

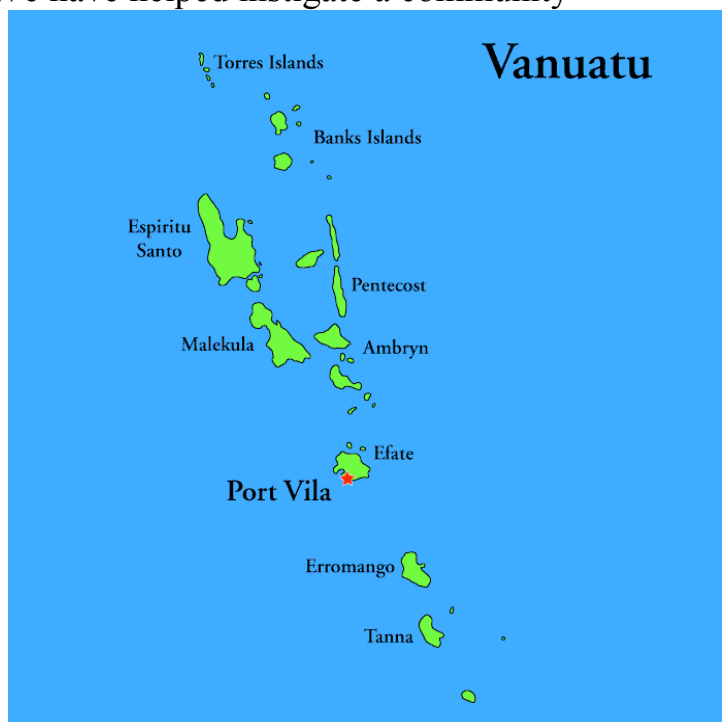


Vanuatu is an archipelago of 83 islands with a unique blend of intact tribal communities, resorts, beaches and geography ranging from accessible volcanoes to pristine underwater environments, offering unique and memorable experiences.

Malekula is the second largest island in Vanuatu (pop.20,000) and although only a 50min flight from Port Vila it remains one of the most culturally diverse populations in the country. Its isolation has protected its population from the past effects of the Queensland slave trade and introduced diseases, but this also creates a challenge for the locals to access good public healthcare.

We will visit one of the larger coastal villages called Walarano where the magical traditions and tribal culture is still very much alive but the need for clean water and improved healthcare is acute. The local dispensary services about 3,000 people. It currently has no doctor and only one nurse and is in need of urgent building maintenance. Our presence incorporates a “community donation”. As Walarano is not a busy tourist destination, our accommodation costs will be used to resurrect one of the community accommodation buildings, and provide the dispensary with new fly screens, plumbed water, solar lighting and building maintenance... The improved accommodation will then be used to gain revenue to provide future maintenance for the dispensary. We have helped instigate a community committee to implement the appropriate maintenance programs.

During our visit, as part of our community project we aim to run a preventative health clinic in Walarano offering BP, diabetes and other basic health screening, as well as providing health promotion to high risk groups. If this is well received this may be something TMA could continue to provide in the future, creating a strong relationship between the alliance and the community of Walarano.



We need expressions of intent ASAP if you are interested



APPROX COSTS

Flights return ex AUS \$450 - \$600+

Le Lagon Resort (This resort has great facilities for families.)

Standard Room approx \$365 per room per night (sleeps 2)
Inclusive of all meals

E.g.: (conference accom 4 nights \$1460 per room total) (sleeps 2)

Conference Costs 2 days Covered by TMA

Conference Cocktails by the pool TBA

Return taxi to Resort approx \$30pp kids half price.

Accommodation can of course be organised elsewhere.

Malekula Cultural Experience

Flights. Port Vila to Malekula ret \$260

Package includes basic, dorm room share style accom, \$750
food, transport, cultural events, community donation.

Expression of Interest for TMA Conference 2010
(you are not committed we just need an idea of who might come)

Clinic: _____

NAME	Grp 1 ; 2 day Conf Only	Grp 2 Malekula Plus Conf.	Accom: Le Lagon 4 night package.	Accom: Find Own Port Vila