

Lifou, Loyalty Islands, New Caledonia

A coral atoll of turquoise bays and white-sand beaches — ships anchor off Easo while tenders ferry passengers to one of the South Pacific's most photogenic tender stops, rich in Kanak Melanesian culture.

 Tender port (no pier)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  CFP Franc (XPF)  French / Drehu

🔑 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — anchor off Easo

Walk to center: Easo village is steps from tender dock

Best For: Snorkeling · Beaches · Kanak culture

Don't Miss: Notre-Dame de Lourdes chapel clifftop view

 Getting around:  Taxi  Negotiated locally ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Jinek Bay Marine Reserve Snorkeling** — Jinek Bay (also called Peng Bay) is one of the finest snorkeling spots in the Loyalty Islands — a protected marine...
- **Luengoni Beach** — Lifou's most beautiful beach — a sweeping arc of white sand, coral-clear water, and limestone caves at the headland.
- **Notre-Dame de Lourdes Chapel** — The iconic white chapel perched on the cliff above Easo Bay offers sweeping views over the turquoise water and the...
- **Kanak Village & Customary Welcome** — Experience a traditional Kanak (Melanesian) welcome in Easo or a nearby tribal village — dancing, weaving...
- **Jokin Cliffs & Coastal Scenery** — The dramatic limestone cliffs at Jokin in the north of Lifou offer some of the island's most striking coastal scenery...

BEST WALKS

- **Easo Village to Notre-Dame de Lourdes Chapel** ~1 km · 30–40 min · moderate (steep climb) — From the tender dock, walk through Easo village and follow the path up the cliff to the white Notre-Dame de Lourdes chapel.
- **Easo Village Stroll** ~500 m · 20 min · easy — A short wander through the Kanak village of Easo — local craft stalls, vanilla and coconut vendors, and a chance to chat with residents.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌡️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇫🇷 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:57AM–5:58PM · Jun 6:02AM–5:55PM · Aug 6:03AM–6:01PM · Sep 5:51AM–5:55PM · Oct 5:38AM–5:49PM	
Apr	85°	74°	20d		
Jun	84°	70°	1d		
Aug	85°	70°	3d		
Sep	87°	72°	9d		
Oct	86°	73°	20d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing is everything. Return to the tender dock at least 45 minutes before all-aboard — lines grow fast in the afternoon and there's no way to rush a missed ship.
- Cash in XPF is king. Local vendors and beach stalls work almost entirely in CFP Francs. Credit cards are rarely accepted outside ship-organized tours. Exchange or draw cash before...