

Vanuatu 2025 Calendar of Events & Festivals

DISCOVER VANUATU'S EVENTS & FESTIVALS

6 PROVINCES
20+ EVENTS

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- Trade Show
- Sports & Entertainment
- Music & Entertainment
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2025 VANUATU CALENDAR OF EVENTS & FESTIVALS

FEBRUARY


JOHN FRUM FESTIVAL
15TH FEBRUARY 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
LAMAOKARA VILLAGE, TANNA ISLAND

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

LINI DAY
21ST FEBRUARY 2025



PUBLIC HOLIDAY
VANUATU

Each year citizens of Vanuatu celebrate this special day, the remembrance of the person who led this country into independence.

MARCH

CHIEF'S DAY
5TH MARCH 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION / PUBLIC HOLIDAY - VANUATU

Custom Chief's Day is an event that vary from island to island with large feasts featuring native cuisine, traditional singing and dancing.

AUSTRALIA BUSINESS WEEK 2025
10TH - 15TH MARCH 2025



TRADE SHOW
EFATE

The inaugural Vanuatu - Australia Business Week aims to provide opportunities to deepen the economic partnership between Vanuatu and Australia, and to contribute to unlocking Vanuatu's potential to strengthen business development and trade in priority sectors.

APRIL

CELEBRATION OF YAM & FISH HARVESTING
1ST APRIL 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
WAKISIL, TANNA ISLAND

A celebration of Yam and Fish Harvest in Wakisil Village in Tanna Island bringing together the very traditional and cultural way of fishing that ties.

LALA WARISUL NAGHOL TOUR
16TH & 17TH APRIL 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
PORUR VILLAGE, PENTECOST

Discover this incredible centuries old tradition where men jump from a 30m tall wooden structure built from logs and vines.

NAGHOL/LAND DIVING
EVERY SATURDAYS - 21ST, 25TH, 28TH APRIL 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
RATAP, PENTECOST

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SANTO FISHING COMPETITION
25TH - 27TH APRIL 2025




SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT
ESPIRITU SANTO

The Santo Hardware Fishing Competition is a fun-focused community based fishing competition targeting tuna, marlin, wahoo & other species to raise funds for local charities & organisations.

MAY

VANUATU SENIOR MASTERS
28TH - 31ST MAY 2025



SPORT & ENTERTAINMENT
EFATE

A Gold Tournament for Golfers over 50 years of age.


NAGHOL/LAND DIVING
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS



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LALA WARISUL NAGHOL TOUR
TBC



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JUNE

MI TUMORO VANUATU CONSUMER SHOW
11TH - 13TH JUNE 2025




TRADE SHOW
EFATE

A consumer domestic event aiming to promote domestic tourism in Vanuatu. A great opportunity for local business owners to sell and interact with the domestic consumers. A great networking opportunity.

ROM DANCE FESTIVAL

14TH JUNE 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
EMOUTUON, WEST 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.

GLOBAL REGENERATIVE AGRITOURISM SYMPOSIUM
14TH JUNE 2025



TRADE SHOW
ESPIRITU SANTO

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

SAND DRAWING FESTIVAL
17TH & 18TH JUNE 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
TBC

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

MAEWO FOOD FESTIVAL
TBC



CULTURE & TRADITION
MAEWO ISLAND

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.

FETE DE LA MUSIQUE

21ST JUNE 2025



MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
EFATE

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.

NAGHOL/LAND DIVING
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS



CULTURE & TRADITION
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JULY

TUMBURINE YAM FESTIVAL
02ND - 05TH JULY 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
NORTH AMBRYM

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

FANLA SLOW FOOD FESTIVAL
08TH JULY 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
FANLA VILLAGE, NORTH 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.

LYLYWY CULTURAL FESTIVAL

10TH JULY 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
SISIVI, WEST AMBRYM

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

FANLA CULTURAL FESTIVAL
16TH & 17TH JULY 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
FANLA VILLAGE, NORTH AMBRYM

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

LE PACIFIC TRAIL
20TH JULY 2025



SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT
SAAMA VILLAGE, EFATE

Le Trail Pacific is run across the wild and unspoiled jungle of Vanuatu. The density of the jungle, the strength and hostility of the 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.

MASKELYNES CANOE RACE
24TH, 25TH & 26TH JULY 2025




CULTURE & TRADITION
BESKARU VILLAGE, MASKELYNE ISLAND

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

SANTO RODEO

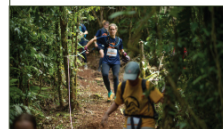
27TH & 28TH JULY 2025



SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT
ESPIRITU SANTO

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

TALEFA RUN
TBC



SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT
NGUNA/PELE EFATE

An exciting event organised by the Hugn/Pele community in Efate. Tracking up the mount marau, an extinct volcano that makes it extra unique with special experience of the event.


WILCO ROUND ISLAND RELAY
27TH JULY 2025



SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EFATE

This is a relay race around the island of Efate that has several categories to enter from the serious to the social runners who are there to be part of a special event.

INDEPENDENCE DAY
30TH JULY 2025



PUBLIC HOLIDAY
VANUATU

The Republic of Vanuatu celebrates its Independence Day on 30th July. It is a public holiday that commemorates the country's independence from the United Kingdom and France in 1980.

LEGENDS:

- CULTURE & TRADITION
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- MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

NAGHOL/LAND DIVING
7TH JULY 2025 -
AUGUST 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
RATAP, PENTECOST

Discover this incredible centuries old tradition where men jump from a 30m tall wooden structure built from logs and vines.

AUGUST

NAGRIAMEL CULTURAL FESTIVAL
10TH AUGUST 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
FANATO, ESPIRITU SANTO

During the period of the New Hebrides condominium, when the country was under joint French and British rule, the Saints and the Soldiers fought for Vanuatu's independence. Their struggle was a crucial part of the broader fight for the nation's freedom and sovereignty, with the goal of creating a political and economic system that reflected the aspirations of the people in the northern islands.

NALAWAN FESTIVAL
21ST AUGUST 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
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.

NAGHOL/LAND DIVING
29TH AUGUST 2025



CULTURES & TRADITION
RATAP, PENTECOST

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VANUATU NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL
AUGUST 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
TANNA

A celebration of Yam and Fish Harvest in Wailei Village in Tanna Island bringing together the very traditional and cultural way of fishing that sees

SEPTEMBER

VANUATU GOLF OPEN
4TH - 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025



SPORT & ENTAINMENT
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.

LANTASU BEE FESTIVAL
2ND - 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
NORTH AMBRYM

A festival celebrating successful conservation of bee hive and its harvest.

MELE HARVEST FESTIVAL
10TH SEPTEMBER 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
LOLIPUL, JUNGLE TOUR, WEST AMBRYM

The Festival marks the successful 10 year conservation effort of the wild scrub duck and the sustainable harvesting of its eggs on the western side of Ambrym Island. This event celebrates both environmental achievements and local cultural traditions - featuring performances and rituals that are part of the island's heritage.

FEST NAPUAN
18TH - 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025



MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
EFATE

Fest Napuan is the largest music festival in Vanuatu - a free-to-public festival based in Port Vila, Vanuatu featuring local and international artists.

DISCOVER THE HIDDEN TREASURE OF AMBRYM'S PEOPLE & CULTURE
18TH SEPTEMBER 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
LONWOLVOL, AMBRYM

Discover Hidden treasure of Ambrym island. A festival to celebrate the rich cultural inheritance of Ambrym. From Roam Dances to volcano sight seeing, and more.

BACK TO MY ROOTS FESTIVAL
23TH & 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
OLAI, VILLAGE, NORTH 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.

RAID PACIFIC ENERGY (COAST TO COAST)
TBC



SPORTS & ENTAINMENT
EFATE

Cross the Efate Island from North to South. A unique and legendary race.

VANUATU MADE WEEK
25TH - 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025



TRADE SHOW
EFATE

A trade event promoting the Vanuatu made products. This event encourages locals to enter into smaller business and develop local products. It is also a great opportunity to sell and provide space for local business networking.

OCTOBER

SLOW FOOD FESTIVAL
16TH OCTOBER 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
AMBAE

A festival that promotes different ways of preparing local delicacies using a variety of crops and vegetables. This event promotes a diversity of culinary dishes that have been passed on from generation to generation.

PORT VILA RODEO
TBC



SPORTS & ENTAINMENT
EFATE

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

NOVEMBER

ST ANDREW CULTURAL FISHING FESTIVAL
27TH - 30TH NOVEMBER 2025



CULTURE & TRADITION
RAH ISLAND & MOTA LAVA ISLAND

The event commemorates Saint Andrew's before becoming an Apostle for Jesus Christ when he was a fisherman. The program involves the preparation of local food and assist in a church service. Activities such as dances and traditional performances are to conclude the event.

VANUATU KAVA FESTIVAL
28TH - 29TH NOVEMBER 2025



TRADE SHOW
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.

DECEMBER

KRISMAS IN THE PARK
08TH JULY 2025



MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
EFATE & ESPIRITU SANTO

An event of festivity to celebrate the birth of Christ and togetherness. It is full of Christmas carols, skits and mother Hubbard show.

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