

THE MOMENT EVERY LITTLE WORRY WASHES AWAY

— 10 DAYS OF —
ACTION & ADVENTURE IN
PORT VILA AND EFATE

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DAY 7: Take action on your bucket list

Only a 45-minute flight away is the island of Tanna – home to Mount Yasur, one of the world's most accessible active volcanoes. If you don't have time to spend a few days on Tanna, you can always do the next best thing with a scenic flight over the volcano. This trip includes an off-road adventure like no other, as you speed through the jungle, across the ash plains and to the base of the volcano – where you can begin your ascent to the crater's edge.

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DAY 8: Exploring nature and hidden spots

Buggy tours | Be prepared to get wet and dirty as you manoeuvre your way through bush tracks to villages and beach locations around Port Vila. It's thirsty work, so make sure you pitstop for fresh coconuts and local fruit along the way.

River kayaking | Paddle power will take you down river for a peaceful morning travelling through a rainforest of overhanging trees, passing local villages going about their everyday activities.

Mountain biking | Bush trails are a Vanuatu speciality. Ride through coconut plantations, jungle paths, cattle stations and along coastal roads. A refreshing swim at the end being the reward.

Hiking an extinct volcano | Climb the extinct volcano of Nguna and you'll be rewarded with the most amazing views across the island group. If all that walking has left you feeling hungry, try Stone Grill for dinner and cook your own Vanuatu beef on a volcano rock at your table.

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DAY 9: Beach retreat

An island off an island, Pele is a castaway's dream. There's not much to do but swim, snorkel and repeat. The setting is so picture-perfect, you couldn't wish for anything more. Ask your driver to stop at Top Rock lookout on the way, as it's a great place to get some perspective on where you're heading. Finish your stay with the famous Vanuatu Fire Show and the talents of Vanua Fire.

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DAY 10: Stock up

After 10 days, you've probably found a few things you can't do without. So make sure you stock up on supplies of Vanuatu specialities – coffee, vanilla, handicrafts, chocolate and kava to name a few – before you head home.

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Vanuatu

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4.50pm Eratap Point, Port Vila



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DAY 1: Explore Port Vila Town

Start the day with a leisurely breakfast of tropical fruit and your first Tanna Coffee, then jump on a local bus and head into Port Vila. There's nothing so formal as a bus stop here – just stick out your hand and tell the driver where you want to go.

As a first port of call, we recommend a wander around the fruit and veg markets. They're popular with locals and tourists alike; bustling, colourful places with a great atmosphere. Share a laugh with the mamas who run the stalls and stock up for a picnic later.

While food is on your mind, you should pop into one of the patisseries and grab a freshly-baked treat for morning tea. You can always burn it off with a stroll along the seafront boardwalk that runs alongside Port Vila Harbour. Make sure you stop at the Handicraft Market to check out the beautiful, handmade gifts.

The waterfront is also a great place to hook yourself up with a few tours to explore the island's must-see attractions. But there's really no rush. You're in Vanuatu now. So sit down at one of the city's many cafes and reset your clock to Aelan time. Just make sure you're at the harbour in time for the Port Vila Sunset Cruise, which leaves at 4pm. It really is the perfect way to finish the day.



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DAY 2: In the air and under the water

Morning at Zipline | Take in the best views Efate has to offer at Vanuatu Jungle Zipline and Skybridge. You will feel like Tarzan as you fly through the jungle canopy with the wind rushing through your hair.

If you're looking for a more relaxed – but equally spectacular – way to explore the rainforest, the new Vanuatu Skybridge allows you to view the fern valleys, canyons and hidden pools from 65 metres above ground.

Afternoon at Hideaway Island | Head over to Hideaway Island for some underwater therapy. If you're new to Vanuatu, prepare yourself for the most amazing sight. The tropical fish and coral that lie just a few metres from the beach are quite spectacular. And no trip to Vanuatu is complete without sending a postcard from the underwater post office. Hideaway Island is also one of the best places on Efate to watch the sunset with a cold drink.

Evening | After a big day out, head back to Vila for the pizza and movie night at Nambawan Café or make your way over to the Beach Bar, where you can sit and relax to the sounds of the ocean.



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DAY 3: A day of vibrant colours

Morning at the Blue Lagoon | Around 45 minutes from the centre of Port Vila is the Blue Lagoon. If a picture speaks a thousand words, we've not a great deal to add. It's a beautiful place to enjoy a picnic and spend the morning in the crystal-clear water. You'll no doubt find yourself reverting back to your childhood once you discover the rope swing. Just don't forget to let go.

Afternoon at Eden on the River | From the bluest of blues to every green you can imagine, Eden on the River is a spectacular setting of wild jungle and river cascades. You'll find many ways to explore – whether it's climbing over suspended bridges, taking a leisurely walk through the extensive gardens or floating downstream on a river tube. You can even play a round of mini-golf to the soundtrack of birdsong.



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DAY 4: Snorkelling extravaganza

Congoola Day Cruise | Around a 30-minute drive from Port Vila, the waters around Havannah Harbour are home to some of Efate's best snorkelling spots. Catch an old sailing boat to remote beaches and secluded reefs, often accompanied by dolphins and turtles. It's an unforgettable experience best capped off with a BBQ lunch on an offshore island.

Lelepa Island Snorkelling Tour | Join the team on colourful banana boats, as you travel to the island of Lelepa for some of the best coral viewing and snorkelling spots. The trip takes you right around the island, visiting the local village and island caves. Try your hand at kayaking, enjoy a beach BBQ and learn all about the area from your friendly guides.



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DAY 5: Making a connection

Kastom and culture is not a show for the tourists. It's deeply ingrained in the Ni-Vanuatu way of life. To understand it is to understand what makes Vanuatu and its people tick.

One of the best ways to discover Vanuatu is to take a road trip around Efate. You'll discover traditional kastom villages, roadside stalls and local schools that will give you a real insight into this authentic way of life.

Here are just a few of the many ways to connect with Vanuatu's kastom and culture:

- A visit to the Cultural Centre in Port Vila to learn about the history and heritage of each of the islands and provinces
- Take the time to talk. While shy initially, with a little encouragement Ni-Vanuatu are keen to bring you into their world
- Take in a cultural village to understand the dancing, stories and the balanced relationship between people, land and nature
- Learn about The World Heritage Chief Roi Mata Domain, a Melanesian chief who is reputed to have united the tribes of Vanuatu



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DAY 6: Lunch and a waterfall

A long lunch. A picture-perfect location. Relaxing on Aelan time with nowhere else to be. If these are the ingredients that make for the ultimate holiday treat, you're spoilt for choice in Vanuatu.

Take the time to enjoy three courses or more. And cool down with a glass of something chilled, a light sea breeze or by dipping your feet in the water between courses.

Vanuatu offers many degrees of casual, so you're sure to find the perfect venue. To make your visit even more memorable, take your swimming and snorkelling gear, as many dining locations are right on the water.

And here's our top tip: the best way to work up an appetite is to start your day with a trip to Mele Cascades. Lunch always tastes better when you've worked for it.

Here are a few favourites:

- Tamanu on The Beach Resort
- Francesca's Beach Club, Havannah Harbour
- The Blue Marlin Club, Port Vila
- The Beach Bar, Mele Bay
- Havannah Eco Lodge, Havannah Harbour
- Wahoo Bar, Havannah Harbour
- The Moso, Vanuatu
- Back to Eden Café, Mangaliliu
- Divi's Bar & Tapas, Mangaliliu