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# Discovering New Caledonia through its museums

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History of the territory and of its provinces, Kanak art or its maritime life. So much knowledge available to residents and visitors of New Caledonia willing to learn more about its history and culture by visiting its many museums.



Musée de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, Futur MUZ

## Kanak art, a national treasure

The first must-see is the **Museum of New Caledonia**, in Nouméa, which brings together the heritage of Kanak and Oceanic art. Its large collection of over 9,500 objects showcases the **treasures of the South Pacific**, some over a century old. Recently, extension and renovation works have been undertaken. The establishment, which will be renamed the MUZ, is part of a bi-climatic concept and aims to **strengthen its collection of Kanak civilization**.



Centre Culturel Tjibaou

To learn more about Kanak culture, visitors can head to the **Tjibaou Cultural Centre** on the outskirts of Noumea. This structure, **designed by Renzo Piano and inaugurated in 1998**, strives to **honour the Kanak identity**. In addition to the museum, the site houses a media library, a performance centre, a research and creation centre and a botanical garden.



Musée de la Ville

## A museum for every taste

Caledonian museums reflect the many facets of the territory and there really is something for everyone. Therefore, those who are interested in the history of New Caledonia and Nouméa can go to the **City Museum**, a beautiful colonial house built in 1874 where the first local bank was established. As for the maritime world and the history of the La Pérouse expedition, they are illustrated at the **Maritime Museum**. New Caledonia's involvement in World War II is recounted at the World War II museum, while the **Bourail Museum** and the **Coffee Ecomuseum** show the agricultural culture of the islands. The **Village of Tiébaghi** is an open-air museum that delves into the

past of the miners' village. It is a great chance for Caledonians and visitors to have access to all these places dedicated to the rich history, culture and art of New Caledonia.