

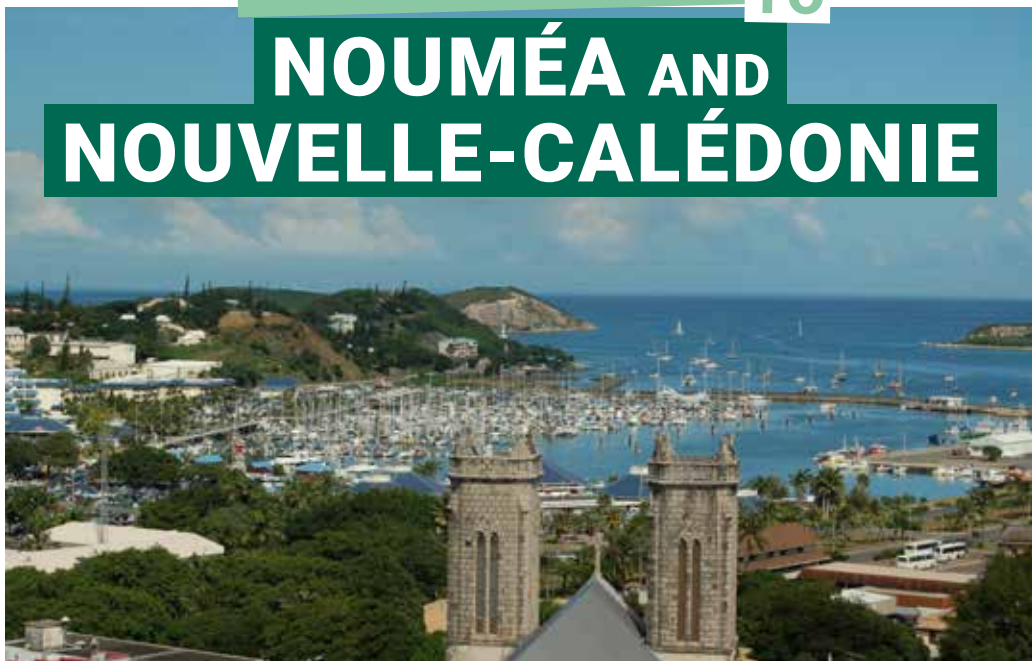
**DISCOVER
YOUR CITY**



Campus France will guide you through your first steps in Nouvelle-Calédonie and exploring **Nouméa**, your new home.

WELCOME TO

**NOUMÉA AND
NOUVELLE-CALÉDONIE**





YOUR ARRIVAL IN NOUMÉA /

◆ Student Welcome at Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie

At Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie (UNC), your main point of contact is the Direction d'Appui à la Recherche, au Rayonnement et aux Études Doctorales, the Department supporting Research, Prestige and Doctoral Studies (DARRED).

Address: Campus de Nouville,
145 avenue James Cook, 98800 Noumea.

Contact: 687 290 480 or international@unc.nc

With Tontouta international airport being an hour's drive away from Nouméa, the UNC provides a free shuttle service for all international students as long as they give prior notice of the date and time of their arrival.

Once you have arrived, you can also go to the **Maison de l'Étudiant** in Nouvelle-Calédonie which offers a variety of services for all students.

Address: 4 rue Félix Raoul Thomas,
Île Nou - Nouville, 98800 Nouméa.

Welcome Desk: an **information desk** is open from Monday to Thursday from 7:30 am to 12 pm and from 12:30 pm to 4 pm, and on Friday from 7:30 am to 12 pm and from 12:30 pm to 3 pm.

Contact: 687 290 057 or maison-etudiant@unc.nc

Site: <http://www.maisondeletudiant.nc/>

Take note: Teaching in Nouvelle-Calédonie follows the Southern hemisphere calendar, with the **first semester starting in February** and the **second semester starting in June:** <https://unc.nc> > International et partenariats > Mobilité entrante > Calendrier austral.

- **Check out the pages for international students**, whether exchange students or free-movers (non-exchange students), on the University website: <https://unc.nc> > International et partenariats > Mobilité entrante > Préparation du séjour et accueil.

◆ Welcome and orientation for researchers and doctoral students

At Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, researchers and doctoral students should also contact the Direction d'Appui à la Recherche, au Rayonnement et aux Etudes Doctorales (DARRED, see above).

◆ Welcome and orientation in other institutions

For more information, go directly to your host institution web site.

◆ National Services

- students: www.etudiant.gouv.fr

- doctoral students, researchers:

<http://www.euraxess.fr/fr>



Making you feel at home is a major concern for all French higher education institutions! The **Welcome to France label** is awarded to institutions that fulfil exacting criteria in the way they take care of their international students.



ACCOMMODATION

Finding accommodation is not always easy.

Rents can be high, and landlords require a financial guarantee (deposit).

Nevertheless, you have a variety of accommodation options at your disposal: halls of residence that are exclusively for student use and managed by the Maison de l'Étudiant in partnership with the SIC (Société Immobilière de Nouvelle-Calédonie), student halls of residence and private lodgings, rooms with locals, flat shares...

It is important that you take care of this as early as possible, before leaving your home country.

• **Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie's website provides a roundup of publicly owned student accommodation:** <https://unc.nc> > Vie étudiante > Campus > Se loger.

• **The Maison de l'Étudiant in Noumea** publishes a guide for finding accommodation on the island. It can be downloaded ("Livret MDE", bottom of the page on the left): <http://www.maisondeletudiant.nc> > Logement.

The Maison de l'Étudiant also publishes student accommodation **advertisements** from private landlords on its website: <http://www.maisondeletudiant.nc> > Logement > Les annonces locatives.



• **The SIC (Société Immobilière de Nouvelle-Calédonie)** has published a brief guide for students seeking accommodation:

<http://www.sic.nc/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/JE-CHERCHE-UN-LOGEMENT-ETUDIANT.pdf>

• **The Centre d'Information Jeunesse de la Nouvelle Calédonie (CIJNC), the youth information center in New Caledonia, coordinates the island's youth information network** (over 20 Information Jeunesse

offices throughout the territory) and provides information and advice on finding accommodation:

- <http://information-jeunesse.nc/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/CentreInfoJeunesse/>

A FEW TIPS

◆ Short-term housing

• Nouméa youth hostel, near the city center.

Address: 51 bis rue Pasteur Marcel Ariège, 98800 Nouméa.

Contact: 687 275 879 or

reservation@aubergesdejeunesse.nc

Site: <https://aubergesdejeunesse.nc/noumea/>

• For other types of temporary residences, use the Nouvelle Calédonie Tourist Office site's search engine:

<https://www.nouvellecaledonie.travel/fr/> > Organiser son voyage > Hébergements.

◆ Long-term housing

• Student accommodation managed by the Maison de l'Étudiant.

Address: 4 rue Félix Raoul Thomas,

Île Nou - Nouville - 98800 Noumea.

Contact: 687 290 057 or maison-etudiant@unc.nc

Site: <http://www.maisondeletudiant.nc/>

The Maison de l'Étudiant also manages the university restaurant and cafeteria on campus at Université de La Nouvelle-Calédonie.

• Private Housing Platforms

Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Nouvelle-Calédonie.

Check specialized **websites** and **local real estate agents**, for example:

- <https://www.immobilier.nc/>

- <https://www.noumea-immobilier.nc/>

- <http://www.limmo.nc/>

- <https://housinganywhere.com>

• **Shared Leases:** consult *La Carte des Colocs*, a national site for shared leases that's free and simple to use: <https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr/>

• **Other solutions available on the Campus France site:** www.campusfrance.org > Getting Organized > Accommodation.

◆ If you need a guarantor to secure your lodging

Visale is a new and free guarantor system: www.visale.fr

◆ If you want to file an application for APL funds (Aide Personnalisée au Logement, or personalized housing aid),

CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales) can check your eligibility: 32 30 or www.caf.fr

◆ If you need housing adapted to your special needs

Contact the CROUS Social Services which will take action with your institution.

At Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie there is a Cellule d'Accompagnement Spécifique (CASE), which welcomes students with disabilities and special needs whether temporary or long-term: <https://unc.nc> > Vie étudiante > Cellule d'accompagnement spécifique.

CASE also provides a helpline and counselling unit as well as emergency social services.



TRAVELLING IN NOUVELLE-CALÉDONIE



Tontouta international airport is an hour's drive from Nouméa: <https://www.cci.nc> > Aéroports.

Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie offers a **free shuttle service** for all international students (let the university know your arrival date and time).



There are two main bus networks on Nouvelle-Calédonie's main island (Grande Terre):

- the Greater Nouméa urban network, Karuia Bus (9 main lines, student rate with the **Pass'Jeun's**): <http://www.karuiaabus.nc/>
- the inter-city bus network (RAI) (25 lines): <http://rai.nc/>



For ride-sharing, refer to the collaborative websites:

- government-run website: <https://www.kedia.nc/>
- community website: <https://www.covoiturage.nc/>



For a bit more independence and if you're in good physical shape, you can rent a bike from a private rental company, such as Noumea Fun Ride: <https://en.funride.nc/>



FIRST THINGS FIRST /

ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

◆ CVEC

Before you can enroll in your institution, you must download proof of payment of the Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC) – the student and campus life contribution fee.

- Log in at: <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

- For additional information and special cases: <https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > CVEC.

◆ Confirm Registration

Take note! Even if you have a pre-registration letter, you are not officially enrolled. You must confirm your enrollment with the institution's Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

RESIDENCE PERMIT (TITRE DE SÉJOUR)

Take note! The regulation relating to entry for foreign nationals and staying for over 3 months in Nouvelle-Calédonie differs from the regulation applicable in mainland France and in other overseas departments and collectivities.

For further information, please contact the Haut-commissariat de la République Française in New Caledonia (Bureau des Étrangers et de la Nationalité), by email: etrangers@nouvelle-caledonie.gouv.fr or by telephone on 687 230 329 (8am to 12pm and 1:30pm to 3:45pm).

◆ Information

• Students at Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, should contact the Direction d'Appui à la Recherche, au Rayonnement et aux Études Doctorales (DARRED), your main point of contact.

Address: Campus de Nouville,
145 avenue James Cook, 98800 Nouméa.
Contact: 687 290 480 or international@unc.nc

• Students attending other institutions should contact Service de la Vie étudiante (Student Services) or Service des Relations internationales (International Relations).

• The Haut-commissariat de la République française in Nouvelle-Calédonie (Nouméa), at the reception desk for the Bureau des étrangers et de la nationalité (Foreign Nationals and Citizenship Office).

Address: 9 bis rue de la République,
98800 Nouméa.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 12:15pm.

Contact: 687 230 329 (8am to 12pm and 1:30pm to 3:45pm) or etrangers@nouvelle-caledonie.gouv.fr

All foreign students should read the following website: <http://www.nouvelle-caledonie.gouv.fr> >

Démarches administratives > Accueil des étrangers > Conditions de séjour des étrangers en Nouvelle-Calédonie

• Learn more about your rights and obligations:

www.service-public.fr > Etranger > Titre de séjour et document de circulation.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION /

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

If you stay in France for more than 3 months, it will be much easier day-to-day if you open a bank account, **online or in one of the bank agencies located in Nouméa.**

In France, opening a bank account is a right: www.service-public.fr > Argent > Comptes bancaires (Droit au compte).

HEALTHCARE

Healthcare in both mainland France and the overseas collectivity of New Caledonia, is **practically free** but you need health insurance. **Accordingly, signing up for medical insurance is mandatory.**

login to the site:

<https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr> site to register, to understand your eligibility and benefits, and to take the necessary steps.

Learn more:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > Health.

As a student, you can also take advantage of the university medical services. In these health services where consultations are free, you'll be greeted by a team of doctors, nurses, and social workers who can give personalized advice in terms of health and prevention.

This is the case at Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie which has its own Health Service at the Maison de l'Étudiant.

Address: 4, rue Félix Raoul Thomas,
Île Nou – Nouville, 98800 Noumea.

Hours: Monday to Thursday, 5pm to 7pm.

Contact: 687 290141 or
servicemedical.mde@univ-nc.nc

Website: <http://www.maisondeletudiant.nc> > Santé/
social > Santé.

Students enrolled at other institutions, should contact their place of study.

TAKING OUT COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH INSURANCE ("MUTUELLE")

We recommend you take out complementary health insurance in order to cover the totality of your healthcare costs, which are not all covered by the compulsory and free national health insurance programme.

Please note: options and levels of insurance vary from one insurer to another. In order to choose the complementary insurance that is best adapted to your situation and your budget, you can access more information on a student "mutuelles" price comparison website.

INSURE YOUR HOME

in both mainland France and the overseas territory of Nouvelle-Calédonie, insuring your home is compulsory.

The "garantie risques locatifs" - rental risk guarantee - is housing insurance which you can subscribe with your bank or a private insurance company. Online subscription is also often possible.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAMU: Call 15 Emergency Medical Services

Sea Rescue: Call 16.

Police: Call 17 in the event of violence, theft, robbery.

Fire Department: Call 18 in the event of fire, gas leak, water damage, natural catastrophe, or traffic accident.

LEARNING FRENCH

Learning French is an opportunity that's not to be missed!

Find what works best for you:

- by consulting the Campus France site or the Français Langue Etrangère (FLE) - French as a foreign language - centers and universities which offer courses at all levels year-round:
<http://ecolesdete.campusfrance.org>

- by asking in your institution, at city hall, or in your host city's Maison des Associations - community centers.

FINDING A JOB OR AN INTERNSHIP

It is important that you are in possession of sufficient financial resources to come and study in metropolitan France and in the collectivité of New Caledonia.

Take note! Before working in Nouvelle-Calédonie, foreign nationals must first obtain a permit which is delivered by the government of Nouvelle-Calédonie.

Learn more: <https://service-public.nc> > Particuliers > Travail > Emploi > Conditions de travail et Travailleurs étrangers.

A number of jobs are open to foreign students under certain conditions: <https://service-public.nc> > Particuliers > Travail > Emploi > Insertion professionnelle et Dispositif job d'été.



THINGS TO DO IN NOUMÉA /

TAKE UP A SPORT

In your institution, contact the Service des Sports for free access to sports facilities.

At Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, the Service Universitaire d'Activités Physiques et Sportives, the University Service for Physical and Sports Activities (SUAPS) offers students a range of sporting activities, irrespective of ability:

<https://unc.nc> > Vie étudiante > Sport.

• **Nouméa city council** has a Municipal Sports Service that organizes various sports and outdoor activities: <https://www.noumea.nc> > Sport et plein air.

• **The Government of Nouvelle-Calédonie** launches various initiatives and supports a variety of actions in the sports domain: <https://gouv.nc> > Les actualités > Jeunesse et sports.

BE ACTIVE

Attend cultural and sporting events, or join a social or community group, through one of the numerous local or national student clubs and associations. To learn more, check with your school (Service de la vie étudiante, Student Services) or visit the following sites: www.animafac.net or www.letudiant.fr

Student associations ensure that campus life is never dull at Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie: <https://unc.nc> > Vie étudiante > Associations d'étudiants.

The **Maison de l'Étudiant** offers a list of student associations hosted (including a number of associations for international students): <http://www.maisondeletudiant.nc> > Vie de l'étudiant > Associations étudiantes.

CULTURE AND NIGHTLIFE

Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students.

For more information, see the City of Nouméa website: <https://www.noumea.nc> > Culture et loisirs > Evénements festifs.

Throughout the year, the Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie campus organizes a program of cultural events (theater, movies, exhibitions, conferences, concerts): <https://unc.nc> > Vie étudiante > Culture.

For entertainment or to pick up some culture, you can choose from:

- cinemas throughout New Caledonia (student rates, rewards card), including an art house theater, the Cinéma d'Ici et d'Ailleurs, in Noumea's Ciné City:

<https://www.cinemadicietailleurs.nc/>

- 4 major museums in the center of Nouméa, as well as the Tjibaou cultural center and other museums elsewhere in Brousse:

<https://www.nouvelcaledonie.travel> > Vivre la Nouvelle-Calédonie > Culture > Les musées.

- 4 performing arts venues, 8 municipal music venues, a circus school and various cultural centers, including a major Art Center:

<https://www.noumea.nc/centre-dart>

- around ten bookshops in Nouméa, including Calédo Livres, specializing in Oceanian literature.

- 2 major municipal multimedia libraries (<https://www.noumea.nc> > Culture et loisirs > Lecture)

- the University Library

(<https://unc.nc> > Bibliothèque).

Read **Les Nouvelles Calédoniennes**, the region's daily newspaper, for going out in New Caledonia or staying abreast of events. Available from newsagents or online: <https://www.lnc.nc/>

You can also check out the agenda on the New Caledonia Tourist Office site:

<https://www.nouvelcaledonie.travel> > Vivre la Nouvelle-Calédonie > Culture > Fêtes locales, foires et festivals

TOP ATTRACTIONS /

- Place des Cocotiers, in the center of Nouméa, a vast and lively pedestrian esplanade.
 - Museum of Nouvelle-Calédonie, with one of the world's finest collections of Kanak art.
 - The Musée de la Ville de Nouméa, in a former colonial residence, offers a good insight into local history.
 - Tjibaou Cultural Centre, in Nouméa, dedicated to Kanak culture, designed by the architect Renzo Piano.
 - Musée de Bourail, with the remains of Nouvelle-Calédonie's penal colony or "bagne".
 - Aquarium des Lagons, a "living museum" of marine life.
 - The Anse-Vata Promenade and Baie des Citrons, the coolest sites in Nouméa, just 10 minutes from the city center!
 - Ile des Pins, with its idyllic beaches to the south of Noumea.
 - Lagon d'Ouvéa, one of the most beautiful atolls in the Pacific.
 - Parc Provincial de la Rivière Bleue, towards the south of Grande Terre, for hiking and biking.
- For more information, consult the Tourist Office: <https://www.nouvelcaledonie.travel> > Découvrir les régions > Nouméa.





IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

FEBRUARY

• Festival des Arts du Pays, every two years throughout Nouvelle-Calédonie, free cultural days to promote all different forms of regional art.

APRIL

• Fête de la Ville de Dumbéa, world music, traditional dancing and a famous giant omelette that is cooked on site!

MAY

• La Nuit Européenne des Musées (European Museum Night) offers an opportunity to discover museums and other cultural sites throughout the territory in a new light!

JUNE

- Fête de la Musique: Music everywhere in town (free concerts).
- La Foa Film Festival, screening a selection of feature films from around the world, as well as a number of films produced in Nouvelle-Calédonie.
- Fête du Lagon on the Loyalty Islands, celebrating the island's natural heritage, fish, seafood and water-sports.
- Groupama Race, international crews compete in a non-stop sailing race (for 3 - 5 days) around Nouvelle-Calédonie.



JULY - AUGUST

- Fête de la Mandarine each July in Canala, artistic and festive events to celebrate the local fruit.
- Transcal Trail race, an unmissable event in the trail running season (July).
- Lantern parade to celebrate Bastille Day on July 13 in Nouméa.
- Bourail Agricultural Fair, Bourail is capital of the Bush for 3 days in August with rodeos, livestock contests, equestrian games and motocross.

SEPTEMBER

- Journées Européennes du Patrimoine (heritage days), free admission to cultural sites all over Nouvelle-Calédonie.
- Nouméa Carnival, a must-see event in the city's calendar, welcoming 25,000 visitors every year.
- Bancoule Worm Festival in Farino, a major popular festival where beetle larva can be sampled raw or cooked!

OCTOBER

- **Science Festival**, in the Science Village in Nouméa, as well as events in other venues, in collaboration with the University.
- Régate des Touques, daredevil crews use paddle-power and DIY boats made from floats or "touques" to race around Anse-Vata bay.

DECEMBER

- Fairytale Nouméa, Christmas comes early with illuminations and live performances for the entire festive season.
- *Turtle Watching*, guides take visitors to Roche Percée beach (Bourail) to observe (without disturbing) the turtles' reproductive cycle (daily, December to February).



& SHARE
PARTICIPATE

To stay informed and attuned to others and the world, to share and dialogue with students, follow **social media** where Campus France has an especially strong presence!

*Don't forget to join the **France Alumni** network. Take part in discussion groups on various subjects, take advantage of cultural outings, and consult job and internship offers.*



THINGS TO KNOW

NOUVELLE-CALÉDONIE IS

A FRENCH OVERSEAS TERRITORY WITH A SPECIAL STATUS,

270,000
RESIDENTS

NOUMÉA:

100,000 residents

5,000 students

NOUMÉA,

on the main island (Grande Terre) is the capital of Nouvelle-Calédonie, where the French state is represented by the High Commissioner of the Republic

UNIVERSITÉ DE LA NOUVELLE-CALÉDONIE:

- **3,200** students

- 5 laboratories and 2 mixed research units

- 1 multidisciplinary doctoral school, the Pacific doctoral school, operated jointly by Université de la Nouvelle-Calédonie and Université de la Polynésie Française Polynesia



NOUVELLE-CALÉDONIE IS A GROUP OF ISLANDS AND ARCHIPELAGOS IN THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC OCEAN, OVER 10,000 MILES AWAY FROM MAINLAND FRANCE

Most of the information presented in the Campus France City Information Sheets concerns all international students regardless of their institution.

In France, in each of the host cities, most foreign students study at universities. Accordingly, the City Information Sheets attach great importance to them without overlooking the other higher education institutions even if it is not possible to list them all here with their specific information.

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