

## VNSO Update

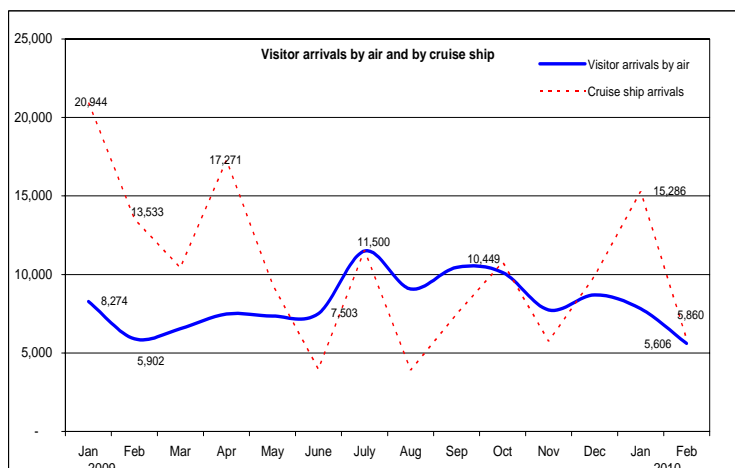
### Tourism and Migration, February 2010

#### February highlights

February is typically the 'low' season for visitor arrivals in Vanuatu, this trend continued to show that in February 2010 visitor arrivals by air registered a decrease of 5.0% or 296 visitors less of that of February 2009.

During the month of February 2010, a total of 5,606 visitors arrived in Vanuatu, compared to 5,902 visitor arrivals in the same month of 2009.

Visitors arriving in Luganville in February 2010 decreased by 64.3% compared to the same period of 2009.



Cruise ship visitors for the month February 2010 decreased by 57%, from 13,533 in 2009 to 5,860.

#### Arrivals country of usual residence

The visitor arrivals from Australia as the main source of tourist arrivals to Vanuatu decreased by 30% compare to the same month in 2009, however visitors from New Caledonia and New Zealand have shown increases of 69% and 18% respectively compared to February 2009.

#### Purpose of visit

In February 2010, 74% of visitor arrivals came to Vanuatu for a holiday, a further 19% came for a meeting or conference or other business, while 6% came to visit friends and relatives. Compared to February 2009 a larger proportion of visitors are coming over for a holiday than for business affairs, conference or to visit friends and relatives.

#### Length of stay

The average length of stay (intended) for visitors was 11.7 days in February, an increase of 3.5 days compared to February 2009; and also an increase on average intended length of stay from January 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

Table 3 Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit

Table 4 Overseas Arrivals by Residence by Nationality

## More information

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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			
2006	Feb	1,167	3,948	-	-	1,167	3,948	1,108	4,118	-	-	1,108	4,118	9,297	2006	Fév
2007	Feb	1,111	4,144	58	90	1,169	4,234	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	9,363	2007	Fév
2008	Feb	1,393	4,648	39	156	1,432	4,804	1,393	5,246	37	123	1,430	5,369	10,615	2008	Fév
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
2010	Jan	1,827	7,643	57	178	1,884	7,821	1,083	10,209	43	330	1,126	10,539	15,286	2010	Jan
	Feb	1,382	5,571	21	35	1,403	5,606	1,578	5,738	32	312	1,610	6,050	5,860		Fév

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			
2006	Feb	2,482	242	550	197	272	89	44	72	3,948	2006	Fév
2007	Feb	2,604	298	592	168	290	124	47	111	4,234	2007	Fév
2008	Feb	2,542	552	825	251	283	153	44	154	4,804	2008	Fév
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
2010	Jan	4,656	708	1,318	333	380	181	49	196	7,821	2010	Jan
	Feb	2,778	435	942	640	369	192	50	199	5,606		Fév

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
2006	Feb	3,091	275	558	24	-	-	3,948	2006	Fév
2007	Feb	3,259	282	566	127	-	-	4,234	2007	Fév
2008	Feb	2,632	1,738	382	51	-	-	4,804	2008	Fév
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
2010	Jan	6,744	427	559	91	-	-	7,821	2010	Jan
	Feb	4,161	323	1,060	62	-	-	5,606		Fév

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**Table 4 : Overseas Arrivals of Residents by Nationality**

**Tableau 4 : Arrivées des résidents par nationalité**

Year	Month	Ni-Vanuatu	Australian Australien	French Français	British Anglais	New Zealander Néo- Zélandais	Asian Asiatiques	Pacific Islanders Autres pays du Pacifique	North Americans Américain du Nord	Other countries Autres pays	TOTAL	Année	Mois
2006	Feb	413	249	165	24	80	23	165	30	18	1,167	2006	Fév
2007	Feb	426	257	155	18	84	36	140	38	16	1,169	2007	Fév
2008	Feb	678	280	151	5	110	32	115	35	26	1,432	2008	Fév
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
2010	Jan	953	332	199	6	193	41	58	65	37	1,884	2010	Jan
	Feb	656	313	198	3	87	16	57	53	20	1,403		Fév

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