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PORT VILA ATTRACTIONS

1. A splendid 20-minute walk following a succession of pools and low waterfalls on your way up to the main and majestic **Mele Waterfalls** waiting for you, at a bend in the path. An all-levels family stroll for walkers and enthusiastic jumpers!
2. **Tropic thunder jet** sets itself apart from other tourist attractions in Port Vila. It is one of the only commercial high adrenaline activities that is located in the heart of Port Vila, right in the seawall. Tropic thunder jet's boat will go in all crazy directions, from sharp turns, 360s and near-misses of floating obstacles. The captain is a very experienced driver.
3. **Vanuatu Jungle Zipline** is a Rain Forest Zipline Canopy Tour. The pick up locations are in Port Vila and the Zipline is located 20 minutes drive away at Mele. Soar through the jungle canopy and experience a fantastic buzz while on 6 ziplines and 2 suspension bridges.
4. **Port Vila Market** is the central market of the Vanuatuan. The market is colourful and busy, it typically sells vegetables, flowers, firewood, jewellery, woodcarvings and souvenirs.
5. In the **Pilioko art gallery**, you will see colourful paintings and carvings (sculptures) made by the famous artist Aloï Pilioko.
6. **The National Museum of Vanuatu** is located in the Vanuatu Cultural Centre in Port Vila. It specializes in exhibits relating to the culture and history of this group of islands in the South Pacific
7. At **Nasiru Hot Springs**, you'll enjoy a mud bath.
8. The **Summit Gardens Vanuatu** is the largest tropical gardens in the South Pacific. Within the gardens are THE ESSENTIAL OILS DISTILLERY.
9. **The Reef Vanuatu Zoological** is a great place because it focuses more on conservation than on tourist factor: the turtles they have are meant to be rescued rather than captured from the wild. The owner says that every dollar earned at this place goes back and helps the animals to grow to a reasonable size and be able to return to the wild.

Vanuatu

The country of Vanuatu is a chain of islands in the southwestern Pacific Ocean. Its capital is Port Vila, on Efate Island.



Geography

Vanuatu lies in Melanesia, the western part of the large region called Oceania. The country includes 13 main islands and about 60 smaller ones. The largest island is Espiritu Santo. Many of the islands have mountains with active volcanoes. The climate is hot and rainy.

Plants and animals

Thick rain forests grow on the islands. The drier regions have patches of grassland. The islands' birds include pigeons, parrots, honeyeaters, and thrushes. Several types of bats also live on the islands.

People

Most of the people in Vanuatu are Melanesians. There are also small groups of Europeans and people from the nearby area of Polynesia. Christianity is the main religion. Most of the people live in small villages.

More than 100 languages are spoken in Vanuatu. Most people also speak Bislama, a language based on English. English and French are also commonly spoken.

Economy

Farming, fishing, and raising cattle are the main jobs in Vanuatu. Farmers grow coconuts, yams, taro, and other fruits and vegetables. Vanuatu sells dried coconut meat, beef, cocoa, and wood to other countries. Tourism and banking are also important to the economy.

History

Melanesian peoples have lived on the islands of Vanuatu for more than 3,000 years. Europeans explored the islands in the 1600s and 1700s. The British named the islands the New Hebrides. British and French settlers* arrived in the 1800s. Beginning in 1887 Great Britain and France shared control of the islands.

The New Hebrides gained independence in 1980. The islands' people renamed the country Vanuatu, which means "Our Land Forever."

*Settler: a person who moves with a group of others to live in new country or area.