

## Vanuatu to host Melanesian Arts Festival

The 7th Melanesian Arts and Cultural Festival is set to be hosted in Port Vila, Vanuatu, between July 19th and 31st. This biennial event brings together artists, performers, and cultural practitioners from across the region to promote and preserve traditional arts and culture, while also providing a platform for contemporary expressions of Melanesian identity. Celebrating the amazing diversity of the participating countries - Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji, and Vanuatu, the Festival displays the customs, culture, and traditions of the Pacific's Melanesian people.

The Festival takes place at various venues in Port Vila and is free to visitors. Featured activities include a range of performing and visual arts. Exhibitions include historic photo displays and traditional artefacts.

The theme of the Festival is "Rebuilding My Melanesia for Our Common Destiny", reflecting a commitment to promoting regional unity and cultural diversity while also building bridges between participating communities and promoting a shared sense of identity and purpose. Through this theme, the Festival seeks to inspire and empower individuals to take an active role in shaping the future of Melanesia. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the Melanesian people and their admirable culture and traditions.



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**Sale dates:** July 2023 – 31 December 2023  
**Travel dates:** March 2024 – 31 March 2025

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# New chef making waves at Mangoes Resort

Mangoes Resort in Port Vila, with its 29 boutique bungalows nestled in lush tropical gardens overlooking the lagoon, already offers visitors a unique Pacific experience. However, they've recently elevated this experience with the appointment of an executive chef who is curating an exceptional dining journey.

This forward-thinking move has positioned Mangoes Resort and Restaurant as the sole establishment offering a "Trust the Chef Menu". Chef Taku Mujeni, new to Vanuatu and born in Zimbabwe, passionately endorses the mantra, "Flavour!". He nurtured his love for Asian-inspired cuisine during his Hospitality Management studies in Malaysia, before spending time in Cape Town's thriving culinary scene.

The restaurant management at Mangoes Resort & Restaurant feels fortunate to have such an outstanding and experienced chef preparing the best of fine dining experiences. A glance at the "Trust the Chef Dinner Menu" suggests that Chef Taku is preparing something truly extraordinary!



# Aussie Travel Guides explore Vanuatu

The Australian Channel 9 Travel Guides recently took their international travel series to Vanuatu. They announced their visit and filming, stating they were leaving behind the hustle and bustle to visit the most relaxed spot in the South Pacific, Vanuatu, for a tropical island adventure.

Among their recent programs touring Finland, Croatia, New Zealand, Malaysia, and Morocco, the trip to Vanuatu represented a change of pace and a distinctly different travel experience. Vanuatu proved a fantastic location for their crew, and the programme was well-received when it aired.

From exploring gorgeous beaches, lush forests, and hidden gems, the crew unanimously gave Vanuatu a full 5 stars! The people of Vanuatu were thrilled to host the Channel 9 crew, who immersed themselves in the local culture and left Vanuatu contemplating a future return. A very positive and encouraging review for the people of Vanuatu.

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# Market House: Dining delight in Port Vila

A delightful culinary journey awaits at Market House Dining in the heart of Port Vila Market Place. Tucked away in the rear of the marketplace, the dining area has flourished amidst recent border closures, providing a haven for chefs in search of employment.

This innovative initiative has empowered each chef to establish their own kitchen, with designated tables within their domain. Visitors can stroll through the vibrant marketplace, engaging with chefs about their daily culinary creations.

Fresh fish, beef or chicken are typically on offer, accompanied by fresh organic vegetables from the market and a serving of rice. Prepared to order, patrons simply make their selection, then sit back and watch as their meal is expertly prepared and served. With pleasing prices, an inviting atmosphere, and outstanding meals, Market House Dining provides a memorable dining experience during a Vanuatu visit.

PS: Don't forget to round off your meal with a treat from the fabulous ice-cream parlour - the perfect dessert!





# Air Vanuatu adds extra flights

Located only three hours north of Auckland, Vanuatu offers an abundance of experiences to visitors. From white sandy beaches, pristine rainforests, to rumbling volcanoes, there is no shortage of adventure. There are numerous options for water enthusiasts - waterholes, waterfalls, and the warm Pacific Ocean offer varied swimming experiences. And now, visiting Vanuatu has just become even more accessible.

Air Vanuatu has announced additional flights to New Zealand started in early June. With these added flights, connections between Auckland and Port Vila are available four days each week. This new schedule allows for nearly 300 extra guests to travel between Vanuatu and New Zealand each week. Great news for this beautiful island paradise.



## Sanctuary on Santo: Turtle Bay Lodge

Nestled on the island of Santo, Turtle Bay Resort is a boutique resort that offers the perfect blend of relaxation and activity. Vicky and Michael, the Dive Managers at Turtle Bay Resort, cater to the island's attraction as a popular dive destination, which boasts sites such as the sunken SS *President Coolidge* cruise liner and Million Dollar Point's submerged U.S. war machinery.

Turtle Bay Lodge also enjoys a stunning waterfront location, conveniently situated halfway to the famous Champagne Beach and within a leisurely kayak ride from both the Riri and Matevulu Blue Holes.

Guests of Turtle Bay Lodge are treated to complimentary continental breakfast and free Wi-Fi. All rooms, cooled by fans, offer a patio with sea views and are equipped with a fridge and tea and coffee making facilities. And when your appetite is calling, The Salty Dog Restaurant and Bar serve guests daily, offering cocktails and an extensive menu of local seafood, organic beef, vegetables, and pizzas!

A variety of accommodations is available, including unique private waterfront marquee-style units, a poolside family unit, an ocean-front family unit, and ocean-front doubles. All accommodations have been recently refurbished, or in the case of the marquees, recently completed.

With everything necessary for an exceptional Pacific holiday in incredible surroundings, Turtle Bay Lodge shines.



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