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PO Box 30, Benalla, Victoria, 3672

RELAX ENJOY DISCOVER



10 - 17 July 2024

Escorted by Vickie Lamble

This new tour combines the breathtaking beauty of the **South Pacific with the elegance of Europe**, Nouméa, New Caledonia is a captivating cosmopolitan capital. Lined with magnificent beaches, beautiful waterways and no shortage of breathtaking vantage points, a visit to the New Caledonian capital reveals some of the incredible reasons why this corner of the globe shouldn't be missed. From engaging cultural attractions, there's so much to see and do across the unforgettable oceanside city of Nouméa, New Caledonia. Just over 3 hours Melbourne to Noumea to this Pacific Paradise located on Australia's doorstep will be the perfect getaway that won't take long to reach.

Inclusions

- Home pick up & return service (metro area)
- Return Aircalin Flights
- Coach touring and transfers
- 7 nights Hilton Hotel - 7 breakfasts - 3 Buffet Dinners (Hilton Hotel)
- 2 Buffet Dinners at Equilibre Restaurant - Dinner at Chai Wine Bar Dinner at Le Roof Restaurant
- Day tour to Amedee Island, including cruise to Amedee Island, Buffet Lunch and Glass bottom boat cruise.
- Guided tours/entrance fees and so much more.....

Cost: \$4,890.00 Per person twin share/double

Single supp: 960.00

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Day 1 (D)

MELBOURNE TO NOUMEA

Wednesday 10 July 2024

Today we begin our South Pacific adventure to Noumea. Making our way to the Melbourne International airport our direct flight with Air Calin leaves at 12.55pm Our expected arrival time in Noumea is 17.25 local time and once we have cleared customs and Immigration, our coach operator will meet us for the transfer to the stunning Hilton Noumea La Promenade Residences that overlooks the beautiful Anse Vata Beach. Following check in we meet again for dinner in the hotel restaurant. *(lunch included in-flight Hilton Noumea La Promenade Residences)*

Day 2 (BD)

NOUMEA

Thursday 11 July 2024

Following breakfast, we are collected from the hotel by our local tour operator and tour guide for a guided City Tour. Facing the lagoon, the New Caledonian capital is the perfect picture of the Pacific. The bay attracted the first Europeans to settle here starting in 1853 and has still kept all its appeal. The city of Noumea has approximately 100 000 inhabitants and caters to a wide range of interests. We make our way from the Bay of Noumea to the City Centre while viewing and exploring attractions along the way. Our touring today includes visits to the **Maritime Museum of New Caledonia** and the **Museum of World War II**. For lunch we visit a large supermarket and with our local guide we can purchase lunch from the large selection of freshly made baguettes and sandwiches. This afternoon we will be visiting the **Tjibaou Cultural Centre**. Situated on eight hectares of land between Magenta and Tina bays, the site encompasses an art centre, a museum, performance spaces, a library, a landscaped park and more. Named after the Kanak political leader Jean-Marie Tjibaou (1936-1989), the Tjibaou Cultural Centre was constructed to celebrate the history and culture of the local Kanak people, and to recognise the cultural diversity that exists within the wider Pacific region. Designed by world-renowned Italian architect Renzo Piano, who was also responsible for the design of the Centre Pompidou in Paris, the centre's design is a modern and monumental interpretation of the island's traditional architecture. Our wonderful day of local touring concludes as we arrive back at the hotel and meet again over dinner.

Day 3 (BLD)

AMEDEE LIGHTHOUSE

Friday 12 July 2024

The **Amedee Island lighthouse** towers 56 metres above the small island, which is only 400 meters long and 270 meters wide, 24 kilometers from Noumea. In 1861, due to the many shipwrecks of boats entering the lagoon, Paris ordered a lighthouse to be built for Noumea. Mr. Rigolet, a French engineer from the Eiffel Tower workshops in Paris, started to work on this outstanding monument in 1862. After ten months of intense work by military personnel and local workers, it was erected on the Amedee Island. It was first illuminated on the 15th November 1865, the Saint's day of the Empress Eugenie, Napoleon III's wife. Its light clearly shows the entrance to the passage of Boulari, one of only three natural passages through the coral reef surrounding New Caledonia. We depart Noumea after breakfast and take the 40 minute crossing where we can take some time to explore everything the island has to offer. Included in our days outing is a Glass Bottom Boat trip, buffet lunch, cultural dance show and demonstrations of Coconut grafting and Sarong tying. Our cruise returns at 4.30 pm and we return to our hotel for dinner.

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Day 4 (BD)

MORE OF NOUMEA

Saturday 13 July 2024

This morning we have a relaxing morning and following breakfast we have arranged for some basic French lessons at the hotel that will help us with our local touring. Our local French teacher will also give us some tips and advice that should make it a fun start to the day. There are several cafes, coffee shops and lunch options in close proximity to our hotel for us to purchase lunch and take a look around. This afternoon we visit the **Michael Corbasson Zoological and Forest Park** as well as the **Chateau Hagan**. This stunning building will give us a wonderful insight into the early life in Noumea. *(Breakfast and dinner at the hotel, lunch at own expense)*

Day 5 (BD)

BASTILLE DAY

Sunday 14 July 2024

Held on July 14th each year, **Bastille Day** is a national holiday in France and New Caledonia, marked by a military parade, fireworks, music and dancing. Both in France and New Caledonia it stands for the same thing, a commemoration of the Storming of the Bastille - one of the turning points of the French Revolution. Following breakfast, we make our way to the city centre and watch the parade, then we have some free time to purchase lunch and enjoy the day's festivities. *(Breakfast and dinner at the hotel, lunch at own expense)*

Day 6 (BLD)

BOURAIL & FORT TEREMBA

Monday 15 July 2024

Today we depart Noumea for a day of sightseeing to the north and east. **Bourail** is on the western coast of the island of New Caledonia and is home to the **New Zealand War Cemetery**. It was constructed by the New Zealand authorities for the burial of members of the New Zealand and other Forces who died in this area during WWII, and the remains of about 200 casualties were concentrated into the cemetery from 14 other islands in the South Pacific area. From here we head into Bourail and visit the **Bourail Museum** and this afternoon head to Moindou for a visit to **Fort Teremba**, the former jail and headquarters of the French army overlooking the sea and extending over 11 hectares. Depending on their sentences or conduct, convicts received a plot of land to resettle in New Caledonia, at the expense of the Melanesians. The anger of the dispossessed mounted, exploding in the Kanak revolt of 1878, led by the legendary chief Atai. Téremba came under siege, but was never taken. The centre was reinforced by the construction of a fort in the penal colony. This story is told in part by the permanent exhibition that is now installed inside the fort. On our way back to Noumea we visit the **Niaouli Distillery** at Boulouparis where we can try the natural balms, essences and liquors. *(Breakfast and dinner at the hotel, picnic lunch include)*

Day 7 (BD)

MORE OF NOUMEA

Tuesday 16 July 2024

Following breakfast, we board the **Tschou Tschou Train** for a 2-hour train tour of Noumea. Sit back and relax as we visit many of the popular tourist lookouts and sights, as we make our way on a circuit around Noumea with a local guide giving commentary in English. We return to the Hotel and we can purchase lunch before visiting the **Noumea Aquarium** and tonight we have a short walk to the **Le Roof Restaurant** that is situated over the waters of **Anse Vata Bay**. This will be a wonderful location for our farewell dinner.

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Day 8 (B)

HEADING HOME

Wednesday 17 July 2024

Having had a wonderful holiday, we now prepare for our return home. Following breakfast, we check out of our hotel and make our way to the La Tontouta International Airport. Our flight departs at 11.50 am and arrives in Sydney at 2.10 pm where we clear customs and immigration and transfer across to the domestic terminal for the flight back to Melbourne. Touching down just late afternoon we then head for home and complete a wonder South Pacific holiday.

Direct deposit: BENDIGO BSB: 633 000 ACCOUNT: 162401020

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

Cheques make payable to 'Lamble Tours' Address as above.

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