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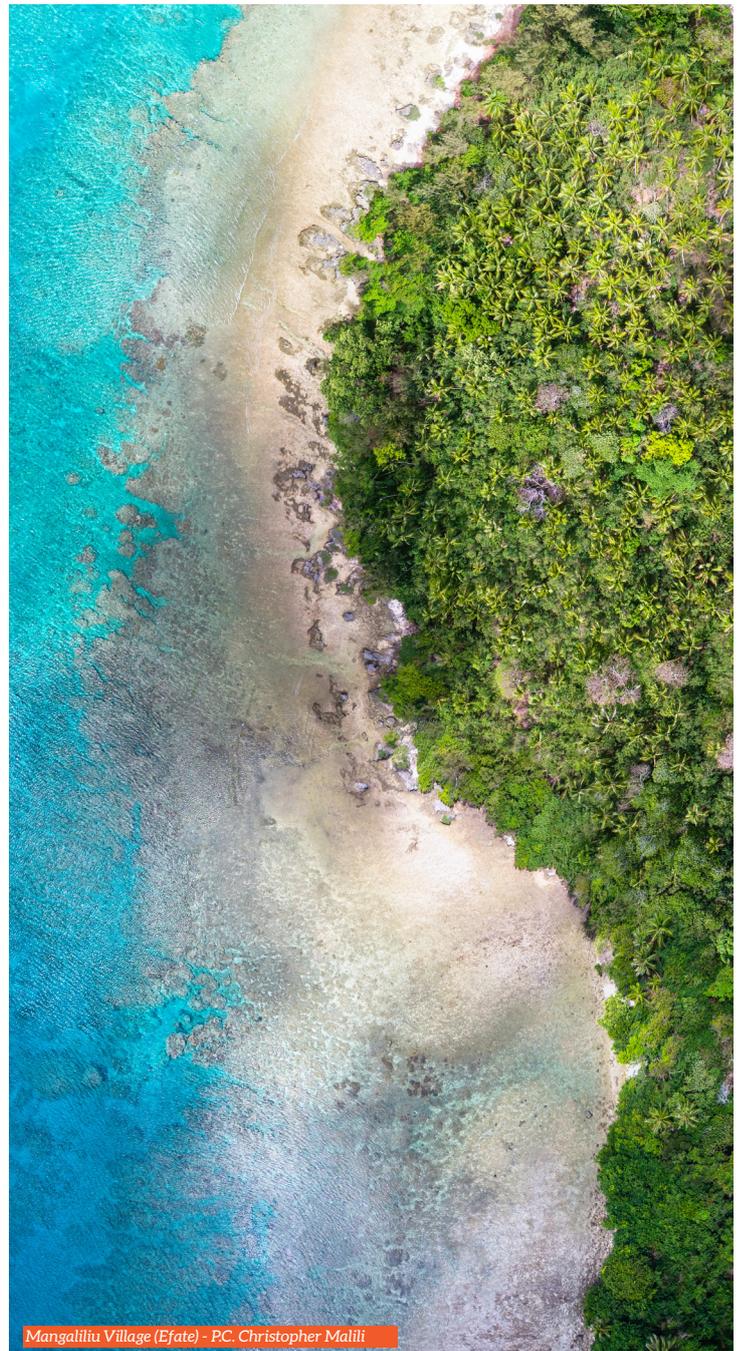
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'Nawimba' is the name of a little bird as free as the air that flies from island to island eager for new adventures and experiences. Nawimba is also the name of this new tourism guide published quarterly by the Vanuatu Tourism Office. It's our invitation to you to take the time out to travel in our beautiful archipelago, to discover new places and have new experiences. Nawimba will keep you informed about all the events that are happening, plus give you all of the information you need about accommodation, places to visit and festivals to attend. Vanuatu is full of hidden treasures – incredible places to stay and play, and new experiences to encounter. Let the Nawimba's wings carry you away to create new Vanuatu moments with your friends and family. You'll have experiences and make memories that you'll treasure for the rest of your days when you Sapotem Lokol Turisim.

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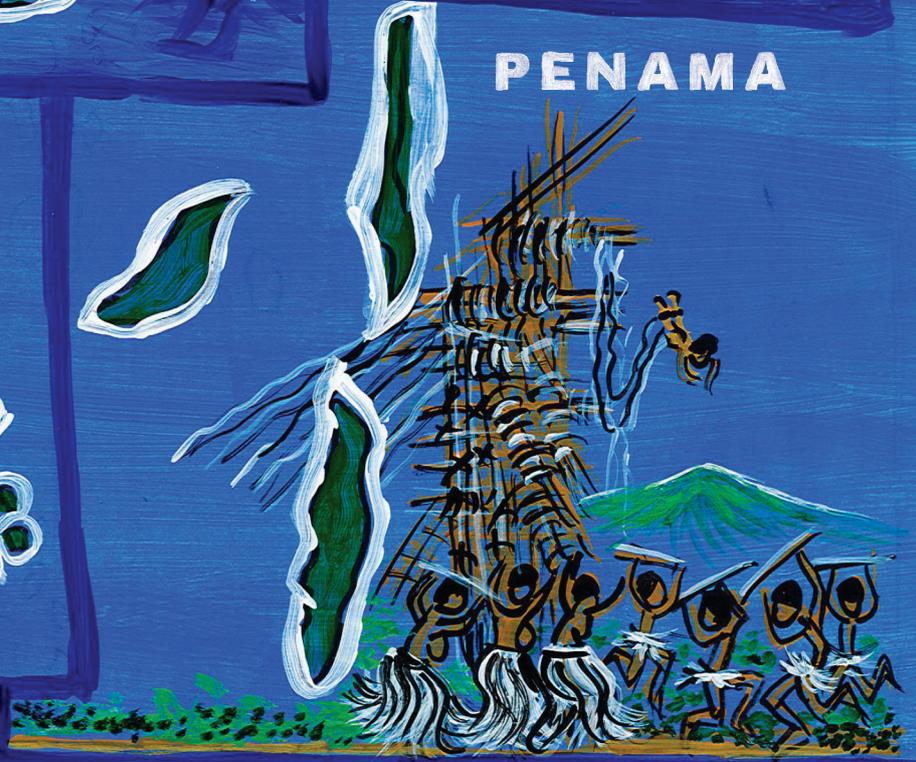
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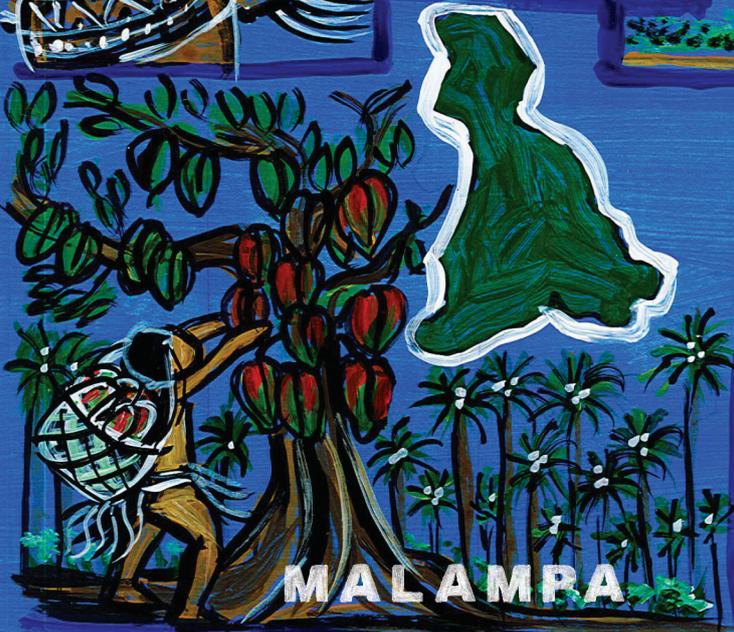


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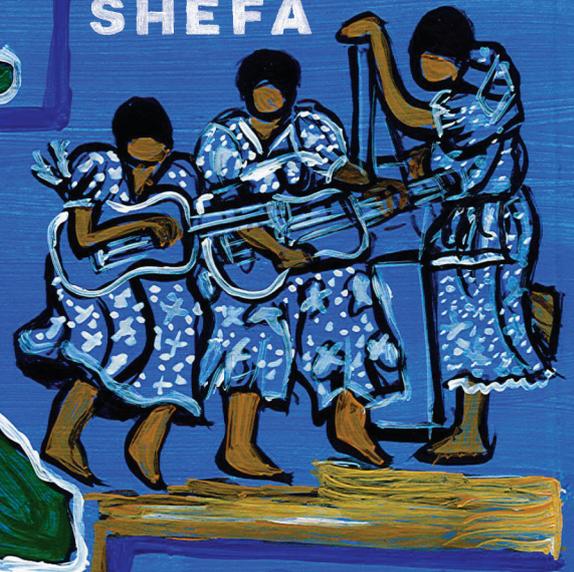
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# DESTINATION TAFEA

## New Tanna Tours

**Nusumetu Ecotourism** Tour shows a side of Tanna not seen at the island's other attractions. It's an ecotour that combines a hike through old growth rainforests and a cultural tour about Tannese traditional botanical knowledge. It promotes the maintenance of traditional knowledge about endemic species of plants and animals and involves cultural displays from the people of Nusumetu. The full day tour costs Vt2,500 per person and includes refreshment and lunch, beautiful views, and visits to a historical site, waterfall, horse riding and kastom dance. To book, call 5417975.

Enrich yourself through the 'From the Seed to Zip' Agritourism Tour by Tanna Coffee at Loukatai. Choose from a 1 hour or 1/2 hour tour and don't forget to stock up on the famous coffee at the end direct from the factory. A half-day tour is also available to allow guests to see the bigger plantations inland and experience firsthand the plantations' intercropping techniques. To book, call

## Where to Stay – Tanna

Located on Tanna Island, **Tanna Evergreen Resort & Tours** is just a 10-minute drive from White Grass Airport. With an average temperature of 30 °C, and little rain, Tanna is an ideal holiday location. The Resort offers a range of accommodation to suit all needs and budgets, from low-cost bungalows through to exquisite ocean view villas. To book, call 5663260.

Stunning **White Grass Ocean Resort & Spa** is a haven for even the most weary traveller, as a guest can stay in this idyllic location to laze away many hours under a shady

palm or take a dip in the sea. Rooms range from the Double Ocean View Bure, Triple Ocean View Bure to Family rooms. For more info, call 30010/ 7367159.

## Where to Stay – Erromango

**William's Bay Bungalow** in Erromango offers accommodation with two bungalows with their own toilet and bathroom and has one double bed and one single bed each including a restaurant onsite. The bungalow overlooks the Williams Bay area. Price to stay is Vt5,000/night/person including all meals and airport transfers. To book, call 7316243.

**Meteson Guest House** is an accommodation in west Erromango with 3 bedrooms, all sharing toilet and bathroom area with a small restaurant. Price is Vt2,500/night/person including all meals. To book, call 7767737/7710540.

## How to get there

Air Vanuatu has daily and weekly flight schedules to Tafea province. To book, call 20200 or email [reservation@airvanuatu.vu](mailto:reservation@airvanuatu.vu). Flights can also be organized by Unity Airlines or Air taxi. Book by calling 24475 or email [unityairlines.reservations@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:unityairlines.reservations@vanuatu.com.vu). To arrange your trip through Air Taxi, call Millie on 5544206 or email [info@airtaxivanuatu.com](mailto:info@airtaxivanuatu.com).

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# DESTINATION MALAMPA

Located in the heart of our archipelago, Malampa offers the adventurous domestic traveller a South Pacific experience. Malampa province gets its name from the islands of Malekula (MAL), Ambrym (AM) and Paama (PA). The province also includes a number of smaller islands along the coast of Malekula and the uninhabited volcanic island of Lopevi.

## 1. MASKELYNE CANOE RACE AND FESTIVAL (27th-28th July)

The Maskelyne Canoe Race Festival is a three day event set in the stunning Maskelyne Islands. The Festival features numerous activities including canoe carving, communal cooking, kastom dancing, and of course the main event itself – the canoe races.

The event takes place every year from 26–28 of July in Peskarus village on Uluveo Island, just south of mainland Malekula, in the lead up to the national Independence celebrations on 30 July. Both men and women race across the water in the numerous heats held during the event.

### How to get there

To get to the Maskelyne islands, flights can be booked through Air Vanuatu, Unity Airlines and Air Taxi to Lamap Airport and from there a 5-minute drive is required to reach Point Doucere, also known as Lamap Landing. From there, a short boat ride through the Maskelyne Sound will bring you to the small islands of the Maskelynes group.



### Where to stay

There are three main accommodation options on the island including **Batis Bungalows** (Tel: 7751463) in Pellongk village, **Malog Bungalows** (Tel: 5343687) set on the water on Uluveo island and **Senelich Bungalows** (Tel: 5737011) with breathtaking views across to Ambrym's twin volcanoes. There are many great accommodation options on the mainland of Malekula as well, and a trip to the event by boat can be arranged through your accommodation hosts.

## 2. FEEL THE POWER OF AMBRYM'S FANLA ARTS FESTIVAL & THE MAGICAL ROM DANCE (18-20TH AUG)

The Fanla Arts Festival is held in the north of Ambrym island in Fanla village. It's an unique two day event that takes place in August each year. During the festival, many kastom dances and grade taking ceremonies are performed as well as magic shows, a circumcision ceremony and a delicious island feast.

The highlight of the event is undoubtedly the Rom Dance. Surrounded by tall towering tamtams in village nasara, the Rom Dance warriors are dressed to represent evil spirits and are adorned in thick cloaks of dried banana leaves and brightly painted head masks. Each part of the dance, each rhythmic step and chant, is a story, a myth, and history combined.

The dance is performed by the men of the village, and it is taboo for the Fanla women to witness, it's also a method of grade-taking to move up in the ranks of society. If a man wishes to ascend the village hierarchy he must purchase the design of a mask from the person who owns it with pigs and money, then spend time learning the rules that are part of the mask design as each design contains powerful magic.



The Rom masks are the stepping stones that allow a man to become a chief politically and socially, and are said to be so powerful that after each ceremony they are usually burnt to ensure that the spirits of the mask do not haunt the wearer afterwards.

This masked dance is a centuries-old ceremonial ritual that goes back in time and tells of the timeless tale of good versus evil. To witness these diverse tales passed down through dance alongside the beating of tamtams and shakers is a privilege and that would most certainly give you goosebumps and is one to tick off your Vanuatu bucket list.

The Rom or 'Masked' dance is also a distinct part of the Ambrym Magic Festival and is said to favourably influence the harvests. Visitors who are privileged to witness this sacred dance get an opportunity to be hypnotized by the costume dances as well as listen to the eerie and beautiful sound of the bamboo flute being played. Small displays of the mysterious 'black magic' are also performed by a 'man blong blak majik'.

In addition to the Rom dance, several special kastom dances are performed, including the Pilpilan kastom dance, the Namangi dance, the Roplar dance. Activities include traditional village tours, artisanal carving display and sale, sand drawing, string drawing, the unveiling of the Rom Mask and finally kava tasting with the chiefs.

### Where to stay

Liam's Guesthouse in Ranpe Village has two bungalows for Vt2,000pp, all meals included. To book, call 5314655. Funnytales Guesthouse is located in Ranon Village with three rooms available for Vt2,850, all meals included. To book, call 5128912/7615375. Kavsam Bungalow has one room for Vt2,500 including breakfast. To book call, 5126194.





# DESTINATION SANMA

## Plunge back in time at Espiritu Santo's world-class diving sites

Espiritu Santo boasts some of the best diving sites in the world. This in fact is due to the interesting military history of the island, which is the cause for much of the development that we see in Santo today. Two of the most renowned diving sites in the world exist in just a stone's throw from Luganville, and are the legacy of the largest military bases to be constructed in the Pacific during World War 2.

### 1. USS PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

The USS President Coolidge was a luxury liner turned troop carrier. There were approximately 5,000 troops on board. After an error in communication, the Coolidge hit friendly mines at the entrance to Segond Channel. Captain Henry Nelson, tried to run her aground and ordered the troops to disembark, thinking that they would be able to return the next day to salvage the ship's cargo.

However, Captain Nelson's attempt to ground the Coolidge was prevented by the coral reef, and SS President Coolidge turned on her side and slid down the slope into the channel, carrying with her all of the military equipment in her hold.

Today, the USS President Coolidge is considered to be one of the best wreck dives in the world due to the sheer size, intact interior and numerous items that were left behind by the troops. According to frequent divers, the Coolidge is filled with places to explore and there's something new to see on every single dive; even a week of diving the Coolidge is not enough to uncover all of the secrets of the former cruise liner.

### 2. MILLION DOLLAR POINT

In 1945, when the second world war was coming to an end, the US military began disassembling the US army base with the intention of selling some of the surplus military equipment and supplies to the local Condominium government at the price of 10 cents in the dollar.

However, the Franco-British government at the time refused to purchase the goods, thinking that they would be able to help themselves to it for free once the US military had left, knowing there was no way that the US ships could take every single piece of equipment back. Not intending to give anything away for free, the military chose to dump millions of dollars worth of assets into the sea. Today, this site became known as the Million Dollar Point.

Million Dollar point is a popular recreational site where divers can see sunken landing craft, jeeps, six-wheeler trucks, gigantic bulldozers, forklifts, semi-trailers, tractors, large bound sheets of corrugated iron, sealed boxes of clothing and of course the famous crates of Coca-Cola. Diving at the Million Dollar point is a must, because it allows divers to view an incredible mixture of sea life among the relics of Espiritu Santo's remarkable past.

### 3. MEET MAYUMI GREEN, AVID ADVENTURE SEEKER, LOVER OF NATURE & COMMUNITY LEADER

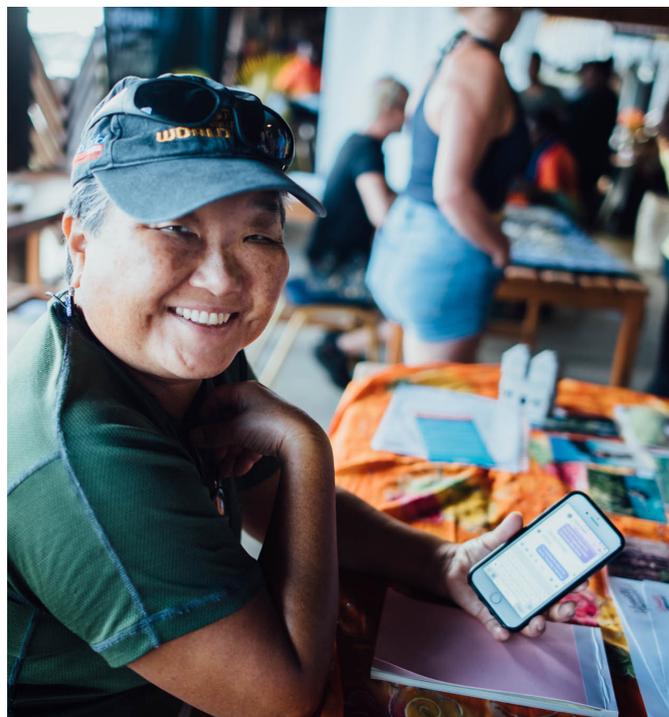
Founder of inbound adventure tour operator, Wrecks to Rainforest, Mayumi Green is a trailblazer in adventure tourism in Vanuatu, and an avid adventurer in her own right. She founded Wrecks to Rainforest to create tailor-made packages for adventurous travellers seeking to discover exciting experiences in remote parts of Vanuatu.

Mayumi's knowledge of Vanuatu and its people stems from her travels all over Tanna, Efate, Malekula, Pentecost, Ambrym, Motalava, Rah, Vanua Lava, Gaua, Torres islands, and in Espiritu Santo Island where she resides. Wrecks to Rainforest has enabled many small businesses and communities in remote places to gain income and experience from hosting adventure tourists from all over the world.

Mayumi Green first arrived in Vanuatu, in 1988 from Tokyo for what was meant to be a two day holiday. Her then boyfriend, Kevin, had just arrived from Australia to set up his Bokissa Island resort dive business. The pair had met in Brisbane and Mayumi had subsequently returned to Japan.

Mayumi was introduced to the owners of Bokissa Island Private Resort and received an on-the-spot job offer. Mayumi was asked to co-manage the resort with Kevin and they flew to Espiritu Santo the next day to find the resort hosting only the staff and two guests.

Coming from fast-paced Japan, Mayumi didn't quite know how she would cope living on a small island where the pace of life is much slower. However, as years went by, she learnt more of the Vanuatu way of life, the culture, nature and timelessness of the country.



After managing the resort together for 29 months, the pair decided to run their diving business full-time as their business grew. Mayumi and Kevin married and lived on Bokissa for six years before moving to mainland Santo in 1994.

In 2005, inspired by explorer Glen Russel's story about the Lisepep who live in the jungles of northern Vanuatu, Mayumi started trekking into the jungle, to places few Ni-Vanuatu people have seen, let alone any overseas visitors. Having worked as an inbound tour operator for diving agents, Mayumi started her Wrecks to Rainforest tour business in 2008. Over the years, Mayumi has helped countless guests experience the best adventures Vanuatu has to offer, whether they are centred around nature, culture or people.

Currently Mayumi is focused on her Big Heart Island Vanuatu charity project with an aim to rebuild 40 kindergartens that were damaged last year by TC Harold. Each kindergarten is designed to be cyclone-proof and will cost two million vatu each. Mayumi's friends in various countries and here in Vanuatu have helped to raise Vt700,000 so far. To donate, please visit the Big Heart Island Vanuatu on Facebook.

Wrecks to Rainforests specializes in customised packages and can organize different tours to suit different tastes. Experience Wrecks to Rainforest's South Santo Adventure – the full day tour starts with a pick up right from your Luganville accommodation. You will then be taken on a sightseeing adventure across the Navara River to the Sefnanarae waterfall.



At the Navaka river mouth, you will be treated to a picnic lunch on Ipayato beach before a cool off at the Taffuntari waterfall. The price for the full day including transfers, entrance fees and lunch is Vt50,600 per truck. Other tours that can be organized include, tour through the Millenium Cave Tour, a half-day (8am-12pm) tour to the Tuffuntari waterfall, Narango view, Tangoa Blacksand Beach and other sites, and a half-day tour to the Loru protected area. For bookings, call 7793163.

# DESTINATION PENAMA



## PENTECOST NAGOL LAND DIVING FESTIVAL

The Nagol of south Pentecost ritual began from a tale of a woman who was running away from her husband, whose name was Tamalie. The woman ran until she came to a tall tree and climbed, and Tamalie quickly scaled the limbs of the tree after her. Once at the top, Tamalie's wife quickly tied vines around her ankles and waited for her husband to approach the top. When Tamalie approached the top, his wife quickly hurled herself off the tree, and Tamalie in anguish went after her and fell to his demise.

This tale inspired the first ceremony jumpers who were women, and that was halted when village elders deemed the ceremony to be too dangerous for women. Men then became the ceremonial jumpers to mark the start of the yam harvest and also as rites of passage for young men who after circumcision take part in this heart-stopping ceremony.

Each year, after successfully jumping from the lower platforms, the jumpers would progress onto the next level until they eventually get the opportunity to jump from the highest platform, which symbolizes a man's status as a jumper and social standing in the village.

The event, which occurs every year, takes place on Saturdays between April–June. It sees local men perform heart-stopping feats of diving head first off tall wooden towers up to 35 m. The very last jumper, who is usually the most experienced and skilled, would then close the ceremony by jumping off the top of the tower.

### Where to stay

**Pasiri Avalino** in White Water village, south Pentecost has 3 rooms with 2 single beds each, at Vt2,800/per person/per night. Other activities to do while staying here, trekking, can be arranged. To book, call 5456461 / 7663973 / 5483384.

**Noda Guesthouse** in central Pentecost offers rooms to stay at Vt2,000. Self-contained with shared facilities including flush toilet, shower and a large kitchen, perfect for large travelling groups. If you're on a work trip, you can count on good network coverage here for both Digicel & Vodafone. For bookings, call 5943287 / 5646048.

**Tamata Guesthouse** in Aronbwaratu village, North Pentecost, is a 3 minutes walk to Lonorore airport. The guesthouse has two rooms available that can sleep up to 6 people at just Vt2,000/person/night. Meals can be provided at an extra cost of Vt300 per plate. To book, call 5490819 / 5388230.

**Walarua Guesthouse**, Lavatu village located in north Pentecost, just a 15-minute drive from the airport and

the price to stay a night is Vt1,500 per person. The flats are self-contained, but meals can still be organized upon request at just Vt300 per person. Airport transfers can be arranged by your hosts at Vt500 per trip. To book, call 5623082 / 5122634.

### How to get there

Air Taxi is offering full day packages out of Port Vila and optional overnight packages. Kids under 11yrs are discounted. Book by calling Millie on 5544206 or by emailing [info@airtaxivanuatu.com](mailto:info@airtaxivanuatu.com).

Unity Airlines Vanuatu is also taking bookings for their Nagol Day Tour or Epi/Nagol Day Tour. To book, call 24475 or email [unityairlines.reservations@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:unityairlines.reservations@vanuatu.com.vu).

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# EVENT CALENDAR

**JUL**  
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**10TH**  
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**24TH**  
Children's Day  
Parade  
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**24TH**  
Children's Day  
Parade  
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**30TH**  
Independence  
Day Parade  
Port Vila



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**AUG**  
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**18-19TH**

Back to My Roots  
Festival

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**19-20TH**

Fanla Arts Festival

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# DESTINATION TORBA

## MAUREEN AVRY, OWNER OF CHEZ MAUREEN, GAUA ISLAND

Maureen Arvy is the owner of the luxury boutique bungalow, Chez Maureen on Gaua Island.

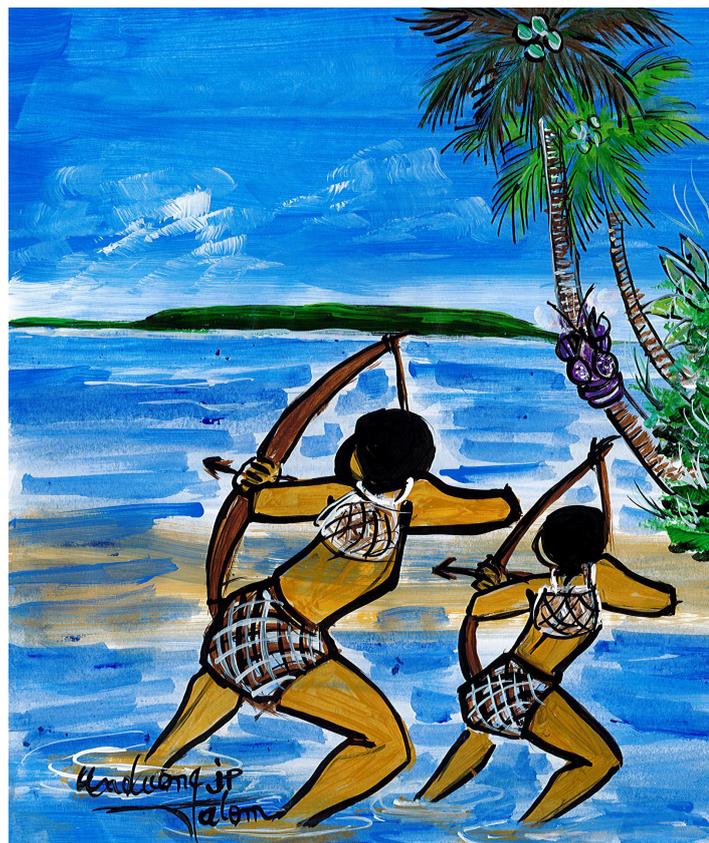
She started her career in the hospitality industry in 2007 as a waitress at the former Au Pêche Mignon pastry shop. As her love for cooking grew, she asked her former employer at the time if she could move around and work in all the different sections of the shop to grow her experience in the French cooking and patisserie making.

In 2008, she returned to her home island, Gaua and decided to build her home before eventually moving back a year later.

While back on Gaua, Maureen was inspired by her love for tourism and welcoming guests to plan some bungalows, completing them in 2013. Today, the Chez Maureen Bungalows have gained recognition internationally and locally as one of the most luxurious island bungalows in Vanuatu. The bungalows are a beautiful mix of locally sourced and imported materials. While on a holiday to France, Maureen had an idea of how she would love her bungalow to look and feel, so she took the opportunity to source materials that would complement the authentic island style of her bungalows.



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Gaua is a top destination choice for many active-adventure seekers. Adventure activities there include paddling across the crater lake of Mt Garet, Lake Letas, climbing to the top of active volcano Mt Garet, or hiking to the highest waterfall in the South Pacific Islands, Siri Waterfall.

After spending time with Maureen, visitors to Gaua speak highly of her cooking, which is a unique mixture of french and local Banks Islands cuisines.

Maureen's love for tourism can also be seen through her community involvement as she does her best to share her knowledge and skills with her community on Gaua.

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# DESTINATION SHEFA



Shefa is one of the six provinces of Vanuatu, located in the center of the country. The province's name is derived from the initial letters of SHEpherd islands, Epi, and EFate which make up the province.

The Shefa Islands are volcanic, and limestone/raised reef in origin with one active volcano on Epi - only sporadically active, and other underwater and extinct volcanoes are scattered throughout the province.

With many great snorkelling spots, you can even sight endangered species such as turtles and dugongs near Erakor Island and marine sanctuaries.

Marine sanctuaries are popular to attempt preserving marine life around Shefa, although traditional methods of conservation have also been highly effective. This movement is also an effort to promote sustainable tourism through the Efate Land Management Area, the Nikaura Marine Protected Area on Epi, the Nguna-Pele Marine Protected Area Network at north Efate, and the Hideaway Marine Sanctuary at Hideaway Island.

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## MAKURA TOKOLAU

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First formed in the 1970s, the Makura Tokolau stringband group hails from the island of Makira and is a veteran act on Vanuatu's music scene. Since their first album was recorded in the 1970s, the original Makura Tokolau left a legacy of a number of local hits including popular songs Taxi 272 and Toyota.

Looking to revive the stringband group, some of the most musically talented boys from Shepherds came together last year and competed in the inaugural Nabanga Stringband Competition held in November last year.

Makura Tokolau Stringband won the 2020 People's Choice award in which the Vanuatu Tourism Office (VTO) was a proud sponsor of and offered the winners the free production of a music video as a prize. The group was then flown to Emae island by VTO to shoot a music video for the song, with local film makers Groovy Banana behind the camera.



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The group's song is called 'Sapotem Lokol Turisim' and it highlights the need for everyone to support local tourism businesses during the challenging times brought on by Covid.

The 'Sapotem Lokol Tourism' song also highlights how we are all domestic tourists: no matter whether we go spel lo sanbij lo wiken, or whether we visit another island for work, for church or just to visit family - we are all domestic tourists.

## NABANGA STRINGBAND COMPETITION 2021

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Last year's Nabanga Stringband Competition had a successful turnout in which Makura Tokolau Stringband was the winner of the VTO-sponsored People's Choice Award.

This year's Nabanga Stringband Competition is proudly presented by the Nabanga Group Committee and it looks to be bigger than ever. With this year's theme 'Local tourism, Happy Families, Self-Reliance and Climate Change', the Nabanga Group is excited to host this second event this year.

According to Nabanga Group's marketing officer, Mr Mike Esrom, this year's competition will see invitations extended as well with only 14 bands allowed to register for Efate. Two will be selected in the Northern province, two from the Southern province and two bands from Shefa province.

This year's event will see teams compete in a show of creativity and talent to win one of the three major prizes. The first place winner gets Vt 1 million plus studio recording of an album plus 100 Procards digital download copies, while the second winner gets Vt600,000 with album recording plus 100 Procards digital download copies, and third place will get VT400,000 also with album recording and 100 Procards digital download copies.

One of the main goals of the Nabanga Stringband Competition is to empower the community despite the pandemic challenges the world is encountering.

# CANOES IN VANUATU



**“The gladdest moment in human life, methinks, is a departure into unknown lands.”  
– Sir Richard Burton**

Apparently so fragile and delicate, Vanuatu's canoes are much more than a timber vessel – they are also a marvel of ingenuity and agility. Their shells consist of a hollowed-out tree trunk, retaining the curves of the trees they are carved from, without no keel but tapered to a point at each end, especially at the front. The spars are often made of long bamboo poles linked to stringers, or otherwise tied directly to the gunwhales using coconut fibre cord passed through holes at the very top of the hull. In small canoes, the spars are usually three in number. Some are ornately decorated, especially in Vao, Atchin and Futuna. Vanuatu's canoes are more traditionally used in coastal waters rather than on the open ocean.

The Vanuatu archipelago sits on the Pacific Ring of Fire and is beneath our islands intense volcanic activity stirs. This, and the rings of living coral that have come to hem each of our 83 islands over millenia, means navigation is a challenge. Despite the tremendous fishing opportunities that abound, our people have often looked inland rather than to the tides and currents offshore and their potential for danger.

Yet canoes remain the link between the communities of our different islands, who with courage and determination have ventured from coast to coast for millennia, fishing, trading and and creating bonds between communities over vast distances.

The canoe remains today another great way of discovering the stunning coasts of our islands – an experience of ancient, human-powered sea transport as unique to our way of life as it is rewarding.



# ARTIST'S CORNER



## DISCOVER SAND DRAWING

Sand drawing (or sandroing in Bislama) is a ni-Vanuatu artistic and ritual tradition and practice, recognised by UNESCO as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. If you want to know everything about sandroing, the best person to learn from is Edgar Hinge at the National Museum in Port Vila. Passionate about the artform, he can initiate you in this challenging art. Children enjoy it as much as adults.

Sandroing is deeply rooted in many of Vanuatu's cultures. Epi, Paama, Malekula, Ambrym, Pentecost, Ambae, Maevo and Mota Lava all have their very own ways of practicing sandroing.

It is considered to be an ancient way of sharing information. For centuries, it has been an efficient way to communicate messages between communities – and to leave messages behind. But there is much more to it. Great dexterity is needed to perform a sandroing in a single, continuous gesture. Mistake are not allowed, and you must redo the entire drawing if you make one. Each drawing is symmetrical, leading some to consider sandroing to be a genuine method of mathematical training.



There are a number of well-known designs such as the turtle. But each sandroing often hold also several meanings at once, and can symbolize deeper meanings as well: life, death and even love. Getting interested in sandroing is definitely a beautiful way to dive into Vanuatu's enchanting cultures.

## MEET JULIETTE PITA

Juliette Pita is a talented yet discreet artist. You may have even already met her and seen her artworks, which elegantly express the scenes of everyday life in Vanuatu. Her representation of the movement of traditional dances is quite striking. You can practically hear the rhythm of the percussion and imagine the harmonious gestures of the dancers. Juliette, was born in Erromango. Drawing and illustrations were, she admits, her favourite hobby in elementary school. Looking around, dreaming, observing the details all around her and reproducing them on paper and tapa has been a lifetime passion. Luckily, the shy and dreamy schoolgirl was noticed in primary school by a teacher who immediately noticed her artistic soul and sought to encourage her. She took classes at the Crafts school, including sculpture, tapestry, and drawing, and received many prizes honouring her talent. Her painting evolved over time, becoming more detailed and more figurative. Thanks to the Alliance Française, she was able to journey to Paris for the Emmanuel Watt Exhibition. Today, Juliette has illustrated this first edition of the Nawimba Guide. She continues to paint with her family, and artistic talent definitely runs in the Lovo family. Her daughter and son continue their mother's lineage, painting the story of beautiful Vanuatu.



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**Legend :** *What is the Bislama word for Outrigger? It is also the name of a resort in Port Vila.*

# Introducing the Treasure Hunt Quiz

In each issue of Nawimba, you have the chance to take part in a quiz where you can win fabulous gifts offered by our partners. In this issue, to participate, you must answer all the questions correctly on page 19. All of the questions are about Vanuatu culture. It's an exciting way of challenging yourself and your friends! Once you've managed to answer all of the questions, submit your completed entry form to the Vanuatu Tourism Office in person, or send a scan/photo to [info@vanuatu.travel](mailto:info@vanuatu.travel). Good luck!



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Answer all the questions correctly for your chance to win a magnificent weekend for two on Tanna Island (air ticket and accommodation included).

1. What small mythical creature lives in a banyan tree? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What Province is famous for its coconut crab? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is Vanuatu's most famous genre of local music called? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What name of a famous beach is also the name of an alcoholic drink? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How do you say "white men" in Paama's language? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What fruit is Aniwa Island most famous for? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which string band group won the Nambanga Festival in 2020? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name two famous blue holes on Santo Island. \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is the name of the famous cave on Tanna Island? \_\_\_\_\_
10. In our country's name Vanuatu, what is the meaning of 'Vanua'? \_\_\_\_\_

Once you have added all of your answers, please cut out this page, scan or take a photo of this page. Make sure to also include a copy of the Entry Form on the other side of this page filled out with your contact details as well. Bring your completed Questions and Entry Form to any of the Vanuatu Tourism Office's Travel Centres in Port Vila, Luganville or Lenakel in person, or email a copy to [info@vanuatu.travel](mailto:info@vanuatu.travel).

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## Treasure Hunt Quiz – Rules

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