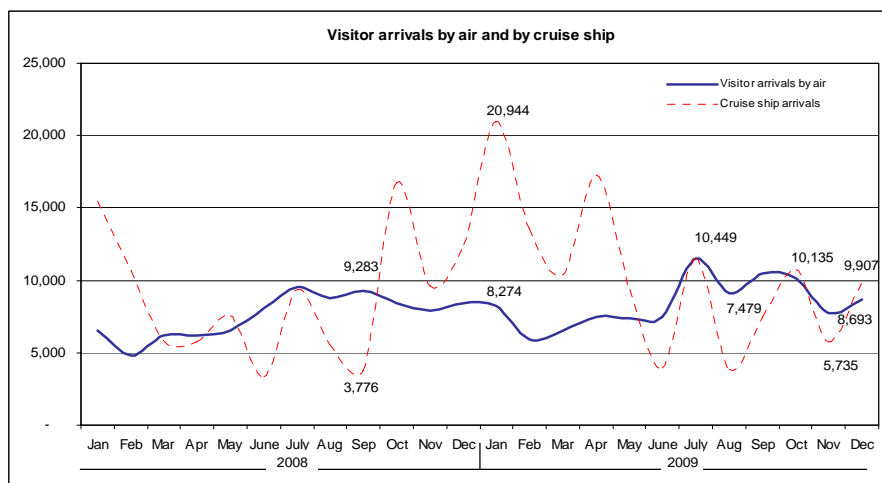


VNSO Update Tourism and Migration, December 2009

December highlights

Visitor arrivals in the twelve months to December 2009 are 11% higher than the same period in 2008. From 1st January until 31st December a total of 100,675 visitors arrived in Vanuatu; compared to 90,657 in 2008.

During the month of December 2009, a total of 8,693 visitors arrived in Vanuatu, an increase of 3.2% over the same month in 2008.



Since June 2009 there has been a steady increase in the number of visitors arriving in Luganville; offsetting the decrease in the first five months of 2009. This resulted in an 18% increase in visitor arrivals in Luganville in 2009 as compared to 2008.

The cruise ship visitors for the twelve months of 2009 showed an increase of 17.6%, from 106,138 in 2008 to 124,818.

Arrivals country of usual residence

The share of Visitors arrival from Australia as the main source of tourist arrivals to Vanuatu, indicated a drop of 2% from 67% in December 2008 to 65% of the same month in 2009. The share of visitors from New Zealand remained constant, whereas those from New Caledonia increased by 1% over the same period.

Purpose of visit

In December 2009, 89% of visitor arrivals came to Vanuatu for a holiday, a further 4% came for a meeting or conference or other business and 6% came to visit friends and family. Compared with December 2008, the number of visitors coming for a holiday in December 2009, increased by 19%, whereas the number of tourists visiting friends and relatives, and on business or meetings decreased respectively by 57% and 41%.

Length of stay

The average length of stay (intended) for visitors was 11.2 days in December, a decrease of 0.3 days compared to the previous year; but a slight increase on average intended length of stay from November 2009.

Concepts and definitions

- Visitors are non-resident persons spending at least one night in Vanuatu.
- Residents are persons who declare themselves to be residents or an intending resident on immigration arrival cards.

Attached:

Table 1 Summary of Overseas Migration

Table 2 Visitor Arrivals by Country of Usual Residence

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Table 4 Overseas Arrivals by Residence by Nationality

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Table 1 : Summary of Overseas Migration
Tableau 1 : Résumé des échanges migratoires avec l'extérieur

Year	Month	ARRIVALS / ARRIVEES						DEPARTURES / DEPARTURES						Day Visitors/ Visiteurs d'un jour	Année	Mois
		PORT VILA		LUGANVILLE		TOTAL		PORT VILA		LUGANVILLE		TOTAL				
		Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitor Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs			
2005	Dec	1,453	6,177	-	-	1,453	6,177	1,815	5,076	-	-	1,815	5,076	4,603	2005	Déc
2006	Dec	1,556	6,985	50	226	1,606	7,211	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	5,202	2006	Déc
2007	Dec	1,913	7,596	44	124	1,957	7,720	1,586	6,507	48	136	1,634	6,643	11,396	2007	Déc
2008	Jan	1,569	6,413	42	153	1,611	6,566	1,298	8,507	54	102	1,352	8,609	15,490	2008	Jan
	Feb	1,393	4,648	39	156	1,432	4,804	1,393	5,246	37	123	1,430	5,369	10,615		Fév
	Mar	1,167	6,012	41	136	1,208	6,148	1,410	6,298	27	130	1,540	6,428	5,801		Mar
	Apr	1,175	5,958	43	214	1,218	6,172	1,409	5,658	80	102	1,511	5,760	5,763		Avr
	May	1,583	6,303	56	199	1,639	6,502	1,094	6,898	33	194	1,288	7,092	7,569		Mai
	June	1,549	7,793	42	267	1,591	8,060	1,218	6,766	39	119	1,337	6,885	3,368		Juin
	July	1,669	9,277	40	266	1,709	9,543	1,344	9,796	52	291	1,396	10,087	9,333		Juil
	Aug	1,702	8,550	88	249	1,790	8,799	1,194	9,022	62	230	1,256	9,252	5,564		Aoû
	Sep	1,880	9,032	53	251	1,933	9,283	1,246	8,588	38	231	1,284	8,819	3,776		Sep
	Oct	1,613	8,260	37	160	1,650	8,420	1,502	9,121	43	185	1,545	9,306	16,750		Oct
	Nov	1,627	7,773	40	163	1,667	7,936	1,338	8,338	39	128	1,377	8,466	9,655		Nov
	Dec	1,620	8,222	64	202	1,684	8,424	1,401	8,191	48	125	1,449	8,316	12,454		Déc
2009	Jan	1,869	8,121	42	153	1,911	8,274	2,924	9,269	80	275	3,004	9,544	20,944	2009	Jan
	Feb	1,372	5,804	49	98	1,421	5,902	1,595	6,430	38	129	1,633	6,559	13,533		Fév
	Mar	1,228	6,444	34	113	1,262	6,557	1,600	6,667	65	102	1,665	6,769	10,421		Mar
	Apr	1,627	7,303	34	185	1,661	7,488	861	7,591	47	133	908	7,724	17,271		Avr
	May	1,692	7,197	69	157	1,761	7,354	866	7,604	36	84	902	7,688	9,362		Mai
	June	1,812	7,197	59	306	1,871	7,503	442	4,263	41	166	483	4,429	3,954		Juin
	July	1,485	11,191	46	309	1,531	11,500	858	11,406	55	261	913	11,667	11,529		Juil
	Aug	1,444	8,737	47	344	1,491	9,081	927	11,096	32	312	959	11,408	3,906		Aoû
	Sep	1,594	10,083	61	366	1,655	10,449	715	9,710	42	268	757	9,978	7,479		Sep
	Oct	1,473	9,814	48	321	1,521	10,135	1,007	10,486	30	309	1,037	10,795	10,777		Oct
	Nov	1,554	7,525	53	214	1,607	7,739	263	1,376	27	199	290	1,575	5,735		Nov
	Dec	1,938	8,408	52	285	1,990	8,693	2,510	15,928	15	192	2,525	16,120	9,907		Déc

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

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Table 2: Visitor Arrivals by Usual Country of Residence
Tableau 2 : Arrivées des visiteurs par pays de résidence habituelle

Year	Month	Australia	New Zealand	New Caledonia	Other Pacific Countries	Europe	North America	Japan	Other Countries	TOTAL	Année	Mois
		Australie	Nouvelle-Zélande	Nouvelle-Calédonie	Autres Pays du Pacifique		Amérique du Nord	Japon	Autres pays			
2005	Dec	3,924	596	818	219	309	160	49	101	6,177	2005	Déc
2006	Dec	4,413	925	983	178	340	170	63	139	7,211	2006	Déc
2007	Dec	4,809	902	905	374	361	155	58	155	7,720	2007	Déc
2008	Jan	3,955	715	945	250	295	229	51	126	6,566	2008	Jan
	Feb	2,542	552	825	251	283	153	44	154	4,804		Fév
	Mar	3,877	776	514	263	317	179	53	169	6,148		Mar
	Apr	3,502	1,049	580	295	297	206	76	166	6,172		Avr
	May	3,543	811	922	476	296	227	34	193	6,502		Mai
	June	4,579	1,586	690	339	364	238	62	203	8,060		Juin
	July	5,250	1,888	810	265	718	375	33	204	9,543		Juil
	Aug	4,635	1,876	814	379	566	316	58	155	8,799		Aoû
	Sep	5,678	1,473	1,014	295	459	191	54	118	9,283		Sep
	Oct	5,154	1,393	746	325	390	193	25	193	8,420		Oct
	Nov	4,914	1,091	715	312	537	146	51	169	7,936		Nov
	Dec	5,622	706	1,073	308	364	125	48	178	8,424		Déc
2009	Jan	5,843	640	922	149	391	124	62	143	8,274	2009	Jan
	Feb	3,966	369	558	265	344	154	41	205	5,902		Fév
	Mar	4,647	649	362	234	340	138	64	122	6,557		Mar
	Apr	5,063	829	643	246	403	128	48	127	7,488		Avr
	May	4,247	1,005	914	353	400	227	46	163	7,354		Mai
	June	5,098	1,083	367	229	319	215	40	152	7,503		Juin
	July	6,964	1,939	920	437	560	380	50	250	11,500		Juil
	Aug	5,192	1,700	615	355	576	284	91	268	9,081		Aoû
	Sep	6,662	1,524	1,036	327	340	269	86	205	10,449		Sep
	Oct	6,633	1,352	790	483	435	213	37	192	10,135		Oct
	Nov	4,963	828	831	255	418	228	29	187	7,739		Nov
	Dec	5,631	688	1,197	374	365	189	49	201	8,693		Déc

Source: Immigration Department / Service de l'Immigration

Table 3 : Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit
Tableau 3 : Arrivées de visiteurs selon le motif du voyage

Year	Month	Holidays Vacances	Visiting Friends and Relatives Visite à des amis et à la famille	Business, Meeting/Conf. Affaires, réunions ou conférence	Stop Over Escale	Others Purposes Autres motifs	Not Stated non spécifié	Total Visitors Visiteurs global	Année	Mois
2005	Dec	4,973	702	453	49	-	-	6,177	2005	Déc
2006	Dec	5,693	836	568	114	-	-	7,211	2006	Déc
2007	Dec	6,235	793	643	49	-	-	7,720	2007	Déc
2008	Jan	5,009	1,007	511	39	-	-	6,566	2008	Jan
	Feb	2,632	1,738	382	51	-	-	4,804		Fév
	Mar	5,259	369	496	24	-	-	6,148		Mar
	Apr	5,281	428	443	20	-	-	6,172		Avr
	May	4,707	821	957	17	-	-	6,502		Mai
	June	5,952	932	1,134	42	-	-	8,060		Juin
	July	7,643	834	995	71	-	-	9,543		Juil
	Aug	6,785	702	1,279	33	-	-	8,799		Aoû
	Sep	7,688	539	971	85	-	-	9,283		Sep
	Oct	6,751	522	1,086	61	-	-	8,420		Oct
	Nov	6,095	597	1,151	93	-	-	7,936		Nov
	Dec	6,510	1,294	560	59	-	-	8,424		Déc
2009	Jan	6,870	762	578	64	-	-	8,274	2009	Jan
	Feb	4,476	536	713	55	122	-	5,902		Fév
	Mar	5,250	421	755	49	81	-	6,557		Mar
	Apr	5,987	624	780	56	-	-	7,448		Avr
	May	5,836	447	1,033	39	-	-	7,354		Mai
	June	5,826	869	786	-	22	-	7,503		Juin
	Jul	10,114	483	822	47	34	-	11,500		Juil
	Aug	7,615	301	1,090	74	1	-	9,081		Aoû
	Sep	9,515	90	829	4	11	-	10,449		Sep
	Oct	8,950	176	979	30	-	-	10,135		Oct
	Nov	6,744	231	723	40	-	-	7,739		Nov
	Dec	7,773	558	332	30	-	-	8,693		Déc

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

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Table 4 : Overseas Arrivals of Residents by Nationality

Tableau 4 : Arrivées des résidents par nationalité

Year	Month	Ni-Vanuatu	Australian	French	British	New Zealander	Asian	Pacific Islanders	North Americans	Other countries	TOTAL	Année	Mois
		Australien	Français	Anglais	Néo-Zélandais	Asiatiques	Autres pays du Pacifique	Américain du Nord	Autres pays				
2005	Dec	1,002	183	128	17	49	20	24	20	10	1,453	2005	Déc
2006	Dec	1,050	240	128	6	78	34	34	29	7	1,606	2006	Déc
2007	Dec	1,362	272	132	6	80	14	33	35	24	1,957	2007	Déc
2008	Jan	716	322	206	11	146	47	76	68	18	1,611	2008	Jan
	Feb	678	280	151	5	110	32	115	35	26	1,432		Fév
	Mar	597	267	138	11	91	33	34	20	17	1,208		Mar
	Apr	623	301	97	5	96	28	18	30	20	1,218		Avr
	May	985	285	152	6	91	29	33	35	23	1,639		Mai
	June	1,016	227	123	7	94	34	32	41	16	1,591		Juin
	July	945	339	132	22	125	31	69	26	22	1,709		Juil
	Aug	1,050	278	110	25	139	35	68	63	22	1,790		Août
	Sep	1,259	275	178	11	94	25	42	33	17	1,933		Sep
	Oct	1,001	296	117	25	94	30	43	24	21	1,650		Oct
	Nov	1,033	277	125	4	109	42	19	41	17	1,667		Nov
	Dec	1,168	195	142	6	87	23	27	22	12	1,684		Déc
2009	Jan	923	393	206	16	144	44	94	65	26	1,911	2009	Jan
	Feb	576	281	175	19	132	38	141	46	15	1,421		Fév
	Mar	589	316	113	15	104	40	42	24	20	1,262		Mar
	Apr	979	288	128	25	119	34	43	25	21	1,661		Avr
	May	1,061	274	186	19	110	39	26	24	23	1,761		Mai
	June	1,321	239	99	15	85	26	32	25	30	1,871		Juin
	July	847	304	140	8	98	39	38	34	23	1,531		Juil
	Aug	914	248	105	10	98	36	30	30	20	1,491		Août
	Sep	1,047	240	142	1	85	32	37	41	30	1,655		Sep
	Oct	788	323	167	4	121	22	34	32	30	1,521		Oct
	Nov	1,036	234	138	2	82	27	29	41	19	1,607		Nov
	Dec	1,447	240	138	1	69	30	21	26	20	1,990		Déc

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