

Noumea, Grande Terre, New Caledonia

France in the South Pacific — a city of baguettes and coral reefs, where Renzo Piano's Kanak cultural centre meets turquoise lagoon waters and one of the world's great UNESCO marine ecosystems.

Docked (Gare Maritime, central) Typical call: 8–10 hrs CFP Franc (XPF) French

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Gare Maritime (Quai Ferry, central waterfront)

Walk to center: 5 min to Place des Cocotiers

Best For: Culture · Beaches · Lagoon

Don't Miss: Tjibaou Cultural Centre

Getting around: **Taxi** ~555 XPF base + 123 XPF/km · **Rideshare** not available · **Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Tjibaou Cultural Centre** — Renzo Piano's iconic Kanak cultural centre on the Tina peninsula — ten soaring wooden 'cases' housing Kanak art, history, and landscape gardens.
- **Amédée Island Lighthouse Day Trip** — A classic South Pacific excursion: boat out to tiny Amédée Island with its 19th-century lighthouse, snorkel the coral reef, lunch under palms, and...
- **Anse Vata & Baie des Citrons** — Noumea's two most popular swimming beaches, lined with cafés, restaurants, and watersports.
- **UNESCO Lagoon Sailing or Snorkeling** — New Caledonia's lagoon is a UNESCO World Heritage Site — one of the largest coral reef systems on Earth.
- **Aquarium des Lagons & City Walk** — The Aquarium des Lagons showcases the extraordinary marine biodiversity of New Caledonia's reef, including nautilus and local species rarely seen...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Place des Cocotiers** ~1.5 km · 30 min · easy — Walk from the Gare Maritime along the waterfront esplanade, past the Aquarium des Lagons, and into Place des Cocotiers — the leafy colonial square at the heart of Noumea.
- **Mont Coffyn Lookout** ~3 km · 1 hr · moderate — A short uphill walk or taxi ride to the Mont Coffyn lookout delivers panoramic views over Noumea, the lagoon, and the surrounding peninsula — a classic orientation stop.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:06AM–5:41PM · Jun 6:31AM–5:17PM · Aug 6:18AM–5:38PM · Sep 5:51AM–5:48PM · Oct 5:22AM–5:57PM	
Apr	79°	71°	16d		
Jun	74°	65°	12d		
Aug	72°	63°	11d		
Sep	74°	64°	10d		
Oct	77°	66°	12d		

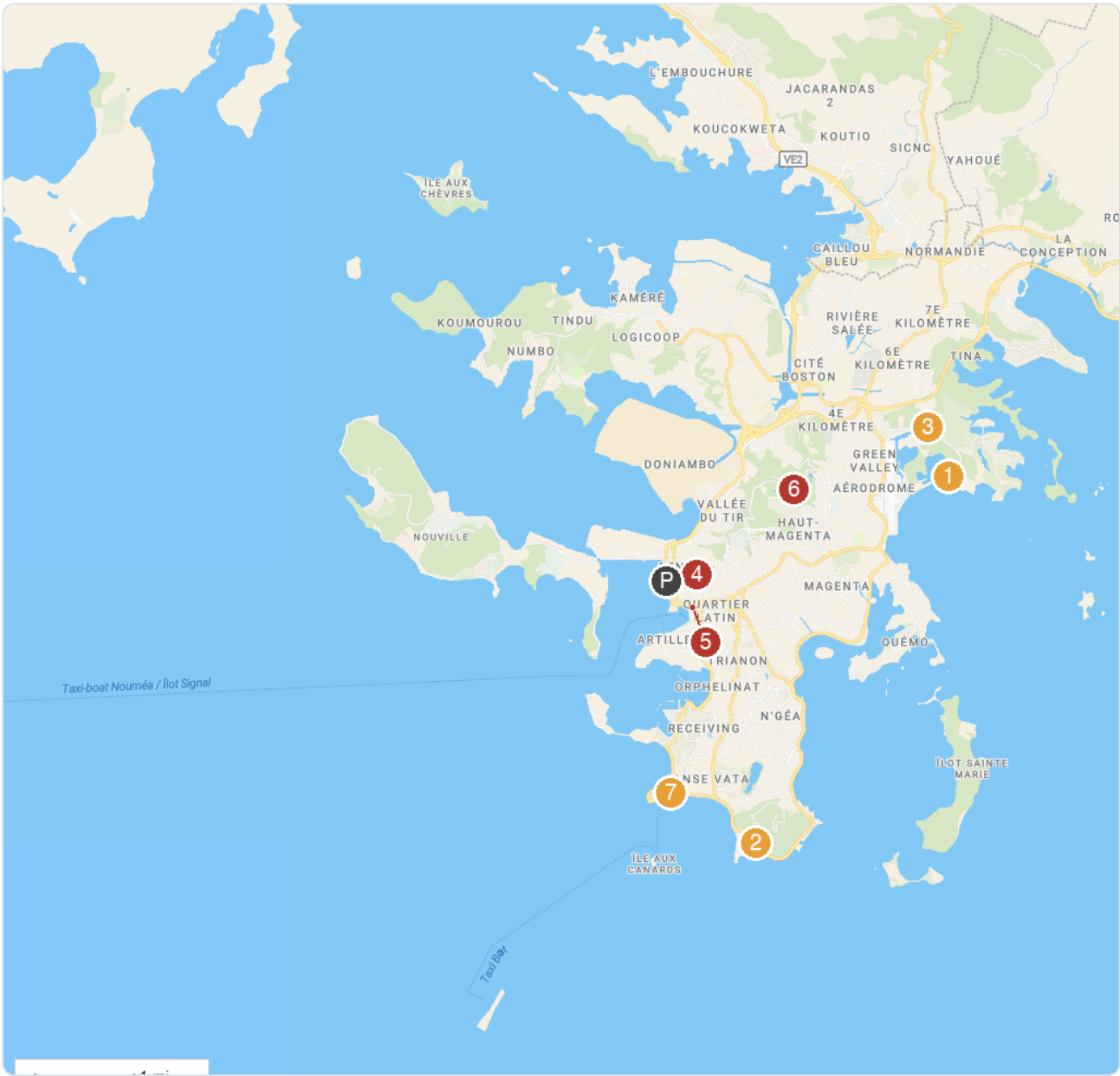
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- French is the working language. Menus, signs, and staff in smaller businesses are French-only. A few basic phrases go a long way; tourist sites near the waterfront have more English.
- CFP Francs are fixed to the Euro. Cards work in most shops and restaurants, but carry some XPF cash for markets, buses, and small cafés. ATMs are available near the pier.
- Tropical heat year-round. Noumea is hot and humid; reef-safe sunscreen, a hat, and water are essential. The dry season (May–October) is the most comfortable for cruise calls.
- Don't skip the lagoon. New Caledonia's UNESCO-listed lagoon is world-class — even a short snorkel off Amédée Island or a glass-bottom boat trip is unforgettable.
- Taxis are the easiest way around. The local Kaar'Bus network is inexpensive but can be slow; taxis are plentiful near the pier and are the quickest way to the beaches and Tjibaou Centre.
- Eat French-Pacific fusion. Noumea's waterfront cafés serve fresh baguettes, seafood, and local dishes like bougna (Kanak earth oven food). The morning market near the city center is worth a look.

Noumea, Grande Terre, 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.



1	Tjibaou Cultural Centre	Modern architecture showcasing Kanak culture and art.	2	Grand Casino	Try your luck at slots, tables, and entertainment.
3	Les Boucles de Tina	Coastal nature park with walking and cycling trails.	4	Musée de la Ville de Nouméa	Noumea's city museum detailing local history and heritage.
5	Noumea City Market	Vibrant market for local produce, crafts, and souvenirs.	6	Parc Zoologique Et Forestier Michel Corbasson	Zoo and botanical garden featuring New Caledonian wildlife.
7	Lagoon Aquarium	Aquarium showcasing diverse marine life from New Caledonia's lagoon.	P	Cruise port / terminal	