

Lifou, Loyalty Islands, New Caledonia

A coral atoll of turquoise bays and white-sand beaches — ships anchor off Easo while tenders ferry passengers to one of the South Pacific's most photogenic tender stops, rich in Kanak Melanesian culture.

Tender port (no pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

CFP Franc (XPF)

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MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — anchor off Easo

Walk to center: Easo village is steps from tender dock

Best For: Snorkeling · Beaches · Kanak culture

Don't Miss: Notre-Dame de Lourdes chapel clifftop view

Getting around: Taxi Negotiated locally · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Jinek Bay Marine Reserve Snorkeling** — Jinek Bay (also called Peng Bay) is one of the finest snorkeling spots in the Loyalty Islands — a protected marine reserve with hard corals, tropical...

water and the anchored ship below.
- Kanak Village & Customary Welcome** — Experience a traditional Kanak (Melanesian) welcome in Easo or a nearby tribal village — dancing, weaving demonstrations, vanilla and coconut...
- Luengoni Beach** — Lifou's most beautiful beach — a sweeping arc of white sand, coral-clear water, and limestone caves at the headland.
- Jokin Cliffs & Coastal Scenery** — The dramatic limestone cliffs at Jokin in the north of Lifou offer some of the island's most striking coastal scenery — sheer drops into deep-blue...
- Notre-Dame de Lourdes Chapel** — The iconic white chapel perched on the cliff above Easo Bay offers sweeping views over the turquoise

BEST WALKS

- Easo Village to Notre-Dame de Lourdes Chapel** ~1 km · 30–40 min · moderate (steep climb) — From the tender dock, walk through Easo village and follow the path up the cliff to the white Notre-Dame de Lourdes chapel.
- Easo Village Stroll** ~500 m · 20 min · easy — A short wander through the Kanak village of Easo — local craft stalls, vanilla and coconut vendors, and a chance to chat with residents.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	85°	74°	20d
Jun	84°	70°	1d
Aug	85°	70°	3d
Sep	87°	72°	9d
Oct	86°	73°	20d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:03AM–5:39PM · Jun 6:25AM–5:17PM · Aug 6:14AM–5:37PM · Sep 5:48AM–5:45PM · Oct 5:20AM–5:53PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Pacific/Noumea). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing is everything. Return to the tender dock at least 45 minutes before all-aboard — lines grow fast in the afternoon and there's no way to rush a missed ship.
- Cash in XPF is king. Local vendors and beach stalls work almost entirely in CFP Francs. Credit cards are rarely accepted outside ship-organized tours. Exchange or draw cash before you go.
- Bring your own snorkel gear. Lifou's reefs are exceptional, but rental availability ashore is limited and inconsistent. Packing mask, fins, and snorkel gives you flexibility at Jinek Bay or Luengoni.
- Reef-safe sunscreen only. New Caledonia's marine reserves ask visitors to use reef-safe products. Lifou's coral is pristine — keep it that way.
- Respect customary land. Much of Lifou is tribal customary land. Stay on marked paths, ask before photographing people or ceremonies, and buy direct from local vendors to support the community.
- Rent a scooter or bicycle for independence. If you want to explore beyond the village without a ship tour, scooters and bicycles are available to rent near the tender dock. The roads are quiet and mostly flat near the coast.

Lifou, Loyalty Islands, New Caledonia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Grotte de la Reine Hortense | Coastal limestone cave near Jozip where a Lifou queen once sheltered from tribal conflict in the 1850s. | 2 Baie de Santal | Turquoise sheltered bay near Easo where cruise ships tender passengers ashore. |
| 3 Falaises de Jokin | Dramatic coastal cliffs on Lifou's north coast offering sweeping ocean views. | P Cruise port / terminal | |