

NEW CALEDONIA

June 9 – 16, 2010



A different experience this time venturing to South Pacific gem, the island state of New Caledonia. Completely different from the others with its French culture and heritage it should be very interesting. Waterfront accommodation very handy to Noumea, some day trips to go exploring and lots and lots of time to relax and enjoy the sunshine as well. Oooh la, la.

Day 1 Wednesday June 09 **D**

We travel to Auckland to join our flight to New Caledonia. On arrival we are transferred to our accommodation for the next 7 nights.

Day 2 Thursday June 10 **BD**

A free day today to give you a chance to find your way around and practice your French.

Day 3 Friday June 11 **BD**

A full day tour today as we explore the area south of Noumea including La Conception village, famous for its little church. The church was built by missionaries in 1874, contains many plaques left to thank the Virgin Mary for favours and miracles. Continue to the south, towards Yate Dam, built in 1959 - the hydroelectric scheme that supplies Noumea with electricity. Later at Goro Waterfalls you will have a chance to enjoy a refreshing swim. We stop at St Gabriel's guest house for a traditional Melanesian Lunch, Le Bougna... After lunch we return to Noumea with stops on the way for photos of some spectacular panoramas.

Day 4 Saturday June 12 **BD**

Another free day for your own exploration. You may wish to make the very popular trip out to Amadee Island. (Own expense)

Day 5 Sunday June 13 **BD**

Our journey today will cover the areas north of the capital. Your local guide will explain the history of New Caledonia from the discovery of the island to the convict period, and local Melanesian culture. Your first stop is at the Oue Tom tribal village where we visit the chief's house. We continue towards La Farino for a 3 course lunch at a famous guesthouse featuring local delicacies and specialities such as venison. After lunch we travel on to Fort Teremba where we can observe some of the convict past of New Caledonia. Later we return to our hotel.

Day 6 Monday June 14 **BD**

Your last full free day today to soak up the sun and enjoy your beautiful surroundings.

Day 7 Tuesday June 15 **BD**

Something completely different this morning as we explore Noumea and the Botanical gardens by the Tschou Tschou Train. We take a seat on our motorized train for a guided ride around the city including the bays and beaches of Noumea. We also do the highlights of the city centre before stopping at the botanical gardens for a guided walk. Your ride continues past Faubourg Blanchot, an old colonial housing area, Promenade Vernier, and up to Ouen Toro look out point with a picturesque view of the city and surrounding islands. At lunchtime we return to our hotel.

Day 8 Wednesday June 16 **B**

This morning we make our way to the airport for our journey back to New Zealand.



8 days - 7 nights
Our usual all inclusive fully escorted package
Cost \$2900 (to be confirmed)
\$100 deposit on booking
\$1500 by March 9, 2010
Balance by April 9, 2010
Single Supplement: \$500
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