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Hiking in New Caledonia sports tourism



A flight over New Caledonia is enough to realize the biodiversity of the region. Located between sun and sea, many trails are walked every day by the most athletic tourists. Unique trails, landscapes that cannot be found anywhere else, and unique animal and plant species emerge on the country's postcard.



Great trails, and not the least

The first steps on the Great Southern New Caledonian Hiking Trail are enough to understand that this is not a trail for beginners. More than 126 km of desert and mountains stand in the middle of an overflowing vegetation and it is necessary to be well equipped to do it in one go because indeed, the most athletic hikers only manage to accomplish it after 7 days of effort.

Greener and less arid than the first, the Great North Hiking Trail is the most popular trail for tourists. This 86 km trail starts from the coast and winds south and can be taken in either direction. Renowned for its great difficulty, seasoned hikers cover it entirely in 4 days.

Breathtaking geographic wealth

Other shorter trails also crisscross the archipelago. It is, for example, possible to reach the Malaoui peak, Chapeau du Gendarme, in Nouméa in 3 hours approximately through dense and humid forests. It goes without saying that a breathtaking view rewards the hiker.

For sea lovers, it is towards the shark fault, Sentier Boé Arérédi, and the bay of Shabadran that you must turn. If the first is only 4.5 km, the second requires the presence of a guide due to its difficulty.

Reserves and national parks

Rivière-Bleue Park and Grandes-Fougères Park reflect the biodiversity of New Caledonia. Those reserves of more than 9,000 ha leave tourists speechless with the many unspoiled paths they contain.

