



# VANUATU LUXURY VILLA

## Welcome

### Welcome to Vanuatu Luxury Villa

When you land in Vanuatu our transfer Operator will take you to Au Bon Marche Supermarket enroute to **Vanuatu Luxury Villa** so that you can make purchases of food and beverages. The Organic fruit and veg market (closed from 1pm Saturday afternoon through till 7am Monday morning, otherwise open 24 hours per day) is somewhere you can visit at your leisure to make further purchases of locally produced fruit and vegetables

From experience it really pays to be well set up with supplies on your first day, as once you arrive at **Vanuatu Luxury Villa** you probably won't want to leave. We have included a sample grocery shopping in this section.

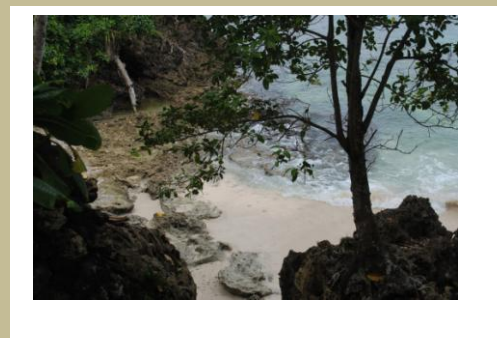
#### Sample Grocery List:

- Bread
- Milk
- Butter
- Jam
- Juice
- Bacon
- Eggs
- Alcohol (Bottle shops closed from 12.00 midday Saturday till Monday morning)

## Directions

Drive right away from the airport, after about 1 km you will reach a roundabout, left will take you to Port Vila (about 10 min). Straight ahead will take you to Devils Point Road . Follow this road for about 9km passing through the Mele Village. Shortly after that take the Devils Point (Gravel Road to your left along the beachfront. **Vanuatu Luxury Villa** is about 2 km past Benjor Resort and has a large sign inside the gate

VLHH will either escort you to the property on arrival or have our driver meet you and take you to the property as it is just a little difficult on your own





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## We Supply

TV with DVD Player ( Satellite TV)  
WIFI which is provided at no cost but should there be any issues with connectivity or the equipment we cannot guarantee immediate response to repair but will always do our best to ensure the service is available and working

A selection of DVD's, novels and magazines  
Bath towels / Beach Towels  
All bed linen  
Soap and all cleaning products  
All kitchenware

Toilet paper  
Toaster and kettle  
Large fridge/freezer

Water on the property is UNEOLCO town water and quite ok to drink. The water pressure can be an issue if several taps are on including garden taps and this will effect the gas hot water flow. You should check that no external taps are turned off before using showers

## What to Bring

- Light clothing suitable for tropics
- Reef Shoes
- iPod
- Snorkelling Gear
- DVD's – you can purchase here for A\$5 approx
- Crocs – most suitable tropical footwear (leave your fashion shoes at home)
- Headlamps and torches are great for crab hunting so you don't stub your toes
- Sunblock
- Insect Repellent
- Hydrogen peroxide antiseptic cream (for coral cuts)
- Antibiotic ointment (for infected cuts) Plaster
- Kids toys
- Toiletries

You can bring many food items into the country as long as they are in their original packaging (Olive oil, nuts, favourite muesli bars, favourite kid's food etc). Don't bring fresh fruit or veg, and you need a permit for meat and cheese.. You will find everything else you need at the French influenced Au Bon Marche supermarket, and the 24 hour organic fruit and veg markets in Port Vila.

## Sample Shopping List

Here are some suggestions of the types of foods you can buy in Port Vila that will see you through a stay at Broadwater. Remember there is a large fridge, and it is a god send as there is no supermarket close by (15mins drive to town) Au Bon Marche supermarket - (The largest one - in suburb Number Two).

For the freezer - Heaps of stuff for the BBQ such as sausages (they are the best sausages in the world), cordon bleus, Poulet ( a local fish not unlike snapper), lots of French bread to freeze (sliced packaged bread doesn't really exist in Port Vila), croissants and pastries enough to freeze, frozen beans and peas (fresh greens go limp within a day, so it's good to have some frozen greens), eggs, butter, cereal, gorgeous French cheeses such as soft goats cheese, blue cheese and emmentaler, pate and salami, olive oil, canned goods, pasta and rice, snack foods, yoghurt, UHT milk (you can't get fresh milk in Port Vila), freshly ground Tanna coffee, tea bags, sugar, tomatoes, onions, and garlic (seem to be better at Bon Marche than at the market), condiments, water and juice, Tusker beer, French wines and champagne.

The 24 hr organic fruit and veg market - Take lots of loose change (rather than notes) as the vendors don't usually have any, also take your own shopping bags, the vendors don't supply them although you can buy plastic supermarket bags at the market if you're stuck. You can buy an amazing array of seasonal tropical fruit and veg, like bananas, passion fruit, mango, pawpaw, coconuts (the ones that have the brown husk on are best for eating, the coconuts that have the husk removed and are a light brown are full of milk for drinking) pineapple, limes, potatoes, long beans, lettuce, cucumber, avocado, chillies, wild raspberries and fresh flowers.



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## Car Rentals

Should you need a Rental car there are plenty of car rentals in Vila, all will have the car waiting for you at the airport on arrival.

Hertz – [hertz@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:hertz@vanuatu.com.vu) Phone 22468

Avis Rentals - + (678) 22570

Budget - + (678) 23170

## Internet / Phone

We have onsite WIFI.

Go to available networks and select Vanuatu Luxury

The password is **vanuatuluxury**

Any Problems call Telsat 23407 and they will instruct you.

There are quite a few places around town where you can get free wireless internet, including The Nambawan Cafe and The Jungle Cafe – see recommendations for Restaurants and cafes. There is a mobile phone at Vanuatu Luxury Villas **+678 5981555** which simply requires you to top up the prepaid credit and this can be easily done at Au Bon Marche supermarket . We have loaded the phone with Vt500 to start you off

## Currency

The currency is Vatu, but you can also use Australia dollars. Any other currency can be exchanged on arrival at the airport but we do recommend Goodies Money Exchange which is opposite the BRED Bank in Vila town

## Dining Out

Here is where you will find the best experiences in Efate...

Benjor Beach Resort - Phone + (678) 26078

Benjor is your closest restaurant and is but a short drive from **Vanuatu Luxury Villa**.

Open daily for breakfast lunch and dinner Benjor provides a great easy option should you want a break from cooking.

The Officer's Club Restaurant and Bar opened in March 2002, and is highly acclaimed for its beautifully presented food, ocean views and friendly service. Located in the middle of the Resort, the Officer's Club Restaurant and Bar is on the bank of a permanent fresh water stream and waterfall and overlooks a 90m white sand beach.

The Restaurant occupies the site of the American Officers' Club from World War II where, legend has it, the American Officers created the waterfall and plunge pool using hand grenades!



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The Beach Bar - Phone + (678) 5601132

The Beach Bar is about 10 mins drive from **Vanuatu Luxury Villa** and on the beach near the Hideaway Island Drop off

A great option for a Pizza and a cold beer after a day of touring or activates

They are famous for the Friday Night Fire Dance.

A great spot for families and kids can have a ball in the water toys provided for their use

Tamanu on the Beach - Phone + (678) 27279

A long drive from Bukura and something to consider when doing a round Island trip. The food and selection of seafood is excellent, the setting right on the beach is gorgeous, the décor is subtle, modern, and tasteful (which is hard to find in Vanuatu). The atmosphere is always perfect. It's the sort of place that you go for lunch and stay all afternoon, the kids will probably play happily on the beach while you sit and drink champagne all afternoon. Don't leave Vanuatu without treating yourself to this experience. Tamanu Resort is located on the south coast about 30 mins drive from Broadwater

### In Town

The Jungle Cafe- (+678) 22428

The Jungle is in the Centre of town and offer alfresco kerbside cafe fare which is well priced and they serve good coffee. A great stop while in town replenishing supplies or duty free shopping. They normally have great dail special on the blackboard and at the rear of the Cafe is an Air Conditioned section should you find the humidity a bit too much for you

The Anchor Inn Cafe & Bar Phone- (+678) 22582

A great vantage point to take in the daily sunsets that are so good in Port Vila. The Anchor has cold tusker on tap and a variety of snack foods and other meals On Friday night you will get to know the locals as most expats congregate here for the end of week relaxations. The Anchors also screens all major live sports events on FOX Sports and Free to air Australian TV.

Kan Pai Japanese restaurant - Phone + (678) 26687

This restaurant is excellent. The restaurant décor is pretty ordinary but the food more than makes up for it. It's an extra special treat if they've got a fresh tuna in that day, You will find the whole menu revolves around tuna - tuna sushi, tuna sashimi, tuna carpaccio, tuna salad, the list goes on and it just melts in your mouth. Unbelievably great! Beware, they don't accept credit cards.

Harbourview Chinese Restaurant - Phone + (678) 23 668

If you are into Chinese you'll like this place. It is typical of the sort of large bustling Chinese restaurant that you'd find anywhere around the world, nothing unique, but delicious, with loads of atmosphere. Every time the kitchen door opens you hear a noise like a dragon roaring, it's the steamers.

L'Houstelet - Phone + (678) 22 303

This restaurant is an institution in Vanuatu. It serves an odd combination hearty old fashioned French food and Pizza. It's not the sort of place a sophisticated foodie would like, but it's a great fun night out because you can pretty much re live the seventies here, Lobster Mornay, lots of creamy sauces, wine in a carafe. If you can handle it please don't sit in the non smoking area as the lights are on and the atmosphere is dead, you need to be amongst the action to really enjoy this place.



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## Numbawan café

Great place for breakfast. It is very casual, seating outdoors on the waterfront right in front of the Art and Crafts market, next to the dive shop and Vanuatu Helicopters. Here you can get wireless internet, fresh juices, and substantial bacon and egg breakfasts, croissants, and salads. They also have moonlit cinema in the evenings....more on that later.

## Bakeries

With its French influence there are excellent pastries and bread products to be found in Vanuatu. La Parisienne and Ah Pow Bakeries are the two largest bakeries. La Parisienne has wonderful meat pies and is open all night, which is handy for a snack on the way home after a big night. Au Pêché Mignon is brilliant, have delicious quiches, pastries, cakes and handmade chocolates.

## Beef

If you eat beef you're in for a treat. The cattle industry in Vanuatu is famous, and is mainly organic. The steaks are succulent, coming from superior grass fed beef and it is excellent value in the butchers and supermarkets. The only thing to remember in French restaurants is that the French medium-rare is almost mooing, so stress English medium-rare or pink.

## What to do

### Activities

#### Hideaway Island - Ph. + (678) 22963

This is a great place to go for kids of swimming age. If it's a busy time of year they will make loads of friends here. The snorkeling is really great as it's a marine reserve, and there is an underwater Post Office where you can dive down and send waterproof post cards to your friends. There is a restaurant/bar and lots of shade so you can lounge away the afternoon. It's not flash (even a little skuzzy if you look too hard), but it's loads of fun for a day out.

#### Coongoola Cruise - Phone+(678) 25020

The Coongoola is Vila's most famous day cruise. The 23m wooden sailing ketch sails the calm waters of Havannah Harbour and takes you to Happy Tok Beach at Sun & Moon Bay (the prettiest beach we've ever seen), Moso Island (turtle conservation area and caves). Snorkel, sunbathe, swim, and to top it off you usually get to sail with dolphins on the way home. Pick up time from Vila is 8:15am, return around 5:30pm. You can also sponsor and name a tagged turtle and release it back to the ocean from the turtle sanctuary. The atmosphere and food is good (barbecue beach picnic - vegetarians should pack their own - also take your own wine if you don't like beer or soft drinks). The only complaint we have about this tour is that at certain times of year there can be lots of really annoying flies at the beach, so enquire whether this is the case before you book.

#### Moonlit Cinema - Phone + (678) 7744826

Every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings the Nambawan Café (in the heart of Port Vila on the water in front of the Art and Crafts market), has a free 'Moonlight Cinema' where recent release or movie classics are shown on a big screen with the harbour as a backdrop. Grab a beer and a snack and relax with the locals.



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### Picnic at Eton beach

This is probably the nicest white sand beach on Efate (there aren't very many). It really is beautiful, with a gorgeous turquoise lagoon, and there are lots of little whares that you can set yourself up in for the day for a picnic. The locals own and look after this beach and as such will charge you a small entry charge.

### Cascade Waterfalls

Mele Cascades is famous in Vanuatu. The climb to the waterfall is not a difficult one and, once there, it's a rewarding experience. You can hop into the pool at the base of the waterfall and swim under the cascade itself. It's the outpouring of an underground spring so the water is cool, clear and refreshing. There are five pools at the top to jump into and it's your choice to return via the track or the stream.

### Dive Course

Mike or Maggie at Big Blue. Ph: 27518 or 5544054.

If you want to get your PADI ticket you can do a course at Big Blue.

### Game Fishing

Contacts: Mitch Clement [mitch@vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:mitch@vanuatu.com.vu).. Peter Phillips.. [Nautilusnautiluswatersports@gmail.com](mailto:Nautilusnautiluswatersports@gmail.com)

Vanuatu offers some of the best fishing in the South Pacific. marlin, wahoo, dorado, yellowfin tuna, swordfish and a host of other fighting fish. The offshore reefs and ocean offer one of the best blue water and coral fishing playgrounds in the world. There are some excellent boats that leave from the Waterfront Bar and Grill. The catch belongs to the boat but anglers are invited to dine at the Waterfront that evening to join in eating the catch.

### Helicopter ride - Phone + (678) 77 44106

Explore Vanuatu from the air with our good friend Simon, who owns Vanuatu Helicopters. The view is breath taking, and it will really help you get your bearings.

### Nakamals

Try this for fun - Kava. It is completely safe, and is actually used as a natural anti anxiety medication in western cultures as it helps you to relax, with no bad side effects and no hangover. Nakamals are kava bars. Kava is sold in 50vatu or 100 vatu shells the term shell coming from half a coconut shell that it's served in. To drink kava, take your shell and drink it down in one go (try not to breathe). It has a relaxing effect. As for the taste it's like bitter peppered muddy water only worse. Ronnie's Nakamal is popular with a lot of locals and expatriates. Wherever you see a light hanging from a tree, it means the adjacent house is selling kava. Unlike in Fiji, there is no ceremony like 'hand clapping'. You can take along a plastic bottle for take away if you'd like to savour the wonders of kava back at Casa de Mar, where no one can see you grimace



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## Surfing

There are good waves to be found around Port Vila but they are off reefs and should only be taken on by competent riders - novices could end up with some nasty coral cuts. There is a new surf shop open out Pango way (ask around for directions or a phone number if you are interested) for lessons in surfing, kite boarding and 'oldcomers' should bring their own boards.

You will find surf at the following locations:

### BREAKA'S RESORT

Drive on the Pango Point Road until you

Come to Breaka's Beach Resort.

Type of wave: hollow barrelling wave

Direction: left and right

Break: reef break

Bottom: coral

Length of ride: 40-50m

Best tide: high tide

Wave size: good 6-8 ft in autumn and ok

4-6 ft rest of year

Best month: April to June

Best winds: south-east

Level of surfing: beginner

Ideal board: 6'2-6'4 thruster

### ERAKOR POINT

Drive to the Erakor free ferry, followed by a short walk. Ferry runs on the half hour and the hour.

Type of wave: occasionally barrelling wave

Direction: left

Break: reef break

Bottom: coral

Length of ride: 50-100m

Best tide: high tide

Wave size: good 6-8 ft in summer &

autumn and ok 4-6 ft rest of year

Best months: January to March

Best winds: all directions

Level of surfing: intermediate

Ideal board: 6'4-6'8 thruster

### PANGO POINT

Drive out to Pango Village on the Pango

Road. The Point is not far past the Village and Breaka's Resort is on the same road.

Type of wave: hollow barrelling wave

Direction: left and right

Break: reef break

Bottom: coral

Length of ride: 50-100 meters

Best tide: high tide

Wave size: good 4-6 ft in summer and ok

2-4 ft rest of year

Best months: January to June

Best winds: north ,north-west ,east ,north-

east

Level of surfing: intermediate

Ideal board: 6'4-6'8 thruster

### ERATAP ISLAND

Head out to Eratap village and ask for a Canoe ride out to the island.

Type of wave: right-hander, hollow



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### Health & Safety

**Coral cuts** - Coral cuts can be irritating and occasionally nasty. They can turn into tropical ulcers, although this is more likely to happen to someone who lives in the tropics because of the constant heat and humidity. If you get a scratch or graze (and it can happen without you knowing while snorkeling - it's only when the air hits do you realize), nature's cure is to squeeze lemon or lime onto the wound. The best stuff to cleanse the wound is Hydrogen Peroxide (if it doesn't fizz, it's not infected), followed by an anti-bacterial cream and cover with a dressing. In Australia or New Zealand you would leave it uncovered and let the air heal - in the tropics it's the reverse.

Having said that, cuts are rare if you wear reef shoes when walking on coral and if you watch where you snorkel.

**Ciguatera** - In the Pacific islands it is possible to get an illness called ciguatera from eating infected reef fish. It is impossible to tell if a fish is infected as to the eye the look perfectly healthy. The risk is very small, but the illness is awful, so it is best not to eat reef fish anywhere in the Pacific, although the Ni Vans eat the reef fish all the time, with apparently no ill effect. Tuna and Poulet are both great to eat and completely safe.

**Malaria** - Malaria tablets aren't necessary for a Port Vila/Efate type holiday (even though there have been occasional outbreaks in some villages). Mossies are not travellers and, from birth to death, don't migrate much further than the area of a small room. Tablets can make you nauseous, especially if you combine them with diving. If traveling to the outer islands, however, they should be taken as a precaution.

**Flies** - At certain times of the year flies can be annoying. Please dispose of all rubbish and compost materials regularly, and in a sanitary manner.

### Emergency Numbers

The Port Vila Hospital isn't a place you would visit by choice, but in the case of an emergency, skilled doctors will treat you. There are anesthetists, pediatricians and general surgeons. Insurance is still highly recommended, especially if a Medivac is necessary. There are limited outbound flights, so if the emergency didn't coincide with one and a plane had come to get you, the meter would tick over to in excess of AUD\$40,000. There is a good Medical Centre in Vila. There is also an excellent mobile paramedic (ProMedical).

**Mobile Paramedic - +678 25566**

Any problems or queries while you are at **Vanuatu Luxury Villa** please don't hesitate to call: Bryan or Val (Vanuatu Luxury Holiday Homes) on 5577034 or 7751979.

### Enjoy Your Stay







## **VANUATU LUXURY VILLA**

### **Electricity**

In Vanuatu properties are governed by amps supplied by virtue of the amps available and paid for by the owners. At Vanuatu Luxury Villas you have the maximum amps being 30 amps.

Even with the maximum amps and combined with the fact that there are 4 air conditioners installed it is possible that you will get a spike in the power supply which may trip the main metre.

In the event that this happens you need to do the following:

1. Turn off all AC's and any other appliances operating at the time of the power failure
2. Proceed to the metre near main gate and reset the metre by depressing the black button. If the button remains in the set position then the power will be restored
3. In the event that this is not the case please contact:-
  - a. Nellie - House Manager - 5637007 or
  - b. Bryan Death - 5577034
  - c. Brian Newman - 5630756
4. The above numbers should be contacted in respect of any other emergencies.