# Travel Facts





## **US State Dept Travel Advisory**

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Vanuatu. Consultits 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

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as the stay is less than 30 days.

# **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

#### **LGBTQ+ Travelers**

When venturing abroad, LGBTQIA+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.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



#### **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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