

VANUATU

2024 Calendar of Events & Festivals

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EVENTS

6 PROVINCES
50+ EVENTS

- Culture & Tradition
- Sports Events
- Music & Entertainment
- National Public Holiday

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February

15
Thursday


John Frum
Lamakara, Tanna



John Frum Day, on the remote island of Tanna in the South Pacific nation of Vanuatu. On this holiest of days, devotees have descended on the village of Lamakara from all over the island to honor a ghostly American messiah, John Frum.

21
Wednesday

Lini Day
Vanuatu




Lini Day celebrates Vanuatu's first Prime Minister of the newly independent country.

March

05
Tuesday


Chief's Day
Vanuatu



This day celebrates and preserves traditional tribal customs observed on many islands and recognises the commitment and leadership of the chiefs.

25
Monday

Reggae Massive Concert
Port Vila, Efate

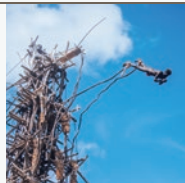


Reggae Massive: A non-stop rhythm concert which reunites Vanuatu Reggae music artists to promote and expose their skills and talents.

April

Every Saturday


Naghol/ Land Diving
Pentecost



A ritual performed by the men of the southern part of Pentecost Island. The ritual sees local men and boys as young as seven jumps off wooden towers around 20 to 30 meters (66 to 98 ft) high, with only two tree vines wrapped around the ankles.

27-28
Saturday - Sunday

Santo Fishing Competition
Espiritu Santo

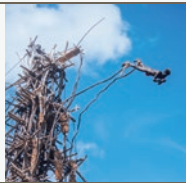


A gamefishing event which competitors do fishing and win prizes.

May

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08-12
Wednesday - Sunday


Vanuatu Senior Masters
Mele, Efate



A golf tournament for golfers over 50 years of age.

15
Every Saturday


Tumturin Yam Festival
Fonteng, North Ambrym



A three day festival celebrating traditional yam harvest, display of traditional artifacts and traditional kastom dances.

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Vanuatu DJ Festival
Port Vila, Efate




This is an annual event, which takes place every year, bringing all Vanuatu's Disc Jockeys (DJs) together to showcase their music talent.

June

Every Saturday


Naghol/ Land Diving
Pentecost



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14
Friday

Rom Dance Festival
Emoutugon, Ambrym



West Ambrym Rom Dance Festival: A cultural event which incorporates sand drawing and magic. A variation of west Ambrym traditional dances compared to North Ambrym.

14
Friday

Global Regenerative Agritourism Symposium
Espiritu Santo



Open event to the general public, for the Kava, Culture and Trade Festival which will seek to build branding of regenerative farming and trade.

21
Friday


La Fete de la Musique
Port Vila, Efate



A music festival taking place on June 21 every year. It is a day on which the world celebrates the magical gift of music. Its purpose is to promote music in two ways: Amateur and professional musicians are encouraged to perform in the streets.

TBC


Mi Tumoro Vanuatu (MTV) Travel Expo
Port Vila



A travel show not only for the domestic traveler to take advantage of holiday deals, but also learn about the amazing offers across all 6 Provinces. Whether you're flying solo, a couple, or a family, there will be something for everyone!

27-28
Thursday - Friday

Sand Drawing Festival
Olal, Ambrym



It celebrates unique and complex tradition of sand drawing. The multifunctional "writing" is more than an indigenous artistic expression and it occurs a wide range of ritual, contemplative and communicative contexts.

TBC

Maewo Food Festival
Maewo



A festival of traditional food preparation and tasting including enjoyment of a variety of cultural dances and storytelling showcasing other natural tourist attractions such as moon cave and massive waterfall of the island.

July

08
Monday

Fanla Slow Food Festival
Fanla, Ambrym



This one-day event is a special one to celebrate local dishes. It involves women and young girls in food preparation and demonstration. After food tasting, men will be telling stories and doing sketches of when the first navigators discovered Ambrym Island.

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10
Wednesday

Lylywy Cultural Festival
Sisivi, Ambrym

A special event in the western part of Ambrym Island showcasing unique Rom dance. The men dancers dressed in a mix of dry leaves, represent warriors, singing and dancing.



11 - 12
Thursday - Friday

Fanla Cultural Festival
Fanla, Ambrym


One of the most authentic, energetic and well-costumed kastom tradition in Vanuatu. This festival is centered around ancestral dance grounds, black magic performances and sand drawing.



18
Thursday

Ancestors Life Heritage
Lonwolwol, Ambrym


The villagers of West Ambrym celebrates on this day their ancestor's ways of living. There will be traditional dishes prepared by women, traditional dances and activities and kava tasting.



20
Saturday

Le Pacific Trail
Saama, Efate


Le Trail Pacific is run across the wild and unspoiled jungle of Vanuatu. The density of the jungle, the strength and hostility of this constantly growing environment, and the absence of regularly maintained, accessible bush tracks make it difficult for the average person to enjoy Vanuatu's wilderness on a regular basis.



24-26
Wednesday - Friday

Maskelyne Canoe Rance
Maskelyne, Malekula


A festival rich in culture and showcasing old ways of transportation throughout Vanuatu waters. It includes feast of kastom dances, canoe-making, kava tasting, sharing of local meals and of course the famous outrigger canoe race, with ending of the Island Night celebration.



27 - 28
Saturday - Sunday

Santo Rodeo
Luganville, Espiritu Santo


A 2-days event to experience bull riding, horse agility and horseback races in the beautiful island of Espiritu Santo



30
Tuesday

44th Independence Day
Vanuatu


Vanuatu is celebrating its 44th Independence anniversary. This holiday commemorates Vanuatu's independence from the joint rule of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and France, which occurred on July 30, 1980.



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Kava Festival
Espiritu Santo

A celebration of Kava tasting as a taste of Vanuatu, showcasing a variety of kava from around Vanuatu and Vanuatu ready kava export commodities. This will have an infusion of celebrating Santo as another tourist destination that offers fresh organic fruit and vegetable products including kava.




August

02-03
Friday & Saturday

Lamap Cultural Festival
Lamap, Malekula


Lamap community celebrate during this day their culture, traditions and unique way of life.



08
Thursday

Dip Point Volcano Eruption Exhibition
Lonwolwol, Ambrym


This is unique opportunity to showcase the historical significance of Lonwolwol, where the first mission hospital in Ambrym was once located. An educational activity which explains the difference between the church and the local custom, leading on december 06th where the volcano eruption destroyed the hospital. A day full of activities, stories and exchange of meals.



15-16
Thursday & Friday

Back to My Roots Festival
Olal, Ambrym


The 2-day festival is a highlight of any cultural experience in Vanuatu, it is an authentic and 'real' experience and not just an artificial show made up for tourists, where guests can witness chiefs passing their ranks and the ceremonies are part of the community's life!



20
Tuesday

Nalawan Festival
Southwest Bay, Malekula

A day celebrating some of Malekula Island's most terrific cultural shows. This cultural festival is celebrated every year. Unique activities are performed such as spectacular custom dances and authentic grade-taking ceremonies.



September

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Vanuatu Golf Open
Mele, Efate


The Vanuatu Golf Open is played annually at The Port Vila Golf and Country Club, Vanuatu's only 18-hole Championship Course. The event attracts professionals and amateurs from many South Pacific Countries including New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, New Caledonia and the Solomon Islands.



18-21
Wednesday - Saturday

Fest'Napuan
Port Vila, Efate


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Friday

Raid Pacific Energy (Coast to Coast)
Efate


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Vanuatu Made Show & Exhibition
Efate

Showcase and sell Vanuatu Made products, and also local producers to meet each other and share or discuss business ideas, which will contribute to the success of their businesses.

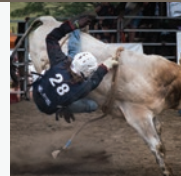


October

07
Monday

Port Vila Rodeo
Bellevue, Efate


Games, Stockmans race, Bronc Ride and Bull ride all on throughout the day



16
Wednesday

Charles Godden Slow Food Festival
Ambae

Display of local food, amazing dances and local handicrafts from Ambae Island.



November

27-28
Friday

St. Andrew's Cultural Fishing Festival
Olal, Ambrym

The event commemorates Saint Andrews before becoming an Apostle for Jesus Christ when he was a fisherman. The programs involves the preparation of local fishing nets, participation in fishing, preparation of local food and assist in a church service. Activities such as dances and traditional performances are to conclude this event.

