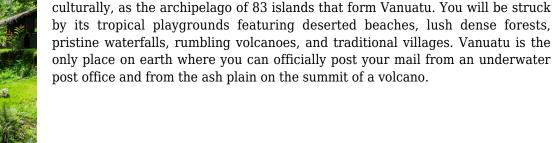




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THE COUNTRY



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The capital Port Vila, located on Efate Island, is a central and lively hub. With interesting historical influences, Port Vila is a melting pot of Ni Vanuatu, French, English and Chinese shops and restaurants.

The markets are the life of the town, with locals and tourists alike shopping for a vast array of local produce. From Port Vila, it is easy to travel around the outer islands, each of them with something totally different to offer.

DO & SEE



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Vanuatu's incredible geographical and cultural diversities bestow on travellers a multitude of sightseeing options. The outer islands offer the opportunity to really immerse in the Vanuatu experience. Each one has its own unique culture and attractions. You will certainly enrich your knowledge about the world after this trip. All of

the islands are surrounded by the South Pacific Ocean. Discover the nation of Vanuatu, and be mindful of its bewitching spell which will lure you back again and again.

Tanna Island



On Tanna island you can visit Mt Yasur, one of the world's most accessible active volcanoes. This is truly an awesome, once-in-a-lifetime

experience that should not be missed. Tanna is also rich in giant banyan trees, waterfalls, black sand beaches, horse riding, and fascinating tribal villages.

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Address: Tanna, Vanuatu

Espiritu Santo Island



Espiritu Santo, the largest island in the country and only an hour away by plane from Port Vila, is an unspoiled and popular place for

snorkelling, diving, and even just for its relaxing deserted beaches. There are also many World War II sites such as the Million Dollar Point, where the Americans dumped all their hardware into the ocean after the war, crashed B17 bombers, the destroyer USS 'Tucker' and Santo's most famous attraction – the 22 000 ton SS 'President Coolidge' that sank and now is the world's largest accessible wreck diving experience, attracting divers from all over the world.

Photo: Espiritu Santo/Shutterstock.com Address: Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu



Pentecost Island



On Pentecost island, you can witness the astounding Nagol ritual, where the islanders build a huge tower to perform land diving. This ritual

has been practiced for centuries and celebrates the Yam harvest. It is said to be the forerunner of today's bungee jumping.

Photo: livcool/Shutterstock.com Address: Pentecost, Vanuatu

Evergreen Mele Cascades



This waterfall is a wonder of nature. Pack your lunchbox, take a hike in the area and take a day to relax and dive into the refreshingly cold stream.

Photo: Karin Wassmer/Shutterstock.com Address: Ring Road, Mele Maat, Vanuatu Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-5pm

Phone: +678 23050

Millenium Cave



Located on the South coast of Vanuatu,
Lunganville presents its visitors with numerous magic places.
Adventurers will find the

Millenium Cave particularly appealing. You can explore the waterfalls between rocks with a guided tour and meet creatures and plants on your way. Note that it can get a little rough so wear good shoes and be aware that some physical fitness is required.

Photo: Fredy Thuerig/shutterstock

Address: Millennium Cave, Luganville, Espiritu Santo 862,

Vanuatu

Phone: +678 547 0957

Internet: www.millennium cave tour.weebly.com

Email: millenniumcavetrek@gmail.com

Blue Lagoon



Find the perfect get-away and swim in the azure waters of the Blue Lagoon. Relax in the lagoon surrounded by a natural environment you

won't find anywhere else. It is a fun experience for the whole family, and undoubtedly a great place to provide you with some gorgeous holiday photos.

Photo: Ed Goodacre / Shutterstock.com Address: Efate Ring Road, Vanuatu

The Summit Gardens



Get a new perspective and climb the summit of Vanuatu. Not only will you get a great panoramic view, but will also find many

entertainment facilities, such as a spa and the unique Essential Oils Distillery. Visit the beautiful tropical gardens and don't forget to bring one of the many locally-made beauty products.

Photo: Ikonya / Shutterstock.com

Address: Devil's Point Road, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm
Internet: www.thesummitvanuatu.com
Email: shop@thesummitvanuatu.com



Malekula Island



Malekula is the second largest island on Vanuatu and is known for its strong tribal presence. The island is the most diverse, culturally and

linguistically, with over thirty distinct languages spoken. The villagers are very friendly and will be more than happy to share their proud cultural heritage with you.

Photo: Marci Paravia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Malekula, Vanuatu

Ambrym Island



Ambrym, with its twin volcanoes, is considered the Spiritual centre of Vanuatu. Ambrym offers many opportunities for trekking between villages

to see the fiery volcanoes up close.

Photo: KeshNC/shutterstock Address: Ambrym, Vanuatu

Mystery Island



This small island is the ideal place for a quiet and relaxing day on the beach. Take your family, explore the surroundings and enjoy the crystal

clear waters of the Pacific.

Photo: Sam Unterman/Shutterstock.com Address: Aneityum Island, Vanuatu

Efate



Despite being the most populous island in Vanuatu, there is still plenty of natural attractions. Take time to visit some of the smaller

offshore islands, where you can take part in snorkelling, diving, turtle feeding, or fishing. The National Museum of Vanuatu and the markets in Port Vila will immerse you in the city's history and culture.

Photo: Karin Wassmer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Efate, Vanuatu

Back To My Roots Festival



During the annual Back to My Roots Festival, you can enjoy a whole week of activities. There are music performances, a pig killing ceremony, and

the highlight of the event, the mysterious Rom dance. It is held in mid August in the North part of the Ambrym island, known for its picturesque wood carvings.

Photo: Jantira Namwong / Shutterstock.com Address: Tanna, North Ambrym, Vanuatu

Internet

www.interisland travels.com/back-to-my-roots-festival



DINING



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Port Vila has become famous for being a diners' paradise. The fresh seafood and local produce are superbly prepared into tantalising dishes. Try the local Poulet fish, a fresh lobster, or get to know cuisines that are influenced by the country's French, Spanish, and British colonial past. The variety is simply astounding. Try a succulent Santo beef steak, local Teoma prawns or be adventurous and sample rousette; flying fox, nautou; ground pigeon, and escargots; snails.

The national dish is called Laplap. It's made from grounded yam or taro roots, often mixed with pieces of pork, chicken, fish or flying fox, wrapped in banana leaves that are then soaked in a coconut and water mixture before being cooked in an underground oven. For vegetarians, there is the traditional nalot, made from breadfruit.

On the outer islands, restaurants outside resorts are very few. Most of the menus will have limited choices and are confined to local produce and island foods. Rice is included in many meals. Sample fresh vegetables, fruit and cuisine at the local markets.

L'Houstalet



L'Houstalet is Port Vila's most famous French restaurant on the island, blending local flavours with French influences. With a menu that has

remained untouched for over 30 years, as well as a cosy atmosphere, you will have your well-deserved meal after a day exploring the Efate Island.

Photo: Alessio Orru / Shutterstock.com

Address: Captain Cook Avenue, Port Vila, Efate, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-9pm

Phone: +678 22 303

Email: houstalet@vanuatu.com.vu

Wild Ginger



Wild Ginger at the
Warwick Le Lagon Resort
& Spa is an Asian fusion
restaurant and
teppanyaki bar. This
place is perfect to

experience excellent, fresh fish such as sashimi and sushi.

Photo: Leigh Loftus / Shutterstock.com

Address: Warwick Le Lagon Resort & Spa, Elluk Road, Off Kumul Highway, Erakor Lagoon, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-midnight

Phone: +678 22 313

Internet: www.warwickhotels.com/warwick-le-lagon-vanuatu/

dining/wild-ginger

Email: wildginger.lelagon@warwickhotels.com



Bistro at Chantillys



Located at the Chantilly's Bay Resort, Bistro at Chantillys offers all sorts of dishes, from the outstanding Vanuatu cuisine to intermational

tapas. The chefs prepare the food with the very best, fresh seasonal produce to create a mouth-watering dish.

Photo: Cheewin Blue / Shutterstock.com

Address: Chantilly's on the Bay Resort, Kumul Highway, Port

Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm

Phone: +678 27079

Internet:

www.chantillys.com.vu/dining/Bistro-at-Chantillys.html

Email: gm@chantillys.com.vu

Chill Restaurant & Bar



Located upstairs of Au
Bon Marche Supermarket
next to the Mamas
Market, with a great view
over the harbour, Chill
Restaurant & Bar is the

perfect spot for lunch. Here you can enjoy delicious seafood for a good value, with a terrific lunch special that includes a soft drink, beer or a glass of wine. On the menu, you will also find western comfort dishes, such as pasta and pizza.

Photo: alisafarov / Shutterstock.com

Address: Lini Highway, Port Vila, Efate, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-9pm

Phone: +678 22578

Tamanu on the Beach



Tamanu on the Beach will present you with an iconic South Pacific dining experience. In this open-air restaurant right by the Pacific Ocean, you

can enjoy a gourmet dining cuisine menu with local organic meat and the freshest of seafood. Tamanu's signature dish, Lobster Mornay, is more than recommended.

Photo: Kheng Guan Toh / Shutterstock.com

Address: Tamanu on the Beach Resort, White Sands Efate,

Port Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm

Phone: +678 27279

Internet: www.tamanuonthebeach.com/award-winning-dining

-overlooking-the-waves

Email: tr@tamanuonthebeach.com

More Info: Located at resort Tamanu on the Beach

Seaview Cafe



Sea View is one of the best for fast food and value meals. Here you can enjoy a nice lunch or dinner — or even a quick bite — by the pristine

Pacific waters.

Photo: Pixelbliss / Shutterstock.com

Address: Kumul Highway, Town Centre, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Daily 6am-8pm

Phone: +678 27206

Email: seaviewtakeaway@vanuatu.com.vu

Island Time



Island Time proves that great flavours do not necessarily come at a great cost. With a wide choice of burgers and chicken dishes, you will



certainly find something that suits your taste.

Photo: Kotin / Shutterstock.com

Address: Kumul Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-7:30pm, Sun 9am-5:30pm

Phone: +678 22538

CAFES



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Cafe dining on Efate Island is abundant and varied, but limited elsewhere. On the other islands, snacks are usually provided only at your accommodation and at established times. If you are travelling with younger children, it is best to check beforehand.

Nambawan Café



You can watch the boats pass by at the Nambawan Café while enjoying a delicious Tanna coffee and a toasted Panini. This place is open for

breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Photo: Christopher Yasuma / Shutterstock.com

Address: Seafront, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Sun-Tue 6am-7:30pm, Wed 6am-10pm,

Thu-Sat 6am-8pm Phone: +678 25246

Email: cafe@nambawan.com

Jill's Café



Jill's Café is an American style coffee shop offering both indoor and outdoor dining. They have been serving customers for 15 years with fresh food for

breakfast, lunch, snacks and dessert at a good price.

Photo: GCapture / Shutterstock.com

Address: Port Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5pm, Sat 7am-noon, Sun

closed

Phone: +678 25125

Email: info@jillscafevanuatu.com

K2 Kitchen



K2 Kitchen is a one-of-a-kind cafe in Vanuatu. Its focus relies on sustainability, being mainly built from recycled materials. Their

varied menu aims to satisfy everyone's needs, from children to adults, catering both warm and cold beverages, bite-sized snacks and full meals.

Photo: Nitr / Shutterstock.com

Address: Mele, Port Vila, Efate, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 6:30am-3pm, Thu & Fri

6:30am-9pm, Sat 6am-3pm, Sun closed

Phone: +678 35503

Internet: www.k2vanuatu.com

Email: manager@k2kitchenvanuatu.com

Cafe Vila



Located at Nasama Resort, just a short walk from the city centre, Cafe Vila is the place to go for a refreshing cocktail. If you are in the mood for

dining, there is also an extensive and rich menu



to chose from. The attentive staff will make sure that your order is carefully prepared.

Photo: Andrey Starostin / Shutterstock.com

Address: Nasama Resort, Pango Road, Port Vila, Vanuatu Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7:30am-11am / 5:30pm-9pm; Mon

7:30am-11am Phone: +678 28128

Internet: www.nasamaresort.com

Email: info@cafevila.vu

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Christine Ellsay/unsplash

A night out in Vanuatu always begins with a 'shell.' A shell is a drink of Kava made from the root of a plant similar to the pepper tree.

Vanuatu Kava is renowned for being the strongest in the world, boasting 32 active components. However, it's important to know that Kava is not an alcoholic drink. It is an intoxicant, the only legal narcotic in the world. It is not addictive, nor does it have damaging side effects. As a matter of fact, its taste isn't nice at all, so drink it and then follow it with a sweet chaser. For it to have any effect, the locals recommend drinking two to three shells over a few minutes on an empty stomach.

Melanesian Nights



Melanesian Nights are held regularly at most major resorts and hotels. These nights include kastom dancing, kava drinking, local string

bands, and traditional food. Ask your hotel for more details.

Photo: pvince73/shutterstock

Elektrorock Musik Bar



Elektrorock is claimed to be the best nightclub in Port Vila. It's popular among locals and tourists alike. Here you can dance all night long and listen

to the music played by the DJ.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lini Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 6pm-3am, Fri-Sat 6pm-3:30am, Sun

& Mon closed

Phone: +678 733 9234 Email: elektrorock@mail.com

Waterfront Bar and Grill



Port Vila might not have the best nightlife, but if you would like to have a few drinks and a bit of a boogie, you can head to the Waterfront Bar and

Grill Restaurant. The Waterfront Bar and Grill is the focus of cruising yacht activities in Port Vila, and one of Port Vila's most popular places to dine, dance and enjoy live entertainment.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kumul Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-2:30pm / 5:30pm-10:30pm



Phone: +678 23490

 $In ternet: www.water front barand grill port vila.com \\ Email: info@water front barand grill port vila.com$

Banyan Beach Bar



Port Vila's only white sand bar, Banyan Beach Bar is centrally located. The great music, cocktails and snacks are everything that you need

for a relaxing night outside after a day at the beach.

Photo: David Evison / Shutterstock.com Address: Fatumaru Bay, Port-Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 3pm-11:55pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +678 760 5268 Email: gm@chantillys.com.vu

Nakamals



Port Vila, along with Luganville on Santo island, has loads of kava bars, locally known as Nakamals. Ask your hotel for the best one to visit.

Some of the most popular ones include Ronnie's Nakamal in Nambatu, the Red Light Nakamal near the hospital and Crows Nest Nakamal.

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SHOPPING



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Throughout Vanuatu, there are excellent traditional arts and crafts, predominantly made of fine weaving. Mostly produced by women, baskets and mats made from pandanus leaves and wild hibiscus stalks make for great tourist souvenirs. Wood carvings, shells and bead necklaces, headdresses, ankle rattles, and masks are also among the many local products that are unique to Vanuatu.

Tana Russet Plaza



While the Tana Russet
Plaza shopping centre
may be smaller in size, it
offers a reasonable
number of shops and food
stalls, along with a

cinema and toilets. This shopping centre is open daily until the evening, making it a convenient option for shopping.

Photo: Jeremy Yap/unsplash

Address: Kumul Highway, Port-Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Daily 6am-9pm

Phone: +678 25977 Email: trp@pbt.vu



Fung Kuei Duty Free



Located in the heart of Port Vila by the waterfront, Fung Kuei is a popular shopping centre due to its extensive range of

products at unbeatable duty-free prices. When it comes to liquor, you can find whiskey, bourbon, rum, and vodka, which they even deliver to your ship at no charge. Besides liquor, you can purchase cigarettes, sports shoes and clothing, as well as IT accessories, toys and perfumes. You'll also find a selection of designer handbags and watches.

Photo: Marco Chilese/unsplash

Address: Kumul Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-noon, Sun

closed

Phone: +678 22556

Internet: www.fungkuei.com Email: info@fungkuei.com

Wood Carvings



Outside the main island, Northern Ambrym is especially renowned for the creativity and skilfulness of its carvers. Along with miniature

canoes, animals, bows, and bowls, most carvings are related to ancestral figures.

Photo: John Sones/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ambrym, Vanuatu

Markets



If you are looking for bargains in Port Vila, check out Chinatown in Rue Carnot, Hebrida Market Place alongside the Lini Highway, and the

wonderful outdoor markets for fresh food and souvenirs. There are also some excellent duty-free stores offering a wide range of goods.

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Port Vila



Port Vila is the central point when it comes to shopping in Vanuatu. It also has the only duty-free port in the country. You will find

shop after shop in this busy hub selling everything, from handcrafted pieces to international products. Make sure you pick up a free city map from the Information Centre on the main street before you set out on your journey.

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Luganville Town



Luganville has some general shops throughout the main road, including the Women's market, a cheerful market where handmade crafts are sold.

Wood carvings made from local wood are also among the main products.

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TOURIST INFORMATION



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Bauerfield International Airport (VLI)



Bauerfield International Airport is Vanuatu's international airport, and you can find it 6 kilometres north of Port Vila. Port Vila can be

accessed by pre booked bus transfer or by taxi.

The airport has modest facilities, so don't expect the usual amenities found in other international airports. Additionally, security and passport control might take longer, hence it's advisable to arrive well in advance of your flight.

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Address: Bauerfield International Airport, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Phone: +678 20200 Internet: www.vli.vu Email: info@airports.vu

Passport / Visa



European Union citizens can visit Vanuatu visa-free for up to 90 days. Nationals from the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand,

Japan, and South Korea can also visit visa-free,

but only for 30 days. Extensions are possible through the Vanuatu Immigration office before the visa expires, with a fee for each extension. The maximum stay is up to four months from the date of arrival, requiring a new extension visa each month.

If you're unsure about visa requirements for Vanuatu, contact your nearest embassy for more information.

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Best Time to Visit



Thanks to the tropical climate, the weather is generally good throughout the year. However, April to October is when the

weather is the most comfortable. The wet season is from November to March, with short periods of rain, with warmer and more humid conditions; however, none of these affect tours or activities. Year-round water temperatures swing between 22°C to 28°C, making swimming always enjoyable.

Photo: Mariano Carpentier/unsplash

Transport



Mini buses in Vanuatu don't run according to specific routes or timetables, instead they simply take you where you wish to go. Buses are

a cheap way of getting around and you can simply flag down one heading in the general direction you wish to go.

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Rental Cars



Car rentals can be found in both Port Vila and Luganville, but scooter rentals are limited to Port Vila. To drive a car in Vanuatu, you must be at

least 23 years old and have had a valid driver's license for at least one year. For scooter rentals, the minimum age requirement is 17 years.

Photo: Ivan Kazlouskij/unsplash

Address: World Car Rentals: Kumul Highway, Nambatu Area,

Port Vila, Vanuatu Phone: +678 26515

Internet: www.vanuaturentalcars.com
Email: bookings@vanuaturentalcars.com

Taxi



On Efate island, taxis are plentiful and relatively inexpensive. Once out of the capital, a taxi is usually a four-wheel drive truck. Prices can vary on

a variety of factors including road conditions and distance, so it is best to come to an agreement on the fare before setting out.

Photo: Gustavo/unsplash

Address: DSara Taxi Tours and Transfer: Bellevue Area Efate,

Port Vila, Vanuatu Phone: +678 777 2878

Post



When in Port Vila you should visit the underwater post office or the volcano post. The underwater post office is a popular attraction with

more than 200,000 visitors a year.

Photo: Egor Myznik/unsplash

Address: Stade, Teouma Street Vila, Vanuatu

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:30pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +678 22000

Internet: www.vanuatupost.vu Email: custservice@vanuatupost.vu

Pharmacy



You can easily find a pharmacy in Port Vila. Ask your hotel for the nearest one.

Photo: Garo Uzunyan/unsplash

Address: Healthwise Pharmacy: Lini Highway, Port Vila,

Vanuatu

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-5pm, Sun closed

Phone: +688 25722

Telephone



Country code: +678

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Electricity



230V / 50Hz. Australian appliances can all be used without an adaptor. The associated plug to Vanuatu is type I.

Photo: Anthony Indraus/unsplash

Population 342,218 (2024)

Currency

Vanuatu Vatu (VT) = 100 cents

Destination: Vanuatu Publishing date: 2024-07-09



Opening hours

Shops are usually open from Mondays to Fridays and close for siesta between 11:30am and 1:30pm. Shops are open at their own discretion on Sundays.

Internet

www.gov.vu www.vanuatu.travel/en

Newspapers

Daily Post: www.dailypost.vu

Emergency numbers

Police: 111 Hospital: 112 Fire: 113 Marine: 114 Promedical: 115

Tourist information

Vanuatu Tourism Office Rue Emile Mercet Street, Port Vila, Vanuatu Open Mon–Fri 8am–5pm, Sat 8am–noon, Sun closed. +678 22813