



## Country Profile: Vanuatu

Vanuatu consists of more than 80 islands in a Y-shaped archipelago, 1300 miles northeast of Sydney, Australia. It is an independent parliamentary democracy and a member of the British Commonwealth, with a primarily agricultural economy. Tourist facilities are limited outside the capital, Port Vila, which is located on the Island of Efate. [The National Tourism Office of Vanuatu](#) can be contacted at PO Box 209, Port Vila, Vanuatu, telephone (678) 22515, 22685, 22813, fax (678) 23889. Read the Department of State's [Background Notes on Vanuatu](#) for additional information.

### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



<b>Country Name:</b>	Vanuatu
<b>Continent:</b>	Oceania
<b>Capital City:</b>	Port-Vila
<b>Boundary Countries:</b>	No land boundaries.
<b>Recommended Hospitals in Capital:</b>	
<b>Main Cities:</b>	Port-Vila, Luganville, Ipota, Forari
<b>Country Size:</b>	12,189 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	218,519

### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Language:</b>	local languages (more than 100) 72.6%, pidgin (known as Bislama or Bichelama) 23.1%, English 1.9%, French 1.4%, other 0.3%, unspecified 0.7%
<b>Currency:</b>	vatu (VUV)
<b>Predominant Religions:</b>	Presbyterian 31.4%, Anglican 13.4%, Roman Catholic 13.1%, Seventh-Day Adventist 10.8%, other Christian 13.8%, indigenous beliefs 5.6% (including Jon Frum cargo cult), other 9.6%, none 1%, unspecified 1.3%
<b>National Holidays:</b>	Independence Day, 30 July (1980)
<b>Economic Status:</b>	This South Pacific island economy is based primarily on small-scale agriculture, which provides a living for over 70% of the population. Fishing, offshore financial services, and tourism, with nearly 197,000 visitors in 2008, are other mainstays of the economy.
<b>Security:</b>	no regular military forces; Vanuatu Police Force (VPF), Vanuatu Mobile Force (VMF; includes Police Maritime Wing (PMW))
<b>US Presence:</b>	<a href="#">The U.S. Embassy in Papua New Guinea</a> provides primary assistance for U.S. citizens in Vanuatu. The Embassy is located on Douglas Street, adjacent to the Bank of Papua New Guinea, in Port Moresby. The address for express/courier mail service is: U.S. Embassy, Douglas St., next to Bank of PNG, Port Moresby, NCD 121. The mailing address is Douglas St., PO Box 1492, Port Moresby, N.C.D. 121, Papua New Guinea; the telephone number is (675) 321-1455; after hours duty officer telephone number is (675) - 7200 - 9439; Fax (675) 321-1593. U.S. citizens may submit consular inquiries via e-mail to: <a href="mailto:ConsularPortMoresby@state.gov">ConsularPortMoresby@state.gov</a>
<b>Major Airports:</b>	Airports: 31 Airports with paved runways: 3 <a href="#">Port Vila - Bauerfield International Airport</a> (VLI/NVTV) PO Box 7115, Port Vila Cargo Terminal, Vanuatu Terminal Services Ltd, Port Vila, 131 Tel: +678 25111, +678 22993, +678 26783 Fax: +678 25532, +678 26784 Website: <a href="http://www.airports.vu">www.airports.vu</a>

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