

# VANUATU

Vanuatu 's tropical islands provide a stunning backdrop to its vibrant, diverse culture.

Vanuatu is an archipelago of 65 inhabited islands. But with over 100 different language groups each island has its own distinct identity.

Step away from the tourist resorts and you will find a very different world. From black magic and ritual dance to village life Vanuatu is rich with the diversity of Melanesian culture. And its all set on tropical jungle islands fringed by coral reefs.



**REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**

📍 PORT VILA

👤 250,000

🗨️ BISLAMA, FRENCH, ENGLISH

 Pentecost Is. Landdiving APR-JUL	 AUST. SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	 At its Best APR-OCT
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<b>GETTING THERE</b> Port Vila (BAU) Santo (SON)	<b>GETTING AROUND</b> Ferries and aircraft provide quick links to the islands. Buses service Port Vila but it's trucks elsewhere.
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<b>SEE &amp; DO</b>  PORT VILA: Resorts, reefs and duty free shopping SANTO ESPIRITO: Wreck diving and blue holes MALAMPA: Kastom, canoes and volcano treks TANNA (TEFEA): Black magic PENAMA: Land diving TORBA: Remote village life   Dress conservatively away from resorts. In many villages beaches and Nakamals (kava bars) and rituals are gender segregated.  Community based tourism thrives on Vanuatu's outer islands. There are no resorts here with accommodation and activities almost exclusively locally owned. 	Lap Lap, Vanuatu's national dish, is made from grated yam, banana or manioc mixed with coconut cream and cooked in an earth oven  Vanuatu has 6 provinces: Torba, Sanma, Penama, Malampa, Shefa and Tefea  Across the 65 inhabited islands there are more than 100 language groups.  Dugongs (classified as a "vulnerable" species) are found across all Vanuatu's island groups.  Small inter-island aircraft have strict luggage limits
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