

# New Caledonia

## Medical Summary

The health risk information presented here is summarized from Shoreland Travax®, a decision-support tool used by health care providers to perform a detailed health risk analysis based on specific locations, individual travel styles, and traveler risk behaviors. Travax provides practitioners current, independently researched malaria risk and prevention recommendations in a map-based format that goes beyond the annual WHO and US CDC statements included here. Not included here are current reports from Travax of disease outbreaks or environmental events that may pose elevated risks to travelers' health and safety. The Providers section of this site offers a directory of health care providers who utilize Shoreland Travax for travel health counseling. Learn more about the detailed reports and maps available from these practitioners (includes links to samples).

### General Information

New Caledonia, a territorial collectivity of France, is an industrialized nation in the top 25% of the world's economies. Located in the Pacific Ocean (east of Australia), the climate is classified as humid equatorial (long dry season).

### Vaccinations

**Routine vaccinations** are essential due to a persistent global rise of vaccine-preventable diseases (especially markedly high rates of diphtheria, pertussis, and measles). Prior to travel, travelers should be up-to-date with the age-appropriate and risk-based routine vaccinations recommended by their home country, which may include:

- COVID-19
- *H. influenzae* type B (Hib)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B: Protection is especially important for those at increased risk.
- Herpes zoster
- Human papillomavirus
- Influenza
- Measles, mumps, rubella: A single early dose is recommended for travelers aged 6-11 months.
- Meningococcal
- Pneumococcal
- Polio
- Rotavirus
- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis: Tdap preferred; consider an early pertussis booster for high-risk travelers.
- Varicella

### Yellow Fever

Although yellow fever does not occur in New Caledonia, an official yellow fever vaccination certificate may be required depending on your itinerary.

- *Requirement:* A certificate proving yellow fever vaccination is required for travelers aged  $\geq 1$  year coming from countries with risk of YF transmission. This also applies to airport transit stops (no exit through immigration checkpoint) longer than 12 hours in risk countries. Note: In the event of an epidemic threat to the territory, a specific vaccination certificate may be required.

### Other Vaccines

Depending on your itinerary, your personal risk factors, and the length of your visit, your health care provider may offer you vaccination against dengue, rabies, or typhoid fever.

### Malaria

The following is current information as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

## **WHO—*International Travel and Health* (current online update, Country List)**

No statement given.

## **CDC—*Health Information for International Travel* (current online edition)**

No malaria transmission.

## **Other Concerns**

### **Travelers' Diarrhea**

Moderate risk exists throughout the country, with minimal risk in deluxe accommodations. Community sanitation and food safety measures may be inadequate. Some itineraries (e.g., remote destinations, austere accommodations) and activities (e.g., ecotourism, eating street or local-market food) further increase risk.

Travelers should observe food and beverage precautions, which reduce the likelihood of illness.

Travelers should carry loperamide for self-treatment of diarrhea and, if risk is moderate to high, an antibiotic to add if diarrhea is severe. Consult a knowledgeable health care provider regarding which antibiotic is appropriate for you and most effective for your destination.

### **Other Food-Borne Illnesses**

Precautions to prevent seafood poisoning may be needed.

## **Other Disease and Health Risks**

Additional concerns include hepatitis C, leptospirosis, marine hazards, melioidosis, sexually transmitted infections.

## **Safety and Security**

### **Key Safety Risks**

- Petty crime
- Food and beverage spiking
- Theft of vehicles
- Natural disasters

### **Key Security Threats**

- Occasional violent crime

## **Emergency Contacts**

The police emergency number is 17.