permit from the local authorities for you to visit those islands.**
4. Experience a traditional outrigger canoe: While sailing New Caledonia, head to the beautiful Isle of Pines and take an excursion on one of the island's mélanésienne pirogues, a traditional Caledonian outrigger canoe.
5. Get to know the Kanak tribes: Immerse yourself in local culture by spending time learning the Kanak's tribal customs on the east coast. You can meet the tribe by offering a small token to the chief, such as some money or sarong. You can even sleep in a hut and prepare Kanak meals.

**CURRENCY:** Pacific franc (CFP)

**VOLTAGE:** 220V

**DIALING CODE:** +687

## **CUSTOMS CLEARANCE**

For sailing New Caledonia, make sure your documentation is in order to travel, including a valid US passport. US citizens do not need a visa for a stay less than one month.

Talk to us to make sure you have the correct documents before you travel.

## **INTERNET**

Internet access is available at our marina. A router for onboard Wi-Fi can be rented for your charter. Cell phones can work depending on zones but don't forget the roaming fees! There is internet access via cafes and Wi-Fi hotspots, but you may need to pay and speeds may vary.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina



- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

## REGULATIONS

Night sailing is permitted only with the base manager's agreement. All moorings are explained during the chart briefing and reported on maps given for your yacht charter in New Caledonia.

*Prior authorization is required for sailing in Loyalty Islands, and please contact our base manager to coordinate with the relevant authorities; last-minute requests cannot be accommodated.*

Information subject to change without notice.

## SAILING CONDITIONS

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### SAILING AREA

The archipelago of New Caledonia, south of Vanuatu, boasts one of the world's most extensive reef systems with a diverse range of healthy coral and marine life, including whales, turtles and tropical fish. It also features the planet's second largest barrier reef and longest continuous reef, at 994 miles long.

The enormous lagoon covers approximately 9,300 square miles, making it one of the most remarkable and beautiful sailing destinations you can visit. It has a warm, sunny climate that is cooled by the Pacific Ocean's trade winds.

Nouméa is a cosmopolitan city, which feels much like the French Riviera although it sits thousands of nautical miles away in the South Pacific. Colorful waterfronts are lined with bars, cafes, restaurants, and nightclubs. It is an ideal place to stock up on superb French gourmet food and wine before hoisting sail to the other beautiful destinations on your New Caledonia boat hire.

The city is within easy reach of the south lagoon where you can sail Îlot Maître, Île des Pins (Kuto Bay), Île Ouen (Turtle Bay), Îlot Brosse and Îlot Kuaré, as well as see the Amédée Lighthouse.

### WEATHER

New Caledonia has a tropical climate and the weather is spring-like year round. The most popular time to visit is September through December, when temperatures are the mildest and rainfall is low. Average temperatures are between 68°F and 89°F depending on the season.

Winter falls between the beginning of June and the end of September, with an average temperature around 75°F.

## TEMPERATURE

Climate in **Nouméa**, New Caledonia:

- Summer high: The January high is around 84°F
- Winter low: The July low is 63°F

## WIND SYSTEMS

New Caledonia has southeast trade winds most of the year blowing an average of 15 to 18 knots in winter and 18 to 22 knots in summer.

Some areas require a good knowledge of sailing, while others are to be avoided without a skipper. Sailing to Vanuatu and Loyalty Islands (Iles Loyaute) is possible if you agree with our base team in advance.

## LOCAL FORECAST

You can find New Caledonia weather forecasts on the **Meteo** website. Météo France forecasts are listed at the harbour master's office and marina station from 7:30am. Special announcements are broadcast in case of cyclones or tropical waves, and a special colored flag is raised on the mast of the harbour master's office. Nautical weather forecasts are broadcast every day at 6:30am, 9:30am, 3:15pm and 6:30pm.