

VNSO Update

Tourism and Migration, March 2010

March highlights

The 6,470 visitor arrivals by air in March 2010 registered a slight decrease of 1% than that of March 2009; however more visitor arrivals were recorded in March than in the previous month of February 2010.

There were 16 visitors arriving in Luganville in March 2010, a decrease of 86% compared to the same period of 2009.

The 12,784 cruise ship visitors were more than doubled of that of February 2010 (5,860); an increase of 118%.

Arrivals country of usual residence

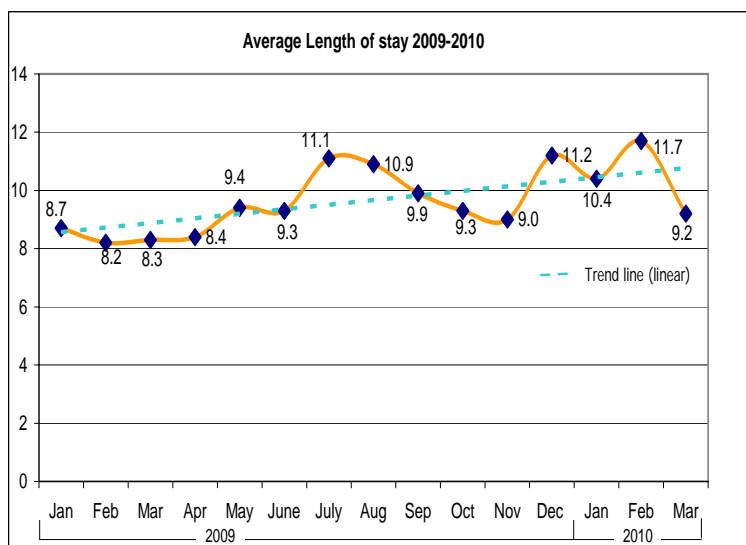
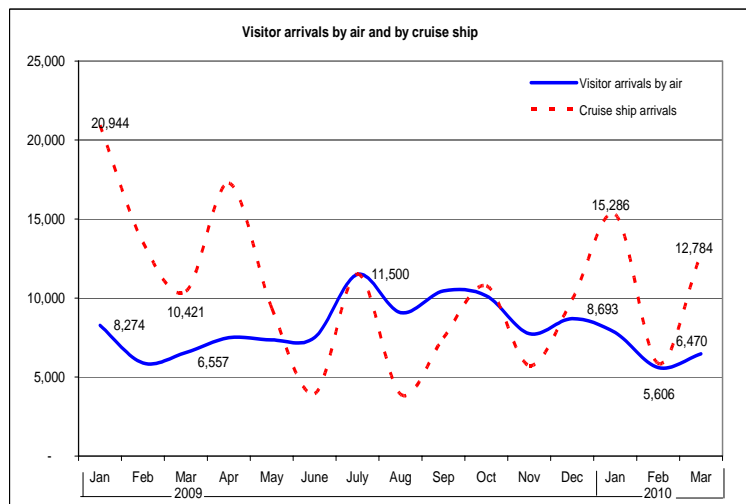
Australia continues to be the main source for tourist arrivals with 4,155 representing 64% of all arrivals in March 2010, with its share in March 2009 larger at 71%. Compared to February 2010 there was an increase of 50%, in March 2010 there was an increase in visitor arrivals from New Zealand (7%), New Caledonia (46%), Other Pacific Countries (45%), North America (41%) and Other Countries (62%). The largest percent increase compared to the previous month was a 59% in visitor arrivals from New Zealand, increasing from 435 to 694; followed by Australia at 50% from 2,778 in February to 4,155 in March 2010.

Purpose of visit

In March 2010, 5,217 or 81% of visitor arrivals came to Vanuatu for holiday and this is the same proportion as recorded in March 2009. A further 790 or 12% came for a meeting, conference or other business. Finally 6% came to visit friends and relatives.

Length of stay

The average length of stay (intended) for visitors was 9.2 days in March, an increase of 0.9 day compared to March 2009; but a slight decrease from 11.7 average intended length of stay of February 2010.



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

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 | Mar | 987 | 4,179 | - | - | 987 | 4,179 | 1,018 | 4,510 | - | - | 1,018 | 4,510 | 7,943 | 2006 | Mar |
| 2007 | Mar | 963 | 5,683 | 34 | 85 | 997 | 5,768 | n.a | n.a | n.a | n.a | n.a | n.a | 6,281 | 2007 | Mar |
| 2008 | Mar | 1,167 | 6,012 | 41 | 136 | 1,208 | 6,148 | 1,410 | 6,298 | 27 | 130 | 1,540 | 6,428 | 5,801 | 2008 | Mar |
| 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 |
| | Mar | 1,197 | 6,454 | 28 | 16 | 1,225 | 6,470 | 1,167 | 6,824 | 5 | 6 | 1,172 | 6,830 | 12,784 | | Mar |

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

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n.a. : Not Available/Non disponible

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 | Mar | 2,913 | 327 | 286 | 181 | 217 | 96 | 59 | 100 | 4,179 | 2006 | Mar |
| 2007 | Mar | 3,618 | 570 | 422 | 368 | 280 | 176 | 69 | 264 | 5,768 | 2007 | Mar |
| 2008 | Mar | 3,877 | 776 | 514 | 263 | 317 | 179 | 53 | 169 | 6,148 | 2008 | Mar |
| 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 |
| | Mar | 4,155 | 694 | 527 | 340 | 317 | 195 | 43 | 198 | 6,470 | | Mar |

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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 | Mar | 3,308 | 154 | 703 | 13 | - | - | 4,178 | 2006 | Mar |
| 2007 | Mar | 4,162 | 322 | 1,091 | 193 | - | - | 5,768 | 2007 | Mar |
| 2008 | Mar | 5,259 | 369 | 496 | 24 | - | - | 6,148 | 2008 | Mar |
| 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 | 40 | - | 7,488 | | 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 |
| | Mar | 5,217 | 397 | 790 | 64 | 2 | - | 6,470 | | Mar |

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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 | Mar | 424 | 280 | 74 | 25 | 87 | 27 | 29 | 29 | 12 | 987 | 2006 | Mar |
| 2007 | Mar | 483 | 228 | 80 | 7 | 84 | 22 | 42 | 38 | 12 | 997 | 2007 | Mar |
| 2008 | Mar | 597 | 267 | 138 | 11 | 91 | 33 | 34 | 20 | 17 | 1,208 | 2008 | Mar |
| 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 |
| | Mar | 623 | 225 | 136 | 6 | 113 | 37 | 34 | 35 | 16 | 1,225 | | Mar |

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