A TRAVELLER’S GUIDE TO THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
The tourism sector continues to be the pillar of economic growth, particularly for 16 of our member countries located in the beautiful South Pacific. More importantly, the region with its diverse products continues to be a popular choice for holiday makers and travelers to our sandy beaches and rainforests.

Whether they are from the metropolitan urban centers like Sydney, Auckland, Seoul, Los Angeles, Tokyo or Hong Kong to name a few; they choose the Pacific Islands because of their divine beauty.

But for many first timers and even second timers we tend to get that sense of ‘what will I do - during my stay’ when they arrive in our region.

Hence the South Pacific Tourism Organisation, mandated to market and develop tourism in the region, has produced a Traveler’s Guide which is user friendly and easy to follow, thus ensuring your holiday is a memorable and enjoyable one.

We hope that this guide will assist you in planning that unforgettable holiday in one, or several of the world’s best-kept secrets located only in the beautiful Pacific region.

From the SPTO and National Tourism Offices of our stunning Pacific destinations, we welcome you to our home and hope you will enjoy your stay in our beautiful islands under the sun!

Ilisoni Vuidreketi
Chief Executive Officer
American Samoa

You have searched the world for a vacation spot that is undiscovered and off the beaten track and you will find it in American Samoa. For here is a holiday destination like no other in the Pacific.

American Samoa is a tropical paradise with 90% of our islands covered in untouched tropical rainforest and unique flora and fauna. Located in the Pacific Ocean, we are half way between Hawaii and New Zealand and five hours flying time direct from Honolulu, Hawaii and 35 minutes by air from Apia, Samoa.

**HOW DO I GET THERE?**

There are a few options available to fly to American Samoa. Hawaiian Airlines offers direct bi-weekly flights from Honolulu to Pago Pago, the capital of American Samoa; while Polynesian Airlines offers direct daily flights to Pago Pago from Apia, the capital of their sister island, Samoa. Fiji Airways, Air New Zealand and Virgin Samoa do not fly directly to Pago Pago; however they all offer direct weekly flights to Apia where visitors may then board a daily Polynesian Airlines flight to Pago Pago. Visitors can check the airline websites for more information. For those a little more adventurous; ferry services operate daily and weekly from Apia.

**DO YOU NEED A VISA?**

A valid passport, return tickets or onward ticket and sufficient funds to support your stay is mandatory, however US citizens do not require a visa and may enter and leave freely. Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom and Canada citizens are issued with 30 day permit upon arrival. Under the American Samoa Entry Permit Waiver List, the following countries do not need an entry permit to enter American Samoa: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (FSM), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand,
Beach swimwear – bikinis etc. are appropriate to wear whilst at the beach, but if you intend to go into the village please cover up by putting on a t-shirt and lava-lava (sarong).

**WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?**
American Samoa has a tropical climate all year round with two distinct seasons, the wet and dry season. The wet season is usually between November and March and the dry season from April through to October with the average daily temperature around 82° - 83° Fahrenheit all year round.

**WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?**
**Commercial Hours**
Government offices and retail shops are open Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 4.00pm. Shops open on Saturdays from 8.00am to 2.00pm and most retailers are all closed on Sundays.

**WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?**
The United States dollar (USD) is the currency of American Samoa. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at the local banks, and money exchanges.

**WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD I PACK?**
Wearing skimpy clothing around the village is not allowed, so please dress appropriately so not to offend your hosts and other residents. Nude and topless swimming or sun bathing is totally forbidden throughout American Samoa.

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**HOW DO I GET AROUND?**
Buses, Taxis, Rental Cars, and Scooters are easily available on the island.

**ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?**
American Samoa is free from most tropical diseases including malaria.

**DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?**
Over 95% of the population speaks Samoan and English, with English being the main language.

**WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?**
American Samoa Visitors Bureau
Level 2, Fagaima Center,
Corner Airport Rd & Fagaima Rd,
Tafuna, American Samoa.

P.O Box 4240,
Pago Pago AS 96799,
T: 1-684-699-9805
F: 1-684-699-9806
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Norway, Palau, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. All other international passport holders visiting American Samoa for business or holidays are required to apply for an entry visa.

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**Cook Islands**

In our Islands’ we say Kia Orana. It’s our greeting; hello, but it also expresses a wish that you may live a long and healthy life. It’s a sentiment easily understood in our beautiful Cook Islands, for ours is a nation of warmth and relaxation. Life here is good, delicious food is plentiful and we’re surrounded by unparalleled beauty. We can’t wait for you to join us so that we may say Kia Orana in person.

We are made up of 15 islands in total, many of which appear completely untouched, and yet we offer a range of accommodation that can appeal to back packers right through to the luxurious standards expected by five star travellers. Rich in experiences but inexpensive in cost, we can’t wait to welcome you, to share with you, to discover with you and to wish you Kia Orana!

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**HOW DO I GET THERE?**

Air New Zealand, Virgin Australia and Air Tahiti Nui fly to the Cook Islands. Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia has six and four flights respectively a week from Auckland and Air Tahiti Nui operated by Air Rarotonga has one flight a week from Tahiti and two during peak season. Air New Zealand also operates direct flights out of Sydney and Los Angeles once a week.
DO YOU NEED A VISA?
A valid passport and a return ticket will allow you a stay of up to 31 days. Extensions may be granted on a monthly basis for up to five months. New Zealand citizens automatically qualify for a 90 day stay. Sailors wanting to berth their yachts in the docks of Avatiu Harbour need to obtain moorings from the Harbormaster at the Ports Authority.

HOW DO I GET AROUND?
Buses, Taxis, Rental cars and Rental bikes are easily available on the island.

ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?
Cook Islands are free from most tropical diseases including Malaria.

DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?
Cook Islands Maori is the local language but everyone also speaks English.

WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?
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W: www.cookislands.travel
F: www.facebook.com/theCookIslands

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?
The Cook Islands enjoy a pleasantly warm and sunny climate all year round. June to August is the cooler months, whilst November to March marks the warmer season, with occasional tropical showers.

WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?
Commercial Hours: 8.00am – 4.00pm. A few outlets on the island open beyond these times and a few are 24 hours. Village shops open at 7.00am and can close at 8.00pm or later if they choose. The islands are 10 hours behind GMT.

WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?
The New Zealand dollar (NZD) is the currency of the Cook Islands with major credit cards accepted.

WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD I PACK?
Although the dress code is informal, we do ask that brief attire such as bikinis not be worn in shopping areas or public places outside of the beach or resorts, as it may cause offence in some places. A light sweater may come in handy for the cooler evenings.
Often referred to as the ‘Crossroads of the South Pacific’ because of its geographical location, the Fiji Islands is a hospitable land of contrasts in people, flora, fauna and culture. It is home to people who have been called the friendliest on earth.

Fiji is made up of a chain of over 300 islands and is a cosmopolitan cocktail of culture, race and religion. It is a place where ‘bula’, the traditional Fijian greeting, is a very special word and you can relax without a care in the world.

Fiji Islands has a population of close to 838,271 and a land mass of 18,333 square km taken up mostly by the two major islands of Viti Levu and Vanua Levu.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Fiji’s national carrier, Fiji Airways has regular flights from Auckland, Christchurch, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, Honolulu, Los Angeles and Hong Kong. Jetstar, Air New Zealand, Korean Air, Pacific Blue, Virgin Australia, Air Niugini, Air Vanuatu, Air Carlin, Solomon Airlines and Nauru Airlines also fly regularly to Fiji. Nadi International Airport is the main gateway into the country for most travelers, and there are several domestic airports scattered throughout the islands.
How do I get around?
Buses, deluxe coaches, taxis, chauffeur driven cars, rental cars, scooters, vans, carriers and bicycles are available for hire. For taxis, carriers and multi-passenger vans, it is best to negotiate your price prior to long distance journeys. Overseas driving licenses are valid for 6 months. Chartered flights, helicopters, speed boats and cruises are also available.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?
Tropical warm and pleasant year round temperatures, with average temperatures of 25°C.

WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?
Commercial Hours:
Fiji shopping hours is from 8 am – 5 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am – 3 pm on Saturdays. Most supermarkets and major shopping malls are open on Sundays.

WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?
The Fiji dollar (FJD) is the currency of Fiji with major credit cards accepted.

WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD I PACK?
Travelers can’t go wrong by packing lightweight, casual wardrobe and the essential board shorts and vests. A lightweight jumper for what the locals may consider chilly is also advisable.

Village visits require women to wear a sulu (sarong) which can be purchased at your hotel or whilst shopping.

WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?
National Tourism Office
HEAD OFFICE, FIJI
Suite 107, Challenge Plaza
Namaka, Nadi
PO Box 9217
Nadi Airport
T: (679) 6722433
F: (679) 6720141
E: infodesk@tourismfiji.com.fj
W: www.fiji.travel

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Federated States of Micronesia

The 607-island nation that is the Federated States of Micronesia is one of the most remote and beautiful places on earth. Friendly and peaceful, it encompasses nearly a million square miles of ocean north of the equator that is home to a cultural and biological diversity that is unrivaled anywhere. The Federated States of Micronesia sits in the heart of the Caroline Islands Archipelago, a vast seascape that extends from Palau in the west to Kiribati in the east. Situated within a rich center of biodiversity at the convergence of the major currents of the Indian Ocean, the Philippine Sea and the great Pacific Ocean, it is home to the world’s greatest coral reefs and the best pelagic fisheries remaining in the world today.

The FSM is made up of four groups of island States in geographic sequence from west to east: Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae. Each has considerable autonomy and each is equally unique with its own geography, ecology, language and culture. This cultural identity is exhibited by the 17 indigenous languages used and very much alive today.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Travel to the FSM is available via Guam or Hawaii through United Airlines. United Airlines is the only commercial carrier servicing the FSM. Flight schedules and routes are limited and subject to change. Nauru Airlines recently started servicing through Kosrae and Pohnpei Marshall Islands, Nauru and Brisbane. A trip to the outer islands is sure to be a memorable experience but the logistics arrangements should be made at least several months in advance. For detailed information, please contact the tour operators, hotels and states visitors’ bureau.
DO YOU NEED A VISA?
All visitors arriving in the FSM must have and present proof of citizenship or nationality by possessing a valid passport or other travel documents issued by the government of the country of citizenship/nationality. The document must be valid at least 120 days beyond the date of entry into FSM.

All other non-citizens may be issued an entry permit for an additional period not to exceed 60 days. All non-citizens must have their entry permits applied for prior to arrival in the FSM.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?
The FSM enjoys a tropical climate, with relatively even, warm temperatures throughout the year. The climate in the FSM averages 80°F year around, with highs in the high 80s and lows in the high 70s. Rainfall is heaviest during the summer months. The rainfall on each island varies, however, check with the local visitor authority for anticipated dry and wet seasons. Trade winds come mainly from the northeast from December through June.

WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?
Weekdays: 7:30am to 10:00pm
Weekends: 9:00 am to 10:00pm

Banks and Government offices are closed on the weekends. Restaurants are open until 10:00pm and bars are open until 12:00am on weekdays and on weekends.

WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD I PACK?
Travel light. It never gets cold in FSM, so only lightweight clothing should be brought. Attire is very casual and formal wear is considered unnecessary and impractical. Hats, sunglasses and sun screen are recommended when enjoying the sun.

WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?
The United States dollar (USD) is the currency of FSM with major credit cards accepted.

ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?
There are no tropical diseases and health care is readily available. Each of the FSM states has a modern hospital.

DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?
English is the official language of the government and of commerce. Eight major indigenous languages spoken: Yapese, Ulithian, Woleaians, Chuukese, Pohnpeians, Kosraeans, Nukuoro, Kapingamarangi. Many elderly people are fluent in Japanese.

WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?
FSM National Tourism Office
Kaselehlie Building
Tourism Unit
P.O Box PS 12
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941
Federated States of Micronesia
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E: fsmtourism@gmail.com
W: www.visit-micronesia.fm
Have you ever dreamed of a marvellous, fertile world of sun-drenched landscapes that appears right before your eyes when you step off the plane? On The Islands of Tahiti, the air is full of alluring dreaminess. An explosion of colors dazzles your eyes as you scan verdant valleys, azure skies and turquoise lagoons. The multi-colored pareu (skirts) of the vahine (women) contrast with their ebony hair, bathed in the raw tropical sunlight.

Tahiti, Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea, Taha’a, Bora Bora and Maupiti are high and mystical islands with deep valleys perfumed by the tiare (tahitian flower), short-lived jewels that one wears over the ear. Rangiroa, Manihi, Fakarava, Tikehau - atolls at the end of the world, these “pearl islands” enclose in their jewelry-box lagoons the blue depths where black pearls grow and develop.

From the north to the south, from the fertile plains of the Australs to the sharp cliffs of the Marquesas, these fragrant paradises combine all the different landscapes created by generous Mother Nature. Secret or rebellious, savage but never hostile, their beaches, shaded by coconut trees, tell of the centuries of erosion which made them gold or basalt, atoll or mountain.

Everything here whispers the legends of the maohi people who discovered these crumpled lands, where the uru (breadfruit), the fei (wild banana), and the taro (tubercle) thrive... these generous islands whisper to us, Manava, Welcome…
**WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD I PACK?**

Bring summer clothes, beachwear, sports wear and boat wear, all preferably in cotton. Have something warm available for the evenings which are sometimes cooler (*lagoon side, boat trips and in the mountains*).

**Footwear:** sandals, sneakers, boat shoes.

**Essential:** swimming costumes, sunglasses, hat, sunblock creams (*intense reflection of the lagoons*) and a powerful anti-mosquito lotion (*useful in the islands in certain seasons*).

**HOW DO I GET AROUND?**

Buses, taxis, rental cars or scooters, boats, 4x4 safari, chartered flights, helicopters, speed board and cruises are available.

**ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?**

No vaccines are required except for passengers from high risk countries (*this information can be obtained from your airline*). On the island of Tahiti, sanitary facilities and health services are available. The cities of Papeete, Taravao (peninsula of Tahiti) and Uturoa (Raiatea) have fully equipped hospitals. Other tourist islands at least possess a hospital or a clinic.

**DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?**

While the official language is French, the indigenous languages, such as Tahitian, are still widely practiced in each archipelago. English is also widely spoken, particularly in tourist areas.

**WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?**

Tahiti Tourisme
Fare Manihini,
Waterfront Boulevard Pomare, Papeete – Tahiti

T: (689) 40 50 40 30
F: (689) 40 43 66 19
E: info@tahiti-tourisme.pf
W: www.tahiti-tourisme.org

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**HOW Do I GET THERE?**

The international airline of The Islands of Tahiti is Air Tahiti Nui which offers direct flights from Auckland, Tokyo and Los Angeles as well as flights from Paris via Los Angeles. Other airlines flying to The Islands of Tahiti also include: Air Calin, Air France, Air New Zealand, Hawaiian Airlines, Lan Airlines and Air Tahiti (*from Cook islands*).

**DO YOU NEED A VISA?**

Prior to their arrival in French Polynesia, applicants must contact the Prefecture of their place of residence (if in France) or the nearest French embassy or consulate of their place of residence. Any visa requirements falls within the competence of these authorities. Please check the relevant websites to ask for an appointment and obtain the list of required documents to attach to your long stay visa request in French Polynesia. For any additional information in relation to foreigners’ entry and stay in French Polynesia, please contact the “Direction de la Réglementation et du Contrôle de la Légalité (DRCL)” by email: etrangers@polynesie-francaise.pref.gouv.fr. For information regarding visa requirements please check information on the website: www.polynesie-francaise.pref.gouv.fr

**WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?**

The Islands of Tahiti enjoy a tropical climate. The maximum number of hours of sunshine is close to 3 000 per year in the Tuamotu Atolls, one of the highest in the world! The temperature, which is relatively constant, is cooled by the trade winds of the Pacific that blow throughout the year. The average ambient temperature is 26°C, just as the waters of the lagoons. While further away from the equator, the archipelagos down south, (*the Austral and Gambier*), enjoy cooler temperatures.

**WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?**

Shops are open from Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 5 pm. Saturdays from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. All shops closed on Sunday.

**WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?**

The French Pacific franc (XPF) is the currency of The Islands of Tahiti with major credit cards accepted.

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Kiribati is for travelers – for those who have a passion for exploring and discovering new places, and adventures off the tourist trail; it’s for travelers who want to understand a country – not just to see it. Where the Equator meets the International Date Line that is where you will find Kiribati, truly at the center or say at the heart of the Pacific, chosen in the year 2000 as the first to see the Millennium.

Come explore the 3 archipelagos of Kiribati: The Line Islands, the Phoenix Islands and the Gilbert Islands. The Line Islands offers Kiritimati island the world’s largest coral atoll offering world class fishing (both in fly fishing and game). South within the Line Islands features islands - Millennium, Starbuck, Flint, Vostok and Malden holding one of the world’s most unspoiled reefs systems.

In the center of Kiribati we have the Phoenix Islands (PIPA – Phoenix Islands Protected Area) a UNESCO World Heritage site designated as one of world’s largest and deepest marine protected area, a treasure waiting to be explored. In the west of the country is the gilbert group of islands, which offer amazing and unique cultural experiences in the North Tarawa and the Outer Islands. If that’s not enough, you can always explore historic wrecks and artifacts of one of the bloodiest battles of World War II in the country’s capital.
HOW DO I GET THERE?

Two international airlines provide weekly air services to Kiribati: Fiji Airways and Nauru Airlines.

Fiji Airways provides air services twice per week from Nadi (Fiji) to Tarawa. It also connects Christmas Island once a week from Nadi and Honolulu. Fiji Airways code shares with Qantas and Cathay Pacific with connections available from Australia, New Zealand, United States and now from Europe through Hong Kong.

Nauru Airlines connects Tarawa out of Brisbane and Nauru (Fri) once per week, and also once per week out of Pohnpei, Kosrae, Majuro to Tarawa.

DO YOU NEED A VISA?

Most citizens of major countries such as USA, United Kingdom, EU countries, Japan, Australia and New Zealand do not need a VISA to travel to Kiribati. But if you do need a VISA you can always contact the Kiribati Immigration Division (Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Immigration) to assist you in your VISA needs.

T: (686) 21342,
E: ddi@mfa.gov.ki (Deputy Director)
E: sio@mfa.gov.ki (Senior Immigration Officer)

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?

Kiribati is typically warm with temperatures varying between 25°C and 33°C. The wet season extends from December to May and rainfall variation is high in most of the islands.

WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?

Shops normally open around 7am or 8am and close around 8pm.

WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?

The Australian dollar (AUD) is the currency of Kiribati with major credit cards accepted in the capital South Tarawa.

WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD I PACK?

The tropical climate and hot temperature of Kiribati encourage cool, cotton, loosely fitting outfits for men and women.

HOW DO I GET AROUND?

Buses and car rentals are the main means of getting around on the main islands – South Tarawa and Kiritimati Island. On the outer islands hire motorbikes (particularly the Honda trailer bikes) are a popular means of getting around and exploring the islands. Hire arrangements can be made with the island council offices and private operators on outer islands.

ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Pharmaceuticals are limited in the country and visitors are advised to bring sufficient medication that they may require during their stay.

DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?

The main language is I-Kiribati however English has been taught over many years and is widely understood.

WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?

Kiribati National Tourism Office
Ministry of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development
PO Box 487,
Betio, Tarawa, Kiribati
T: (686) 25573 (hotline) / 26003 (Switchboard)
F: (686) 26193
E: info@kiribatitourism.gov.ki
W: www.kiribatitourism.gov.ki
Marshall Islands

The Republic of the Marshall Islands covers nearly a million square miles of coral atolls, islands and deep Blue Ocean and is one of the most unique places in the world to visit. As the capital atoll of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Majuro houses the central government, most of the country’s businesses, and an estimated 50% of the country’s population. Indeed, this is the country’s most developed and urban atoll. Nonetheless, Majuro still offers visitors a glimpse of what the rest of the country is like.

While you are here, we encourage you to take a little time to really see the Marshall Islands. Do a bit of exploring—take a drive out to Laura Village (on the far western end of the island), book a picnic trip to one of our small islands across the lagoon, or take a scuba diving excursion to see our rich underwater world. If you have a few extra days, visit one of our other atolls, like Arno, Jaluit, Mili or Likiep, where small accommodation facilities are available.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

United Airlines and Nauru Airlines are the two main airlines servicing the Marshall Islands. United operates between Asia and Honolulu and provides a connection to the Marshall Islands in both directions. Nauru Airlines operates between Australia and the Marshall Islands and also connects with Nauru and Kiribati.

DO YOU NEED A VISA?

United States and all its territories, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Pacific Islands Forum Countries including New Zealand and Australia are exempted from the visa requirements. Entry visas will be issued upon arrival to citizens of Canada, Japan, Korea, People’s Republic of China, Philippines and all
European countries provided the duration of the intended visit is no more than thirty (30) days; the visitor has a roundtrip or a transit ticket and a passport valid for at least six months.

Citizens of all countries not listed above must present a passport valid for at least six months with an entry visa and a round trip or transit ticket before boarding and travelling to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

**WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD I PACK?**
Casual and comfortable.

**HOW DO I GET AROUND?**
Share the taxis with the locals or rent a car. Minimum driving age is eighteen where all major roads are paved and traffic drives on the left.

**ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?**
The capital Majuro has one private clinic and one public hospital. It is advisable that you bring sufficient supplies of prescription and other personal medical requirements with you.

**DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?**
The main languages are the native Marshallese and English.

**WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?**
Marshall Islands Visitors Authority
P.O Box 5, Majuro,
Marshall Islands 96960
T: (692) 625-6482/5581/5582
F: (692) 625-6771
E: tourism@ntamar.net
W: www.visitmarshallislands.com

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?
The tropical weather averages about 81 F (27 C) with little variation during the year. The waters in the lagoon are a comfortable 80F (26 C) year round. The region is known for mild winds and tropical showers. The normal conditions are dry with low rainfall.

Trade winds cool the atolls much of the year and the calm water months fall between June and September. The seasons are typical of the tropics. The rainy season runs from September through November. The dry season begins in January and lasts for 3 months.

**WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?**
Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm, Saturday – 1.00pm (some shops open longer and are open on Sunday as well)

**WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?**
The United States dollar (USD) is the currency of the Marshall Islands with major credit cards accepted.

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Unique Nauru, Extraordinary Nauru is a tiny island with a big history and even bigger hospitality.

Nauru is located in the deep, blue Pacific Ocean waters north of the Solomon Islands. An uplifted coral formation, Nauru is just 21 kilometres square and lies some 40 kilometres south of the Equator.

One of the smallest nations on earth, with a mostly Micronesian population of around 10,000 people, Nauru offers travellers a truly unique Pacific Island visit.

Discover excellent deep sea fishing, scuba dive amazing ocean depths, take a tour of the island’s past economic mainstay the phosphate mines or simply experience a holiday in a world far from your own.
**HOW DO I GET THERE?**
Nauru Airlines services the islands from Brisbane (Australia) to Nauru, Tarawa (Kiribati), Majuro (Marshall Island) and Nadi (Fiji).

**DO YOU NEED A VISA?**
Visitors need to apply for a visa before arrival through one of the government’s overseas offices. Visas cost A$100 and A$50 departure tax fee applies to all visitors.

**WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?**
Nauru’s weather is tropical with temperatures ranging between 24.4 C and 33.9 C. Heat is kept temperate by cooling sea breezes.

The tropical weather has a monsoonal pattern, with the rainy season from November to February. North-east trade winds blow from March to October and average humidity is 80%.

**WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?**
Business hours are 8:00am – 10.00pm

**WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?**
The Australian dollar (AUD) is the currency of Nauru. Cash is the only form of payment as credit/debit cards are not accepted.

ATM machines are available in some selected areas including the two hotels and main supermarkets.

**WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD I PACK?**
Casual and comfortable.
Niue

Swim with whales and dolphins. Walk through virgin rainforest. Dive spectacular underwater cathedrals. Explore the most breathtaking caves in the South Pacific. Gaze upon breaching whales. Snorkel over bright corals in warm tropical water. Game fish just metres from shore. Bike an array of tracks. Experience genuine culture. Niue will under promise and over deliver every time. The world’s largest coral atoll is also one of the smallest self governing countries on Earth.

The island’s most striking feature is its array of private lagoons and small beaches as well as its rugged and rocky terrain. Steep cliffs along the coastline are honeycombed by caves, chasms and blowholes. Niue prides itself on a forest undisturbed for centuries. It is a nature lover’s delight.

How Do I Get There?

Air New Zealand services Niue with weekly flights from Auckland, New Zealand and twice weekly during Niue’s peak season. It departs 9:50 AM (0950 hrs) every Saturday morning ex Auckland, crossing the dateline to land in Niue at 1.30 PM (1330 hrs) Friday. The return flight departs Niue at 2.30 PM (1430 hrs) Friday and arrives back in Auckland at 6.25 PM (1825 hrs) on Saturday, having crossed the dateline again.
DO YOU NEED A VISA?
Not required by bona fide tourists staying less than 30 days with valid passport, return or onward tickets and sufficient funds for length of stay.
Extensions are available by applying to the Immigration Office before arrival.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?
April to November is the long dry season, with temperature around 24 degrees Celsius.
Niue has an average annual temperature of 25°Celsius and a medium humidity that peaks at 88%.

WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?
Weekdays – 9:00am – 4:00pm
Some shops have extended opening hours during the weekdays.
Saturday – 4:00pm – 7:00pm

WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?
The New Zealand dollar (NZd) is the currency of Niue with major credit cards accepted.

WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD YOU PACK?
No swimwear in public, but suggest a pareu (sarong) or t-shirt for cover. Please wear appropriate attire, nudity is not permitted in any public place. A light jacket for cooler mornings and evenings is recommended.

HOW DO I GET AROUND?
Rental cars, vans, motorbikes, scooters and mountain bikes. Local driver’s license is required. Public transport is not available.

ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?
No vaccinations required. Be careful with coral cuts and take antiseptic cream.

DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?
The native Niuean language and English is widely spoken.

WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?
Niue Tourism Office
P.O Box 42, Alofi, Niue
T: (683) 4224
E: info@niueisland.com
W: www.niueisland.com
The Niue Visitor Information Centre is located in the main street of Alofi, opposite the Parliament Building.
Towering mountain peaks, lush fertile valleys, stunning beaches, pristine coral islands and some of the best diving locations in the world, Papua New Guinea is a country of wild beauty, breathtaking landscapes and fascinating flora and fauna.

Rich in natural resources Papua New Guinea’s wealth of tradition, beauty and history is unparalleled in the Pacific. From the magnificent tropical beaches to the refreshing cool highlands, there are a million different journeys to take in this paradise known the world over as one of the final frontiers. Take a breath of fresh, crisp mountain air 4,500 meters up at the base of Mount Wilhelm, the country’s highest peak or snorkel the spectacular reefs of Kimbe Bay home to 60% of the coral species in the Indo Pacific region.

Thirty one of the forty one known species of exotic Birds of Paradise are found in Papua New Guinea together with countless exquisite butterflies and over 3,000 magnificent species of orchid. Beauty also lies in the people who today still observe their captivating and diverse traditions and culture.
HOW DO I GET THERE?
National flag carrier Air Niugini has direct flights between Port Moresby and Australia (Brisbane, Cairns and Sydney) as well as flights into Narita, Manila, Singapore, Sydney, Nadi, Honiara and Hong Kong at least once a week. Air Niugini has the most nonstop flights between Fiji, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

DO YOU NEED A VISA?
Tourist visas are available upon arrival to citizens of the USA, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and most European countries, provided onward air tickets are carried by the bona-fide tourists. All travelers wishing to travel to Papua New Guinea for work, business, study purposes must also have an entry permit/visa to enter PNG. Passports should be valid for at least 6 months from the date of intended travel. Duration of stay in Papua New Guinea is a maximum of 60 days.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?
Warm to hot and humid throughout the year. Rainy season differs in each province. Generally the dry months are May to November. Coastal temperatures are usually 25-30 degrees Celsius whilst the highlands provinces have temperature of 10-20 degrees Celsius early in the morning and late afternoons during the dry seasons.

WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?
Mon- Fri 0900 - 1700, Saturday - 1300 (some shops open longer and on Sunday as well)

WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD YOU PACK?
Casual and comfortable e.g. cotton, linen or that which will keep you cool and is easier to wash and dry. For the Highlands have something warm to wear.

HOW DO I GET AROUND?
Rental cars, local boats, taxis, PMV buses. Light aircrafts and helicopters can also be chartered.

ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?
Certification or vaccination against yellow fever or cholera is required for travellers over one year of age, coming from or through infected areas. Malaria is the only serious health risk in Papua New Guinea.

Visitors are strongly advised to consult their local doctor or tropical disease clinic to commence anti-malarial preparations before arrival in PNG. As a precautionary measure, always have a mosquito repellent with you.

DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?
English and Tok-Pisin are mainly spoken.

WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?
Papua New Guinea Tourism Promotion Authority Level 5, Pacific MMI Building, Champion Parade, Port Moresby PO Box 1291, Port Moresby, PNG T: + (675) 320 0211 F: + (675) 320 0223 E: info@papuanewguinea.travel W: www.papuanewguinea.travel

WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?
Major credit cards are accepted. The Kina (PKG) is the currency of PNG with major credit cards accepted. Major Banks, shops and hotels have currency exchange services for AUD, USD, NZD & EURO.
Samoa is a postcard of natural beauty consisting of ten islands, each offering very distinct and different environments to explore - from the rainforest covered rugged volcanic mountain peaks of the two main islands to the vast valleys leading down to a coastline ringed with a necklace of white sandy beaches.

Within these lush green fertile valleys grow banyan trees towering above the rainforest canopy, full of tropical blooms and numerous varieties of vegetation. Cascading waterfalls drop into rivers that cut jagged lines through the valley floor as they make their way to the ocean.

The coastline is a wonder in itself, with sparkling white sand beaches - in some places stretching for miles - and here and there are walls of sheer cliffs that drop straight into the Pacific. Amongst all this natural beauty are nu’u or villages with their churches, meeting houses and open fale or homes encircling the malae or village green. Samoa is home to a people proud of their Fa’a Samoa (The Samoan way) - a culture 3000 years in the making - a heritage as rich and colourful as Samoa’s natural wonders.
**How do I get there?**

Virgin Samoa, Air New Zealand, Fiji Airways and Polynesian Airlines operate international flights from New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, Fiji and American Samoa into Samoa.

**How do I get around?**

Rental cars, taxis, ferries and buses.

**Any health requirements you need to know?**

Samoa is free from most tropical diseases including Malaria.

**Do they speak English?**

The native Samoan and English are mainly spoken.

**What is the weather like?**

Pleasantly warm throughout the year with an average temperature of 31°C. Conditions from May to October are cooled by the South-East trade winds.

**What time do the shops open?**

Weekdays: 9.00am – 5:00pm  
Saturday: 8.00am – 1:00pm  
Sunday: Closed

**What currency do I use?**

The Tala (WST) is the currency of Samoa with major credit cards accepted.

**What clothes should you pack?**

Casual and comfortable. Bathing suits and nudity are not allowed in villages.

**Who do I go to for more info?**

Samoa Tourism Authority  
Head Office  
Ground Floor,  
FMFMII Building  
P.O Box 2272  
Apia, Samoa  
T: +685 63500  
F: +685 20886  
E: info@samoa.travel  
W: www.samoa.travel
Soaring mist inshrouded mountains preside above dense, abundant rainforest, waterfalls and rivers cascade to an intricate coastline. Here the villages and sun soaked golden beached fringed with coconut palms lie scattered around lazy lagoons.

This is indeed a diver’s paradise and an eco-tourism destination that’s unspoiled, unhurried and totally unforgettable. The setting for some of World War II’s most fierce and bloody battles is today home to one of the most natural and peaceful races in the South Pacific. Here, in this archipelago of mountainous islands and low-lying coral atolls, you can experience the undiscovered delights of a primitive culture which has not allowed the advances of the outside world to overshadow it.

Colourful costumes, age-old customs, rituals and taboos. They still endure in the Solomons.
WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD YOU PACK?
Informal lightweight attire is appropriate for both day and evening wear alongside comfortable footwear. Occasionally, a light sweater may be handy for those rare cool nights. Bikini and other beachwear are acceptable at hotels/resorts but not when out shopping in towns or visiting villages.

HOW DO I GET THERE?
Solomon Airlines provide flights between Australia, Vanuatu and Honiara as well as to destinations throughout the Solomon Islands. Together with Interline partners, on offer are a range of other international destinations including destinations in Europe, Asia and North America. There are two weekly flights from Nadi, Fiji to Honiara, Solomon Islands.

DO YOU NEED A VISA?
Visitors wishing to travel to Solomon Islands must satisfy the following requirements prior to travelling: Must be in possession of a valid passport or other valid travel documents, onwards tickets and valid visas to enter other countries (where required) from Solomon Islands.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?
Dry in late May to early December and averages about 29 degrees Celsius throughout the year.

WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?
Most shops in town open from 8.30am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and until noon on Saturday – some open longer, including Sundays.

WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?
The Solomon Island dollar (SBD) is the currency of the Solomons with major credit cards accepted.

ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?
Malaria medication is recommended.

DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?
Local dialects, Pidgin and English are mainly spoken.

WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?
Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau
Medana Avenue, Honiara, Solomon Islands
Address: PO Box 321,
T: (677) 22 442
F: (677) 23 986
E: info@sivb.com.sb
W: www.visitsolomons.com.sb

How do I get around?
Taxis, public buses, rental cars and inter-island ferries.

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A TRAVELLERS GUIDE TO THE PACIFIC
Journey back in time to experience the Kingdom of Tonga’s authentic and compelling mix of centuries-old culture, history and traditions. Understand why Tonga’s relaxing combination of uncrowded, unhurried and undiscovered is the “True South Pacific”. Experience a monarchy unique in the South Pacific, and a generous and genuine welcome from the people of the nation dubbed the ‘Friendly Isles.’

The main island of Tongatapu is home to the royal family and to the Tongan capital of Nuku'alofa. Part of the Tongatapu Group, rugged ‘Eua lies 40km off the coast of Nuku'alofa. The island is an ideal destination for those in search of adventure and who enjoy being in touch with nature. The Ha'apai Group to the north is a wonderful eco-tourism destination and a paradise for divers and snorkellers with its prolific wildlife and pristine natural beaches. The northernmost group of islands, the Vava’u Group, is a haven for yachtyes and one of the world’s great sailing centres with its sheltered anchorages. From July to October, you can see and swim with the magnificent humpback whales that come to mate and calve in the warm waters of Vava’u. It is said to be a water lover’s paradise.
**WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD YOU PACK?**
Tongan clothing culture is conservative.

**HOW DO I GET AROUND?**
Buses, vans, taxis, and ferries. Bicycles, Scooters and Rental Cars

**ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?**
A valid yellow fever certificate and cholera certificate are required by all travelers over 1 year old who have been in an infected area prior to arrival in Tonga.

**DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?**
The native Tongan and English are mainly spoken.

**WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?**
Tourism Tonga
Visitor Information Centre
Vuna Road,
Nuku’alofa,
Tongatapu
KINGDOM OF TONGA
T: +676 25334
E: info@tourism-tonga.com
W: www.tongaholiday.com
F: www.facebook.com/tonga
Instagram: Tongaholiday
Youtube: www.youtube.com/user/tongaholiday

**WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?**
From December to April, the weather is hot and humid, with considerable rainfall. From May to November, the weather is cool, dry and pleasant with an average temperature of up to 22 degrees Celsius. Trade winds make for pleasant days and cool nights.

**WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?**
Business hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm.
Saturday 8.30am – 12:00pm.
Almost everything closes in Tonga on Sundays for religious observance reasons.

**WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?**
The Tongan Pa’anga (TOP) is the currency of Tonga with major credit cards accepted.

**HOW DO I GET THERE?**
Fiji Airways flies directly from Suva twice weekly and four times a week from Nadi. Direct flights from San Francisco, LA or Hawaii through Fiji also service the islands. New Zealand also has direct weekly flights from Auckland excluding Tuesday and Sundays, with two direct flights weekly from Sydney. Daily flights from mainland China via Sydney and Auckland. Three flights weekly from Hong Kong via Fiji are other options available to fly to the Kingdom. There are no flights on Sunday.

**DO YOU NEED A VISA?**
Bona fide tourists and business persons from most countries including New Zealand, United States, United Kingdom and Australia may enter Tonga for up to a month.

**WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?**
Business hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm.
Saturday 8.30am – 12:00pm.
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**WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?**
The Tongan Pa’anga (TOP) is the currency of Tonga with major credit cards accepted.
Talofa! If all you want is to disappear, relax under a palm tree and not be bothered by anyone with fewer than 1000 tourists a year, Tuvalu is the place to be.

Tuvalu is one of the world’s smallest (total land area of just 26 km2 and a population of just 8,000) and most isolated island nations. This unspoilt corner of the Pacific offers a peaceful, and non-commercialised environment that is ideal for rest and relaxation.

Yet it is this smallness and isolation which is part of its attraction. Its nine atolls on which the Tuvaluans, direct descendants of the ancient Polynesians live, provide the kind of solace a person is looking for, somewhere to really escape the pressures of the outside world is seeking.
HOW DO I GET THERE?
Fiji Airways operates twice a week from Suva to Funafuti on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DO YOU NEED A VISA?
Visitors can stay up to 30 days but is required to have a valid passport and onward tickets are needed.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?
Tropical and hot temperature ranges between 28-31 degrees with wet season in November to April. May to October, light winds and south east trade winds.

WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?
The National Bank of Tuvalu (NBT) opens from 9:00am – 2:00pm Mondays to Fridays
The shops open around 6:00am to 9:30pm from Monday to Saturday. On Sunday, shops open at 6:00am to 8:30am, and will open again at 5:00pm to 9:30pm.

WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?
The Australian dollar (AUD) is the currency of Tuvalu. Please be advised that credit cards are not accepted in Tuvalu.

WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD YOU PACK?
Dress is normally very casual. However, women are advised to dress conservatively.

HOW DO I GET AROUND?
Minibus, taxis, and motorcycles

ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?
Tuvalu is free from most tropical diseases including Malaria.

DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?
Native Tuvaluan and English are mainly spoken.

WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?
Tuvalu Department of Tourism
1st Floor, North Wing,
Government Building,
Private Mail Bag,
Vaiku, Funafuti,
Tuvalu
T: (688) 20 840 or 20 117
E: pafelee@gov.tv
W: www.timelesstuvalu.com
Vanuatu

Vanuatu is like stepping back to another place and time. A time when water was pure and food was from the village. The smiles are warm and genuine. As soon as you arrive you’ll forget the world you left behind and experience a place that is unforgettable.

Across the 83 islands in the archipelago, the Ni-Vanuatu speak approximately 210 different dialects. Words like “schedule” are not common but “welcome”, “dance” and “relax” are easily translated. It’s probably why we have been selected the happiest country on earth twice.

Smiles aren’t the only thing you’ll see in Vanuatu. There’s a playground of rainforests, volcanoes, pristine beaches, coral seas, fresh food, adventure and relaxation. Every island is different, but smiles can be found everywhere.
**How do I get there?**

International airlines such as Air Vanuatu, Aircalin, Qantas, Air New Zealand, Virgin Australia, and Solomon Airlines fly directly to Port-Vila from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland and Noumea.

Fiji Airways offers return flights in and out of Port Vila, via Fiji onward to Australia, and New Zealand, Tongatapu, Tahiti, Honiara, USA, and Canada.

**Do you need a visa?**

A valid passport (+6 month validity) and onward tickets is needed.

**What is the weather like?**

Tropical and hot temperature ranges between 28-31° with wet season in November to April. May to October, light winds and south east trade winds.

**What time do the shops open?**

Weekdays: 7:30am – 5.00pm
Saturday: 7:30am – 12:00pm
Shops are closed on Sunday

**What currency do I use?**

The Vatu (VUV) is the currency of Vanuatu with major credit cards accepted.

In some places (Port-Vila and Luganville) the Australian Dollar (AUD) is accepted.

**What clothes should you pack?**

Light weight and casual clothing.

**How do I get around?**

Transfer operators, buses, taxis, car and scooter rentals, bicycles and ferries.

**Any health requirements you need to know?**

Visitors do not need vaccinations, but anti-malaria medication is recommended if you are travelling to islands outside of Efate.

**Do they speak English?**

Bislama, French and English are mainly spoken.

**Who do I go to for more info?**

Vanuatu Tourism Office
P.O. Box 209, Port Vila, Vanuatu
T: (678) 22515 / 22685 / 22813
F: (678) 23889
E: tourist@vanuatu.travel
aroossbong@vanuatu.gov.vu
marthur@vanuatu.gov.vu
infovila@vanuatu.travel
W: www.vanuatu.travel

Port-Vila Visitors Information Centre
Plilioko House, Lini Highway

Luganville Visitors Information Centre
Centre, Main Street

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**What clothes should you pack?**

Light weight and casual clothing.
Bonjour! Some people have likened this sophisticated French Territory to the French Riviera transported to the South Pacific. With its Parisian designer boutiques, duty free shopping, fine dining and high concentration of Europeans, it does have a distinctly international feel. Grande Terre, the island on which the capital Nouméa is situated, is where everything happens. It covers a 400km long area from north to south and is 50km wide from west to east. Surrounded by a 1,600km long coral barrier reef, New Caledonia has the largest lagoon in the world (24,000km²).

Nouméa’s attractive restaurants cater to all tastes and budgets ranging from the traditional French to Moroccan, Italian, Chinese, Japanese and even Vietnamese fare. Nightlife is very active in the capital with two casinos and a host of private clubs.

New Caledonia’s 231,000 inhabitants are spread across seven islands. The ‘Big Land’ as the main island is known dominates with the Loyalty Islands and Isle of Pines making up the balance of the group.
**HOW DO I GET THERE?**
Qantas and AirCalin codeshare flights to New Caledonia from Australia. New Caledonia is located less than 3 hours of flight from Auckland and Sydney. Tontouta International Airport is located 45 minutes’ drive from Noumea.

**DO YOU NEED A VISA?**
A valid passport is required to travel to New Caledonia. EU nationals do not need a visa for New Caledonia.

**WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?**
New Caledonia has a tropical climate and the weather is spring-like year round. Average temperatures are between 15° and 32°C depending on the season.

**WHAT TIME DO THE SHOPS OPEN?**
Shops and offices open form 7:30am – 11:30am and 1:30pm – 6:30pm Monday to Friday, closing for lunch from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Some shops open on Saturday and supermarkets are usually open Saturday and Sunday mornings. The Noumea market with its fresh local produce is held daily at the Baie de la Moselle. It opens from 5am to 10:30am daily and is closed the third Monday of the month.

**WHAT CURRENCY DO I USE?**
The CFP Franc (French Pacific Franc) is the currency of New Caledonia with major credit cards accepted. The French Franc rate is now pegged to the Euro at a fixed equivalent parity.

**WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD YOU PACK?**
Light summer clothes with one or two sweat shirts for cooler evenings. Smarter dress is a good idea if dining out (shorts are not recommended).

**HOW DO I GET AROUND?**
There are many ways to get around New Caledonia: car hire, bus, plane, boat, and bike, taxi…take your pick!

**ANY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW?**
No vaccines are required to travel to New Caledonia.

**DO THEY SPEAK ENGLISH?**
The official language is French with 28 indigenous languages and 11 dialects recognized, but English is widely spoken in main tourist areas.

**WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFO?**
South Nouméa (Head Office)
Square Olry – Place des Cocotiers-14, rue Jean Jaurès center-ville
T: +687 28 75 80
F: +687 28 75 85

113 Prom. R. Laroque – Anse Vata
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T: +687 28 93 60

P.O Box 2828 – 98846 Nouméa cedex
E: centre.village@office-tourisme.nc
W: www.en.visitnewcaledonia.com/