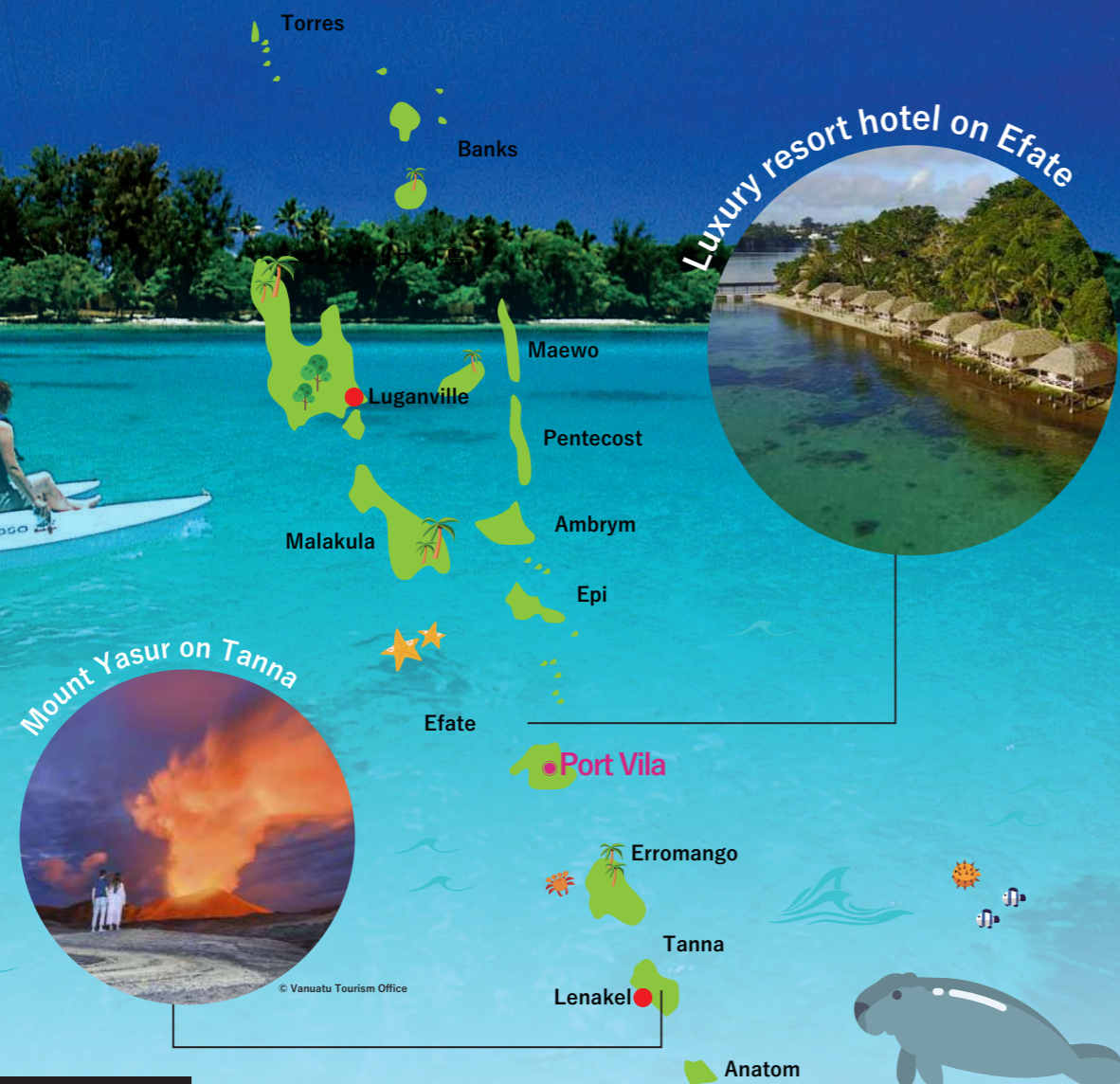


VANUATU

A country where you can experience wonders of nature and the depths of culture with all your senses

Vanuatu is a chain of 13 large islands and more than 70 small islands, stretching approximately 1200 km from north to south. Marine sports such as snorkelling and diving are enjoyed, of course, but not only that! On Efate Island, where Port Vila is located, you can relax at a resort and refresh your body and soul. On Tanna Island, you can feel the energetic power from the active volcano Yasur, while on the northern island of Santo, you can enjoy peaceful moments at the mysterious Blue Hole or try exciting activities. You can experience the richness of Melanesian culture through traditional dance, music, and local cuisine. Vanuatu's culture captivates you with its colourful features.

Enjoy the overwhelming nature and rich culture of Melanesia to your heart's content!



Example of flight routes
Narita ⇒ Nadi (Fiji) ⇒ Port Vila (Vanuatu)

Beginners' course

Enjoyment plan / Cultural, historical and nature tours near the capital city

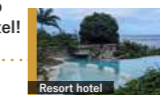
- 1st day**
- AM Arrive at Nadi Airport, Fiji, and spend some hours of transfer time relaxing at the airport.
 - PM Arrive at Port Vila. Experience Vanuatu culture at a kava bar. Ask the hotel to arrange kava tasting (e.g., Waterfall Precinct). The taste of kava varies from region to region. Spend time at a resort hotel and have dinner at a famous local restaurant. (Italian, French, etc.) A cultural show at the hotels is a great way to start your trip.
- 2nd day**
- AM Go on a tour around Efate Island! Enjoy local food at Vanuatu's markets. Be amazed by the tropical fruits you won't find in Japan. Learn about Vanuatu's culture at the Cultural Centre and get a taste of what's to come on your Efate Island excursion later in the day. Don't miss the Vanuatu cultural sand paintings. Enjoy one of the best views of Port Vila at French's Hill near Independence Park.
 - PM Enjoy the rural areas of Vanuatu. Lose yourself in Vanuatu's unique songs, dances and music. Have a coffee with a view of the sea in the centre of Efate Island. Visit a restaurant of your choice before sunset. Evening Tuck into a delicious meal while watching the sunset. Enjoy the best sunset with your choice of meat, fish, Chinese, Italian or Japanese food. Enjoy a cup of Vanuatu coffee or Vanuatu beer in the hotel bar or restaurant.
- 3rd day**
- AM Shopping in the markets and souvenir shops in and around downtown Vanuatu before returning home. Traditional Vanuatu handicrafts, especially those sold at the Handicraft Market, make great souvenirs. The best items are the Tamtam, made from carved wood and stone.
 - PM Lunch at a restaurant near the sea in downtown Vanuatu with a great view. Explore the souvenirs at the airport. Chocolate, vanilla, pepper and coffee are recommended. Depart for Fiji.



Advanced course

Deluxe plan / Tour to experience the magnificence of the sea and land

- 1st day**
- PM Arrive at Port Vila. Stay at a resort hotel on Port Vila to prepare for the next day's activities.
- 2nd day**
- All day Flight from Port Vila to Tanna Island. Take a tour to see the active volcano 'Yasur Volcano', 361m above sea level. At Yasur Volcano, climb to the edge of the crater and soak up the power of the earth. You can also post your mail at the world's only volcano mailbox. When the sun goes down, the volcano shows a new face. Let's get some rest at the resort hotel!
- 3rd day**
- All day Flight from Tanna to Port Vila. Visit Hideaway Island southwest of Port Vila, and post your mail at the underwater mailbox. Imagine the surprise on the faces of your family and friends when they receive your letter from the volcano and underwater, and have dinner and relax at the resort.
- 4th day**
- All day It's time to go to Santo! Take a tour around the Blue Hole and Champagne Beach. Enjoy Tarzan jumps and SUP at Jackie's Blue Hole, Rili River Blue Hole and Mateable Blue Hole. When you are tired from the activities, relax on Champagne Beach. Enjoy the luxury of the ocean breeze at one of the restaurants in Port Vila. Enjoy Vanuatu's starry skies at a resort hotel and reflect on your Vanuatu trip.
- 5th day**
- AM Return to Port Vila from Santo Island.
 - PM Depart for Fiji.



Fascinating experiences to do in Port Vila, Santo and Tanna!

Port Vila

Meet the dugongs!

Port Vila day tour

Dugong is considered a mermaid model. It is rare to see dugongs in the wild, either in Japan or elsewhere. Their cute faces and slow swims show the majesty of the sea. The dream of those who want to see such dugongs comes true in Vanuatu! Dugongs appear on the Maskelyne Islands, which are less than an hour away from Vanuatu's capital, Port Vila. Join a dugong exploration tour and be embraced by the Pacific Province with dugongs.

Santo

The world's most approachable shipwreck, a luxury liner and 'the dreamscape of the soldiers'

The luxury liner President Coolidge is sunk in Luganville Bay (Santo Island). The best part of the event is going to see the beautiful reliefs inside. 2 km from Coolidge's point, you can visit Million Dollar Point. Sunken bulldozers, jeep, and trucks were used in the war at the Million Dollar Point. See the shipwrecks and feel the dream of a luxury liner, and see the bulldozers and jeep used in the war and feel 'the dreamscape of the soldiers'.

Tanna

Trek Tanna from the volcano of Mount Yasur

This spectacular volcano marathon, the first of which was held on the island of Tanna in 2021, starts at sea and finishes at the summit of Mount Yasur. The dates for the next Volcano Marathons have not yet been established. What about trekking around the Mount Yasur? You enjoy the walking crater rim first, and then walk through Tanna's moon-like ash plain to John Frum Village. The trek takes 4 hours. Why do you not take your own route around Tanna to fully appreciate Tanna's Yasur Volcano?

Q Kava, famous in Vanuatu, is consumed in both Fiji and Samoa. Is kava in Vanuatu thicker or thinner than that in Fiji?

A The answer is on p.16!

Column 1 Tasty of Vanuatu

LapLap is a traditional food of Vanuatu. This dish is similar to Papua New Guinea's mumu, but has evolved differently on Vanuatu's Malekula Island. It is prepared by steaming yams and other ingredients, making them sticky, and then dipping them into coconut milk. Although there are many similar dishes in the Melanesian region, each place has evolved its own unique cuisine, making it interesting to compare and contrast.

Column 2 Domestic flight frequently delays and cancellations! Effective use of charter flights!

Domestic flights in Vanuatu are often delayed or cancelled. Even the local Vanuatu people feel that this is a big challenge for travellers. Charter flights are used in such cases. For example, a round trip to Malekula Island, which takes approximately one hour, costs about 500000 yen for an eight-seater (as of April 2024). Charter flights cannot be experienced by Japan. Take this opportunity to try it out with friends.

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