

Isle of Pines, New Caledonia, France

Towering columnar pines meet blindingly white sand and turquoise lagoons — the Isle of Pines is one of the Pacific's most striking cruise calls. Most of the island's best moments are free.

 Tender port (no pier)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 XPF (CFP Franc) — bring cash, no ATMs near pier

 French / Kanak (Kwényĩ)

 UNESCO-listed lagoon

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Kuto Bay jetty (~10–15 min ride)

Walk to center: Kuto Beach is right at the tender pier; Kanumera Bay 5 min walk

Best For: Snorkeling, beaches, natural pool, colonial history

Don't Miss: Piscine Naturelle (natural pool) at Oro Bay — bring reef shoes

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~555 XPF base + 123 XPF/km (~USD 5–12) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Piscine Naturelle (Natural Pool)** — A coral-rimmed natural swimming pool at Oro Bay on the far (northeast) side of the island, teeming with tropical fish.
- Kanumera Bay & the Sacred Rock** — A 5-minute walk from the tender pier brings you to this horseshoe bay dominated by the giant Kanumera Rock — a Kanak...
- French Penal Colony Ruins** — A 20-minute inland walk from Kuto Beach leads to the overgrown ruins of a 19th-century French colonial prison, where...
- Pic N'Ga Hike** — The island's highest point (262 m) rewards a steep 1-hour climb with a 360° panorama of the reef, bays, and columnar...
- Queen Hortense's Cave** — A large limestone cavern where the local Kanak queen hid during a 19th-century tribal war.

BEST WALKS

- Kuto Beach to Kanumera Bay** 0.5 km · 5 min · Easy · Free — Walk across the narrow sandy isthmus from the tender jetty at Kuto Beach to the gorgeous Kanumera Bay.
- Kuto Bay to Penal Colony Ruins** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy–moderate · Free — Follow the main road inland from the tender pier to the atmospheric ruins of the 19th-century French penal colony.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	78°	74°	17d
Jun	73°	69°	9d
Aug	71°	66°	12d
Sep	72°	67°	11d
Oct	74°	69°	14d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:03AM–5:36PM · Jun 6:28AM–5:13PM · Aug 6:15AM–5:34PM · Sep 5:47AM–5:43PM · Oct 5:18AM–5:53PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring XPF cash. There are no ATMs near the pier. Some stalls accept AUD or EUR but give poor change rates. Exchange before

Isle of Pines, New Caledonia, France — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Piscine Naturelle d'Oro

A stunning natural rock pool perfect for snorkeling.
- 2

Grotte de la Reine Hortense

Explore a historic limestone cave with impressive stalactites.
- 3

Saint Maurice

Visit a memorial to early missionaries and local chiefs.
- P

Cruise port / terminal