

Vanuatu

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Vanuatu. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

US does not have an embassy in Vanuatu; the US Ambassador to Papua New Guinea is accredited to Vanuatu; +(675) 321-1455; EMER: +(675) 7200-9439; US Embassy Port Moresby, Douglas Street, adjacent to the Bank of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

678

Local Emergency Phone

112

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Vanuatu: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; moderated by southeast trade winds from May to October; moderate rainfall from November to April; may be affected by cyclones from December to April

Currency (Code)

Vatu (VUV)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): I



Type I

Major Languages

Local languages (more than 100), Bislama (creole), English, French

Major Religions

Protestant, Roman Catholic

Time Difference

UTC+11 (16 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

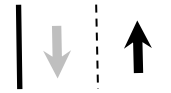
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

SS President Coolidge Dive Site; Millennium Cave; Nanda Blue Hole; Mount Yasur Volcano; Chief Roi Mata's Domain

Major Sports

Soccer

Cultural Practices

In Vanuatu, the pace of life is very slow. It is referred to as island time. The culture here is very relaxed and laidback. Informal tropical wear is the norm. However, people being very conservative or, in the case of small villages, very traditional, modesty in appearance is advised. This means no beach wear away from the beaches.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is not encouraged. Ask the taxi driver for a rate before hopping in.

Souvenirs

Wood carvings, shell and coconut handicrafts, liquor, sarongs

Traditional Cuisine

Laplap — various roots such as taro, yam, or breadfruit are pounded into a dough that is wrapped with leaves from the lap lap plant and cooked in an underground oven with spinach leaves, coconut cream, and pieces of chicken, pork, or corned beef

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