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With UNITY AIRLINES, You Will Get To Experience A VANUATU VOLCANO TOUR And Other SIGHT-SEEING ADVENTURES That You Will Never Forget!



YASUR VOLCANO TOURS

DISCOVER THE AWESOME THRILL OF STANDING ON THE CRATER'S EDGE OF THE WORLD'S MOST ACCESSIBLE, "ACTIVE" VOLCANO - MOUNT YASUR VOLCANO!

Tanna Island, to the South of Efate (the main island of Vanuatu) is sometimes referred to as the Island of Fire, so called for its most awesome feature, Mt Yasur, the most accessible, active volcano in the world. This ancient volcano is conspicuously located in one of the most pristine, unspoilt corners of the globe. The Island of Tanna is itself a beautiful, natural paradise with so much to see and do. As such, Tanna is a favourite destination for volcanologists, adventure travellers and tourists the world over.

In the local native dialect, Yasur means 'Old Man'. This Vanuatu volcano is 361 meters above sea level. The crater itself is 300 meters wide and 100 meters deep. You can be driven to within 150 meters of the craters edge and even walk around the entire perimeter. Evening tours enable you to see the volcano during daylight and then the magnificent displays of molten magma in darkness.

Visiting Mount Yasur is a 'once in a lifetime' experience. This is your opportunity to watch nature at work. Enjoy the magnificent fireworks display as you listen to the deep groans and roars coming from within. See and hear explosions of rock and ash thrown high into the sky and then thud back into the crater. Feel the earth tremble beneath your feet.



THE YASUR VOLCANO DAY SAFARI

This tour departs Port Vila airport at 9.00a.m. and arrives back in Port Vila at 4.15 p.m. This scenic one-hour flight to Tanna takes in the spectacular views of Port Vila Harbour, South Efate and the beautiful Western coastline of Erromango Island. Arrival time in Tanna is 10.00a.m. On the approach to White Grass Airport, you will have a great view of the magnificent landscape of Tanna Island.

You will be met by friendly 4WD Safari Staff and taken to a local resort for refreshments. At 11.00a.m. the Volcano Tour begins. You will travel in a 4WD across the island, passing local custom

villages, dense native bush, stunning views and passing over volcanic ash plains as you approach Yasur Volcano.

At approximately 12.30 am you will be reaching the top of the summit. From the parking area you will have a short 10 minute uphill walk to the rim of the crater, where you will experience the awesome power of one of the World's most accessible, active volcanoes. Mt. Yasur also boast the world's only Volcano Post - so take some post cards with you for sending with the unique postmark of Yasur Volcano. Enjoy a BBQ lunch around 1.30p.m before heading back to the resort to freshen up.

Estimated time of departure from the resort is 3.30p.m., with arrival time back in Port Vila being approximately 4.15p.m.

Cost: 36,900 Vatu cash per person (1,000 vatu is worth about \$12.00 AUD or thereabouts, depending on the exchange rate)

(Note: If paying by credit card, there is an additional 5.5% payment service fee)

Price includes return airfare, landing fees, refreshments, volcano entrance fee, a BBQ lunch (at the volcano car park), the volcano tour, airport transfers, government tax as well as pick-up and re-delivery to your resort/hotel in Port Vila (metropolitan area only).

THE YASUR VOLCANO DAY SAFARI & 15 MINUTE TWILIGHT FLYOVER

This tour includes the Volcano By Day Tour PLUS a 15-minute flyover of the magnificent fireworks display of Mt. Yasur at twilight.

This can be arranged on the return journey, weather permitting. You leave Port Vila at 10.00a.m. At the end of the standard Volcano By Day Tour, you get to go back to the resort for refreshments, a swim and/or to freshen up generally. Before last light, you will be back in the plane and airborne for a scenic flight over glowing Mt. Yasur, before heading back and enjoying the twilight views of Port Vila. Arrival time back in Vila is 7.00p.m. - 7.30p.m., depending on the time of year.

Due to the additional flying time (and associated fuel costs) and the incurring of a night landing fee (as the plane is landing after dark), the cost of this Tour is an additional 40,000 Vatu in total (over and above the 39,600 Vatu for the Volcano By Day Tour itself).

Cost: 36,900 Vatu cash per person (for the Volcano By Day Tour) and an additional 40,000 Vatu cash (which can be shared by a couple or group).

(Note: If paying by credit card, there is an additional 5.5% payment service fee)

OVERNIGHT YASUR VOLCANO TOURS

There are no night flights from Tanna and this is why an overnight stay is necessary to see the volcano by night. The standard of accommodation on Tanna varies considerably and so we offer two different Accommodation Options for your overnight stay on Tanna.

Option # 1

YASUR VOLCANO OVERNIGHT SAFARI – LENAKEL COVE RESORT

This day safari tour involves an overnight stay at **Lenakel Cove Resort** (see below). The flight departs Port Vila airport at 12.00p.m. Upon arrival at 1.00p.m., you will be taken by 4WD to Lenakel Cove Resort for refreshments and relaxation before the evening Volcano Safari, which starts at

3.30p.m. On the way to the volcano, you will have the opportunity to visit a custom village and experience first-hand, some of the Ni-Vanuatu traditions and way of life.

The actual Vanuatu volcano experience is a 1.5 hour trip to the volcano by 4WD, a short climb (approx.10 minutes) to the crater and another 1.5 hour 4WD trip back.



By 5.10p.m. you should be standing at the rim of the crater! You will have plenty of time to take in the natural fireworks display and take those once-in-a-lifetime photos before heading off to **Lenakel Cove Resort** to freshen up before dinner around 8.30pm. On this tour, you can get to see the volcano during daylight and then the magnificent displays of molten magma in darkness. After a good night's sleep, you will enjoy a hearty breakfast at 7.30a.m. before heading out to the airport.

Leaving Tanna at 8.15 a.m., you will arrive back in Port Vila at 9.15a.m. and be returned to your hotel/resort.

Cost: 42,900 Vatu cash per person

(Note: If paying by credit card, there is an additional 5.5% payment service fee)

Price includes return airfare, accommodation, meals, the volcano tour, airport transfers and applicable government tax. It also includes pick-up and re-delivery to your resort/hotel in Port Vila (metropolitan area only).

<p>Lenakel Cove Resort</p> 	<p>Lenakel Cove Resort is about as back to nature as you can get. Budget-style bungalows are set in lush, tropical garden surroundings. Locally grown produce, freshly caught fish and local beef & chicken are served in the restaurant by their friendly staff.</p> <p>The resort is only a 5 minute walk to one of Tanna Island 's main townships, Lenakel, where you can enjoy the local markets, shops, wood-fired bakeries, sand beaches and Lenakel Wharf.</p>	 <p>6 Island style bungalows with own ensuites.</p>
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Option # 2

YASUR VOLCANO OVERNIGHT SAFARI – WHITE GRASS OCEAN RESORT

This Volcano By Night Safari Tour is exactly the same as Option 1 except the overnight accommodation on Tanna is at **White Grass Ocean Resort** (see next page), rather than at Lenakel Cove Resort. *If you are looking for something more up-market, **White Grass Ocean Resort** is the way to go. It is, without doubt, the best resort on Tanna.*

Cost: 59,900 Vatu cash per person


(Note: If paying by credit card, there is an additional 5.5% payment service fee)

Price includes return airfare, accommodation, a continental breakfast, the volcano tour, all airport transfers and government tax. It also includes pick-up and re-delivery to your resort/hotel in Port Vila (metropolitan area only).

<p>White Grass Ocean Resort</p> 	<p>White Grass Ocean Resort is a delightful haven for travellers offering excellent 3 star accommodation in romantic island-style bures. It is the perfect place to base your stay on Tanna Island.</p> <p>From here you can laze away the day beneath a swaying palm or take part in one of a number of safari 4WD tours, horse riding, sea kayaking, mountain bike riding, trekking and much more. Whether you yearn for a lazy getaway or a soft-adventure, White Grass Ocean Resort is awaiting.</p>	
 <p>Ensuite, hot water, 24hr lighting, quality linen</p>	<p>It has a 300m stretch of private white sand beach with large rock pools to explore and swim in. There are 3 other beautiful beaches within a few minutes walk including the ☐ Blue Hold☐ - a favourite snorkelling spot.</p> <p>Dining is in an ocean front restaurant which adjoins a cosy guest lounge. The restaurant serves the freshest of lobster and other seafood.</p> <p>The Managers, Robyn & Ted Metcalf, will make you feel like family!</p>	 <p>Take advantage of the amazing ocean views & sunsets.</p>

While the above rates include a continental breakfast and government taxes, it does mean that this Volcano Overnight Safari, staying at **White Grass Ocean Resort**, will cost you a little more. However, given the substantial difference in the quality of this resort, it may be well worth it.

What To Bring



A good pair of walking shoes / sandals A good torch An item of warm clothing Insect repellent

The climb to the summit of Mount Yasur is quite steep and the ground uneven. While the weather is likely to be warm in the daytime, after sunset it can become quite cool at the top of the volcano, especially during April through to November.

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why Is Mt. Yasur Such A Famous Vanuatu Tourist Attraction?

A. Yasur Volcano on Tanna Island is constantly active BUT very easy to reach. Part of the volcano is underground in the sea. Just flying over Yasur is breathtaking in itself. Standing on the edge of Mount Yasur is even more spectacular. This Tanna Island Volcano Tour is a "once-in-lifetime" experience, and truly awesome - both by day and especially at night.

Q. Is It Dangerous?

A. Generally not. Yasur is the most active and spectacular during the rainy season from late February to April but even then, it is seldom too active to cause cancellation of any Mt Yasur Volcano Tour. Still, volcanoes are unpredictable by nature and so you should follow your tour guide's instructions, particularly as regards staying away from any areas of the vent that are known to be potentially dangerous.

Q. Has Anyone Ever Fallen Into The Crater?

A. No, there have been no documented cases that we know of. As you get close to the crater of this Vanuatu volcano, you find that the force of the hot air that constantly rises upwards has a tendency to almost blow you BACK from the edge. In addition, the sight and sound of Yasur hurling huge pyroclastic clouds of red hot molten lava, ash, and volcanic rock will automatically warn you to keep well back from the crater's edge!

Q. Can Children Go To See Mount Mt. Yasur?

A. Yes. Virtually children of any age can go, provided they are closely supervised by an adult.

Q. I Notice That You Charge 5.5% If I Pay By Credit Card. Can I Avoid This Extra Cost?

A. We only charge this payment service fee to offset the high charges the banks here levy us for credit card transactions. You can easily avoid this cost by simply securing your Vanuatu Tourist Attraction booking by providing us with your credit card details as a guarantee, but actually pay for your Unity Airlines tour in cash upon your arrival here in Vanuatu.

Q. Do I Need To Email Unity Airlines To Find Out Current Prices?

A. No, the prices quoted in this Tour Guide are current and are reviewed whenever a price change occurs. However, please note that these rates may be subject to fuel surcharge adjustments.

Q. I Have A Bad Back. Is Your Mt Yasur Volcano Tour Going To Be Too Much For Me?

A. If you go on the Mt Yasur Volcano Tour, then the answer could well be "yes". The one and a half hour 4WD trip is rough and may cause you unnecessary discomfort. If you have a chronic back problem, we recommend that you take advantage of one of our other aerial Vanuatu Volcano Tours.

Q. Do The Prices Quoted Apply to Young Children?

A. If your child is 12 years or older, then they are considered an adult (from a weight point of view) and the prices quoted apply equally to them. Where you have a child who is under 12 years old, we charge 80% of the prices quoted.

Q. Is There A Difference Between Your Vanuatu Volcano Tours & Those Offered By Air Vanuatu?

A. When you fly Air Vanuatu you can easily miss the spectacular aerial views of Yasur and other Vanuatu Tourist Attractions because you're often flying above the cloud cover. You also don't receive the same level of personalised service, which can make the difference between simply being a tourist, as opposed to meeting fellow adventurers and making long-lasting friendships with the locals.

Q. How do we book a Unity Airlines Tour?

A. See the Booking Form and other details at the end of this Tour Guide.

WEEKENDER 2 ISLAND PACKAGE – FLY, DRIVE YASUR VOLCANO TOUR

Weekender 2 Island Package

FLY DRIVE YASUR VOLCANO OVERNIGHT AND ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE.

FOR THE WEEKEND TRAVELLERS!



DESCRIPTION

- ✓ Arrive on Friday from your destination, be welcomed by Unity Airlines staff and driven to your accommodation at **Moorings Hotel Resort** in Port Vila.
- ✓ After lunch on the following day (Saturday), you will be collected from Moorings by Unity Airlines staff and leave for your TANNA OVERNIGHT VOLCANO SAFARI TOUR.
- ✓ Arrive and enjoy your Volcano Tour and stay on Tanna.
- ✓ Return to Vila on Sunday and collect your rental car from Unity Airlines.
- ✓ Take a leisurely drive to North Efate to your accommodation resort - **BEACHCOMBER**. (80km from Vila driving along the West Coast)
- ✓ On the way, stop off at famous Hideaway Island for a snack and dive or snorkel with the fish. (optional)
- ✓ And/or have a swim at the nearby Mele Cascades. (optional)
- ✓ Enjoy the view of outer island from the Clamps Hill lookout.
- ✓ Check in at Beachcomber and enjoy your stay there with a peaceful environment and swim in the hot pool.
- ✓ On Monday, drive to the airport in time to check in for your flight back to your destination.
- ✓ Our rental officer will meet you there to receive the car.

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE ABOVE, THIS FABULOUS

WEEKENDER 2 ISLAND PACKAGE INCLUDES:

1. Overnight Tanna Volcano Safari Tour
2. A Rent-A-Car for your trip to Beachcomber and back.
3. Accommodation at Moorings Hotel Resort (Friday)
4. Accommodation on Tanna (Saturday)
5. Accommodation in Beachcomber (Sunday)
6. Airport pick up and transfers.

Cost: This varies depending on the room type you choose at Moorings Hotel Resort AND on whether you choose to stay at Lenakel Cove Resort **or** White Grass Resort for the Overnight Volcano Tour).

Email us direct to discuss your needs and budget at: unity-airlines@vanuatu.com.vu

NORTHERN VOLCANOES DAY TOURS

SCENIC FLIGHTS – LOPEVI, AMBRYM AND AMBAE VOLCANOES

This is a very popular tour, especially when our Nagol/Pentecost Tour (see below) is not available. On this scenic tour you will wonder at the awesome volcanoes on Lopevi, Ambrym and Ambae Islands, enjoy a buffet lunch at Lamenu Bay on Epi Island and a swim with the dugong at Lamenu Island. You also get to take in other magical sights including Cook Reef, Emae Island and Port Vila environs.

NORTHERN VOLCANOES DAY TOUR PACKAGE



DESCRIPTION

- Airport transfers from metropolitan hotels in Vila to Unity Airlines Counter at the Domestic Airport between 6.30 - 6.45 a.m.
- ETD VLI 8.00 a.m. to Longana in Ambae to see Lake Monaro.
- Fly over Lake Monaro (15 minutes).
- Fly to Santo for refuelling and stop over for stretching your legs / coffee.
- Then fly over Ambrym Island to see the two (2) volcanoes - Marum and Benbow (7 minutes).

- Then fly over Loevi Volcano (10 minutes).
- Then fly to Epi Island, land at Lamén Bay for a buffet lunch at Sunset Bungalows and travel by boat to Lamén Island for a chance to swim with the Dugong.
- Back to Lamén Bay and fly back to Port Vila by 2.00 p.m. On the way you can see Cooks Reef.



Cost: 59,900 Vatu cash per person

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SPECIAL NAGOL PLUS TOUR PACKAGE (Seasonal)

This Nagol/Pentecost tour involves the famous Land Diving, which only takes place between the months of April – June. This is the original bungee jump and is referred to as “the nagol”, an ancient Melanesian tradition involving both men and boys (some as young as 7 years old) diving head first from a makeshift, wooden tower from heights of up to 100 feet over land with only vines strapped to the ankles to break the fall.

Land Diving is extremely dangerous but for centuries, this ceremony has been performed by Pentecost Land Divers to prove their manhood and as a fertility rite to ensure a successful yam harvest.

The practice continues to this day and is one of the most spectacular and impressive sites in Vanuatu (or the Pacific generally). Ritual washings of the divers, last minute words or prayers for a successful jump and men, women and children stomping the ground, performing kastom dances, singing and chanting throughout this extraordinary ceremony make for an awesome experience.



The Nagol is a sacred ceremony and the privilege of witnessing this unique event is only extended to *a limited number of tourists or outsiders each year*. This fact, the thrilling nature of the kastom ceremony itself and the “seasonal” nature of this tour means that you need to book this tour early or risk missing out altogether.

Full details of this awesome tour can be found below.

NAGOL/ PENTECOST JUMP WITH UNITY AIRLINES

(Note: Only available from April - June)

SPECIAL NAGOL PACKAGE PLUS TOUR PACKAGE WHICH INVOLVES 3 ISLANDS PENTECOST, AMBRYM AND EPI. ITINERARY

TIME	DESCRIPTION
7.45am	Pickup from Hotel/Resort to airport.
8:00am	Check in at Unity Airport counter.
9.00am	Flight departs for Pentecost.
10:00am	Arrival at Pentecost.
10:30am	Land drive / boat ride to Pangi village & the jump site with tradition welcome and refreshment.
10:45am	Jump begins (maximum - 10 jumps).
11:45am	Refreshment before departing for airport.
12:30pm	Depart Pentecost for scenic flight for the Ambrym Volcanoes.
13:00pm	Arrive in Epi Island for lunch and a chance to swim with the dugong on Lamén Island.
16:30pm	Depart Epi Island for Port Vila.
17:00pm	Arrive at Port Vila and transfer to hotels.

Email us for more information and prices at: unity-airlines@vanuatu.com.vu

Please note the times given are estimated times only and it may change according to weather condition etc. Any changes will be notified.

DISCOVER EFATE SCENIC FLIGHT WITH STOPOVER TOUR

This tour offers great views of the whole of Efate Island. It consists of two flights and a stopover at Quoin Hill. At Quoin Hill you will be served lunch at a local restaurant.

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BOOKING YOUR UNITY AIRLINES TOUR

Due to the high volume of enquiries, the best way to **book** your Unity Airlines Tour is to [email us](#). All enquiries and reservations are handled personally. Wherever possible, we will respond immediately but during busy periods, please allow up to 24-36 hours for us to get back to you (usually by email) as to availability and the details of what you need to do in order to confirm any tentative booking we have made for you.

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On behalf of Unity Airlines, we hope to have the pleasure of your company soon. Vanuatu is a fascinating travel destination, rich in natural beauty, ancient cultures and active volcanoes. Take a little time off just for yourself and experience the peace and tranquillity of our island paradise. You will head home relaxed and re-energised, with great stories to tell your family and friends.

Lukim Yu In Vanuatu!

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