

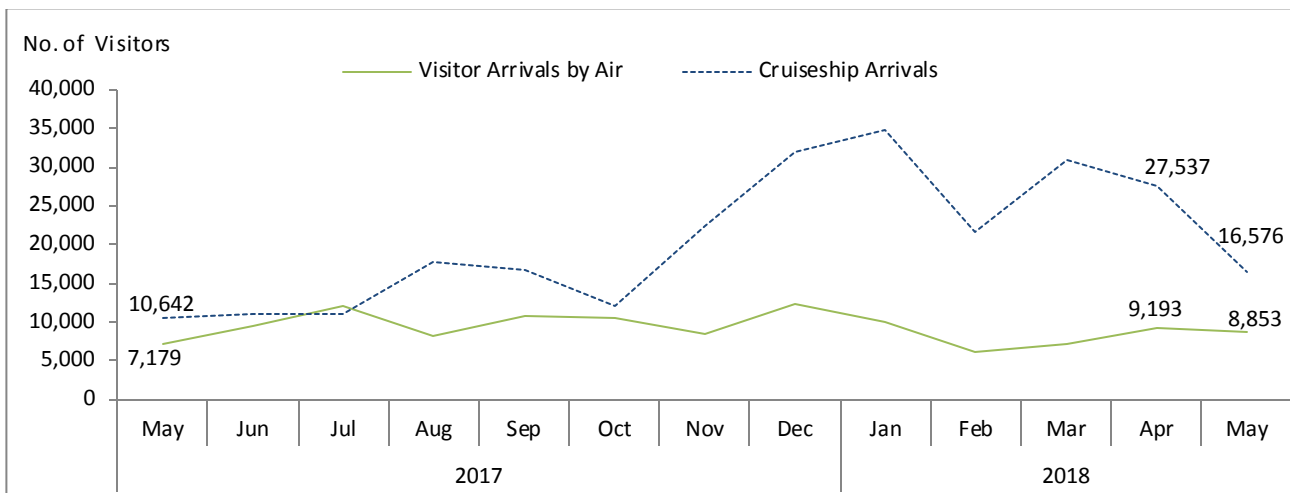
STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL STATISTICS

MAY 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

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OVERVIEW

Fig 1: International Visitor Arrivals: May 2017 to May 2018



- The international visitor arrivals by air totalled 8,853 or 35% of total international visitors to Vanuatu. This is an increase of 23% over the corresponding month in 2017 while it declined by 4% over the previous month. The increase in visitor arrivals was attributed by the increase in visitor arrivals for holiday.
- Cruise ship or day visitors stood at 16,576 or 65% of all international visitors to Vanuatu. This is an increase of 56% over the corresponding month in 2017 attributed by the increase in number of cruise ships from 6 in May 2017 to 9 cruise ships in May 2018. However, day visitors declined by 40% over the previous month.

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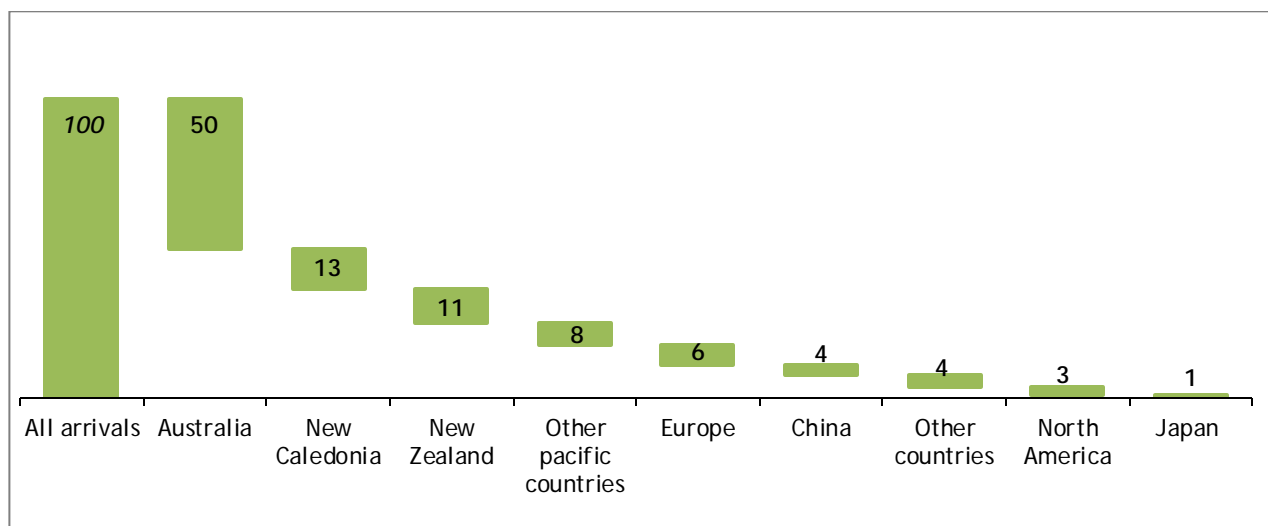
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PURPOSE OF VISIT FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

- Holiday visitors made up 75% of all visitor arrivals by air; followed by visitors arriving for business, meetings or conferences, others, education or sports and to visit friends and relatives at 8% each, while visitors on transit at 1%.

COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

Fig 2: Percentage share of visitors in May 2018 by Country of Usual Residence



- Australian visitors accounted for 50% of all international visitors by air; followed by New Caledonia at 13%; New Zealand visitors at 11%; other pacific countries at 8%; visitors from Europe at 6%; China and other countries at 4% each; visitors from North America at 3% while Japanese visitors at 1%.

AVERAGE INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

- International visitors by air spent an average of 10 days in Vanuatu. This declined by 4 days over May 2017 and also decreased by 1 day over the previous month.

AVERAGE AGE FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

- The average age for visitor arrivals by air was 44 years. This is an increase of 1 year over corresponding month in 2017 and it increased by 5 years over the previous month.

SUMMARY OF VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS

- Tanna Island received the highest number of visitors at 34%; followed by visitors to Santo Island at 30%. (see table 7)

DATA SOURCE

All International arrival statistics by air provided in the report is sourced from completed Arrival and Departure cards at the Department of Immigration. Cruise ship figures are also sourced from the Department of Immigration.

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SUMMARY OF VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS¹ (SEE TABLE 7)

Summary of Indicators

- Tafea province received the highest number of visitors at 36%; followed by Santo province at 33%.
- Visitors who travelled to outer islands spent an average of 5 days.

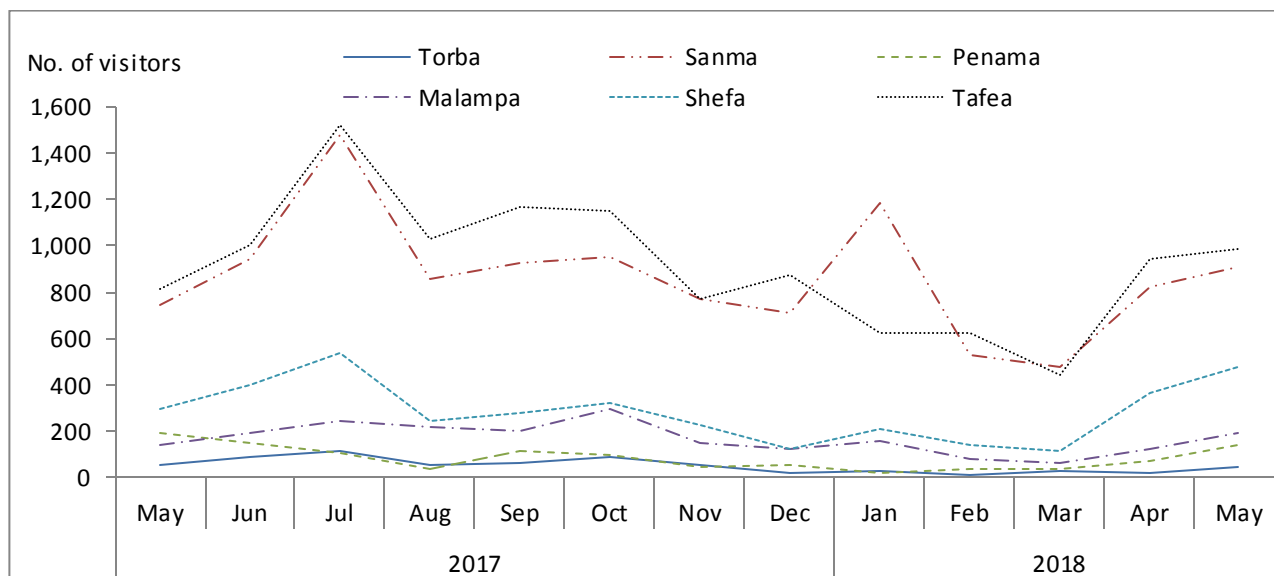


Figure 1: Summary of visitors to other province, May 2017 to May 2018

*Excludes Efate Island

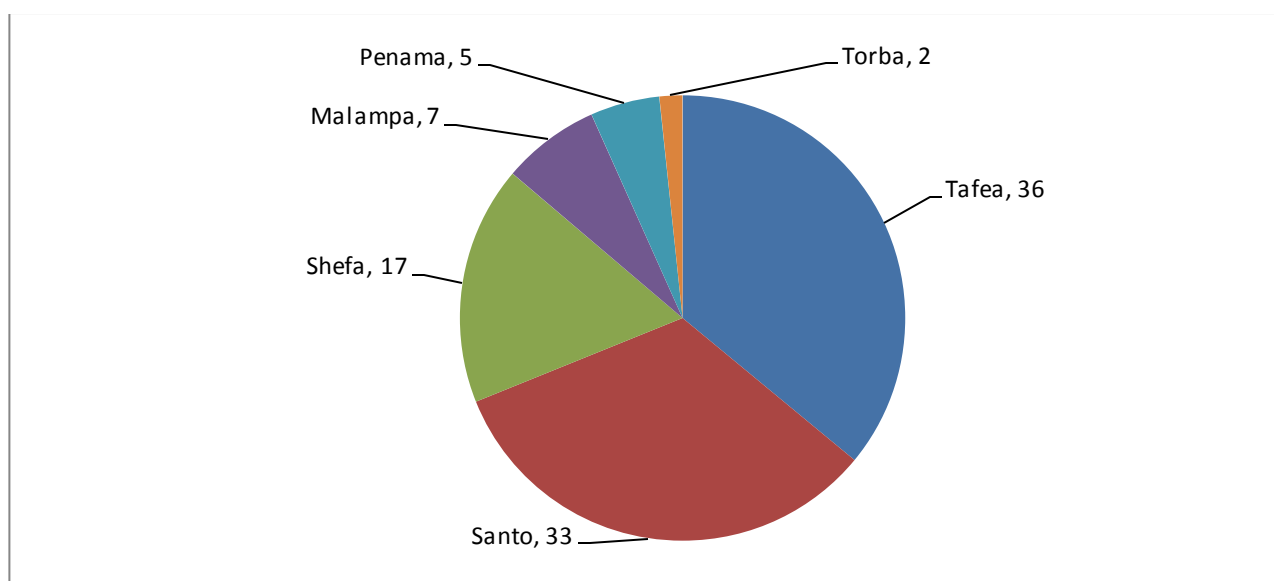


Figure 2: Proportion of visitors to other provinces, May 2018

*Excludes Efate Island

¹ Data on visitors travelling to outer islands is only available from May 2014

ANNEX 1 –VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS, BY PROVINCE

Table 1: Visitors to outer islands, by province

Year	Month	Province					TOTAL	
		Torba	Sanma	Penama	Malampa	Shefa*		Tafea
2017	May	52	740	188	144	299	811	2,234
	Jun	88	940 r	152 r	192	397	1,006	2,775
	Jul	112	1,473	102	243	541	1,516	3,987
	Aug	52	860	39	220	245	1,029	2,445
	Sep	65	923	114	202	274	1,144	2,722
	Oct	87	947	99	297	317	1,150	2,897
	Nov	52	770	47	145	226	769	2,009
	Dec	16	711	56	127	119	874	1,903
2018	Jan	31	1,186	22	154	209	1,114	2,716
	Feb	10	524	33	78	142	623	1,410
	Mar	30	473	33	61	112	441	1,150
	Apr	22	821	74	119	365	943	2,344
	May	46	904	138	195	476	989	2,748

Source: Department of Immigration

*Excludes Efate Island

ANNEX 2 –AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (NIGHTS) FOR VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS, BY PROVINCE

Table 2: The average length of stay (nights) for visitors travelling to outer islands, by province

Year	Month	Province					TOTAL	
		Torba	Sanma	Penama	Malampa	Shefa*		Tafea
2017	May	4.9	6.1	3.1	8.0	4.0	3.6	5.0
	Jun	7.4	7.2	4.0	9.4	5.7	2.8	6.1
	Jul	5.4	6.3	6.1	6.2	4.9	3.2	5.4
	Aug	8.0	6.4	5.1	6.7	5.8	3.3	5.9
	Sep	4.4	7.2	4.9	4.0	4.1	3.0	4.6
	Oct	7.5	5.1	4.3	4.2	5.2	3.6	5.0
	Nov	3.7	6.1	4.8	6.2	3.7	3.3	4.6
	Dec	12.1	6.7	9.6	9.3	6.1	3.8	7.9
2018	Jan	25.1	6.6	17.1	7.4	3.6	3.8	10.6
	Feb	5.7	9.5	12.4	13.8	3.3	3.4	8.0
	Mar	1.9	7.6	5.7	5.3	13.3	4.4	6.4
	Apr	13.2	6.3	3.0	9.4	3.8	3.7	6.36
	May	4.3	6.9	5.6	5.4	3.9	3.9	5.0

Source: Department of Immigration

*Excludes Efate Island

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

Year	Month	ARRIVALS / ARRIVEES						DEPARTURES / DEPARTURES						Cruiseship Arrivals/ Croisiéristes	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			
2013		25,116	106,466	495	3,643	25,611	110,109	16,380	118,753	164	3,496	16,544	122,249	247,296	2013	
2014		25,268	104,471	616	4,337	25,884	108,808	18,705	117,236	375	3,531	19,080	120,767	220,205	2014	
2015		26,655	85,527	307	4,425	26,962	89,952	19,116	95,301	161	3,030	19,277	98,331	197,471	2015	
2016		24,801	89,358	359	5,759	25,160	95,117	20,118	91,064	165	4,406	20,283	95,470	256,482	2016	
2017		27,418	103,463	830	5,707	28,248	109,170	25,845	108,427	441	3,831	26,286	112,258	223,551	2017	
2013	May	2,222	7,327	52	343	2,274	7,670	1,337	8,232	21	302	1,358	8,534	16,817	2013	Mai
2014	May	2,293	7,483	30	329	2,323	7,812	1,360	8,231	59	218	1,419	8,449	17,869	2014	Mai
2015	May	2,605	5,470	10	317	2,615	5,787	1,557	5,831	9	122	1,566	5,953	13,430	2016	Mai
2016	May	2,669	5,377	74	365	2,743	5,742	1,530	6,506	39	281	1,569	6,787	18,186	2017	Mai
2017	May	2,932	6,776	70	403	3,002	7,179	2,138	7,182	39	304	2,177	7,486	10,642		Mai
	Jun	2,420	9,008	50	492	2,470	9,500	1,697	7,991	23	270	1,720	8,261	11,149		Juin
	Jul	1,865	11,134	95	921	1,960	12,055	1,927	12,533	34	322	1,961	12,855	10,983		Juil
	Aug	1,468	7,840	83	461	1,551	8,301	1,733	8,446	57	357	1,790	8,803	17,791		Aoû
	Sep	3,156	10,379	53	498	3,209	10,877	1,860	10,079	54	374	1,914	10,453	16,829		Sep
	Oct	2,133	10,131	88	480	2,221	10,611	2,157	11,545	71	583	2,228	12,128	12,024		Oct
	Nov	2,652	8,185	76	321	2,728	8,506	3,143	8,909	47	247	3,190	9,156	22,401		Nov
	Dec	2,765	11,567	138	716	2,903	12,283	2,134	11,650	49	196	2,183	11,846	31,907		Dec
2018	Jan	2,300	9,716	102	414	2,402	10,130	2,326	13,291	23	217	2,349	13,508	34,656	2018	Jan
	Feb	1,355	6,089	65	177	1,420	6,266	2,234	6,443	35	125	2,269	6,568	21,674		Fév
	Mar	1,594	6,864	58	252	1,652	7,116	2,647	6,073	60	189	2,707	6,262	30,844		Mar
	Apr	2,618	8,773	54	420	2,672	9,193	1,875	9,327	14	432	1,889	9,759	27,537		Avr
	May	2,682	8,389	32	464	2,714	8,853	2,271	8,884	12	307	2,283	9,191	16,576		Mai

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

Table 2 : Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit
Tableau 2 : Arrivées de visiteurs selon le motif du voyage

Year	Month	VISITORS/VISITEURS					Total Visitors	Année	Mois
		Holidays	Visiting Friends and relatives	Business, Meetings/ Conferences	Stop Over	Others, Education, sports			
		Vacances	Visite à des amis et à la famille	Affaires, réunions ou conférence	Escale	Autres, education, sport			
2013		89,253	7,755	9,079	613	3,409	110,109	2013	
2014		86,239	7,672	8,007	1,022	5,868	108,808	2014	
2015		63,625	8,495	8,687	336	8,809	89,952	2015	
2016		71,088	8,300	8,521	551	6,657	95,117	2016	
2017		83,465	8,940	8,338	897	7,530	109,170	2017	
2013	May	6,029	565	800	33	243	7,670	2013	Mai
2014	May	6,213	534	776	22	267	7,812	2014	Mai
2015	May	3,618	607	936	19	607	5,787	2015	Mai
2016	May	3,820	605	908	47	362	5,742	2016	Mai
2017	May	5,154	739	787	78	421	7,179	2017	Mai
	Jun	7,328	784	781	80	527	9,500		Juin
	Jul	9,514	821	832	102	786	12,055		Juil
	Aug	6,828	561	529	41	342	8,301		Aoû
	Sep	8,640	727	657	134	719	10,877		Sep
	Oct	8,125	769	975	60	682	10,611		Oct
	Nov	5,794	795	909	55	953	8,506		Nov
	Dec	9,702	1,116	374	37	1,054	12,283		Dec
2018	Jan	8,106	873	465	81	605	10,130	2018	Jan
	Feb	4,571	446	494	47	708	6,266		Fév
	Mar	5,630	600	561	18	307	7,116		Mar
	Apr	7,182	741	726	27	517	9,193		Avr
	May	6,642	680	739	58	734	8,853		Mai

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

Table 3 : Visitor Arrivals by Usual Country of Residence
Tableau 3 : Arrivées des visiteurs par pays de résidence habituelle

Year	Month	Australia	New Zealand	New Caledonia	Other Pacific Countries	Europe	North America	Japan	China	Other Countries	TOTAL	Année	Mois
		Australie	Nouvelle-Zélande	Nouvelle-Calédonie	Autres Pays du Pacifique		Amérique du Nord	Japon	Chine	Autres pays			
2013		65,776	15,068	12,515	4,874	5,544	2,614	659	1,062	1,997	110,109	2013	
2014		60,808	16,293	12,756	6,630	5,591	2,373	763	1,563	2,031	108,808	2014	
2015		46,098	13,422	10,567	5,953	5,839	2,962	633	2,186	2,292	89,952	2015	
2016		49,752	10,931	9,681	5,705	10,067	2,893	903	2,736	2,449	95,117	2016	
2017		57,387	11,554	15,880	7,147	6,806	3,016	1,076	3,612	2,692	109,170	2017	
2013	May	4,669	959	971	293	374	165	62	62	115	7,670	2013	Mai
2014	May	4,162	1,350	911	369	404	215	72	110	219	7,812	2014	Mai
2015	May	2,655	870	639	435	589	213	26	158	202	5,787	2015	Mai
2016	May	2,644	552	632	508	823	190	51	181	161	5,742	2016	Mai
2017	May	3,647	737	1,017	486	491	257	55	320	169	7,179	2017	Mai
	Jun	5,104	1,209	1,302	492	433	324	97	317	222	9,500		Juin
	Jul	6,470	1,834	1,214	816	715	289	112	410	195	12,055		Juil
	Aug	4,081	1,234	1,278	317	537	236	157	269	192	8,301		Août
	Sep	6,655	1,194	1,221	447	536	279	102	269	174	10,877		Sep
	Oct	5,456	1,208	1,728	646	611	281	112	318	251	10,611		Oct
	Nov	4,152	809	1,076	1,031	604	219	71	213	331	8,506		Nov
	Dec	6,598	1,098	1,952	993	673	312	82	327	248	12,283		Dec
2018	Jan	5,206	804	2,129	528	570	251	63	317	262	10,130	2018	Jan
	Feb	2,606	381	1,238	606	490	229	63	385	268	6,266		Fév
	Mar	3,819	523	1,000	424	465	219	60	321	285	7,116		Mar
	Apr	4,878	820	1,308	491	589	319	105	392	291	9,193		Avr
	May	4,456	996	1,173	667	554	271	93	320	323	8,853		Mai

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

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
2013		15,410	4,096	1,782	167	1,293	915	1,007	566	375	25,611	2013	
2014		15,044	4,297	1,934	104	1,274	966	1,161	690	414	25,884	2014	
2015		17,406	3,557	1,672	95	1,206	1,008	1,045	569	404	26,962	2015	
2016		18,511	2,516	1,120	164	855	741	645	343	264	25,160	2016	
2017		21,967	2,463	1,036	118	797	712	564	358	233	28,248	2017	
2013	May	1,559	297	110	17	99	70	48	34	40	2,274	2013	Mai
2014	May	1,472	330	123	9	102	97	99	51	40	2,323	2014	Mai
2015	May	1,885	293	87	21	101	85	79	39	25	2,615	2015	Mai
2016	May	2,055	257	108	16	80	102	62	33	30	2,743	2016	Mai
2017	May	2,349	249	114	9	66	88	67	32	28	3,002	2017	Mai
	Jun	1,912	207	118	8	64	77	40	29	15	2,470		Juin
	Jul	1,453	188	77	8	90	63	35	31	15	1,960		Juil
	Aug	1,081	183	88	9	63	48	33	30	16	1,551		Aoû
	Sep	2,764	190	70	4	57	38	39	34	13	3,209		Sep
	Oct	1,652	247	71	20	74	66	50	20	21	2,221		Oct
	Nov	2,164	223	79	11	72	71	44	25	39	2,728		Nov
	Dec	2,652	116	28	4	29	19	28	14	13	2,903		Dec
2018	Jan	1,538	304	107	15	118	138	108	42	32	2,402	2018	Jan
	Feb	1,085	137	38	6	33	56	26	25	14	1,420		Fév
	Mar	1,329	140	38	4	24	59	23	18	17	1,652		Mar
	Apr	2,246	149	86	6	53	53	48	14	17	2,672		Avr
	May	2,322	143	47	13	33	81	47	13	15	2,714		Mai

Source: Immigration Department / Service de l'Immigration

Table 5 : Visitors Arriving by Air Intended Length of Stay*
Tableau 5 : Arrivée des Visiteurs à longue durée de Séjour

Year	Month	AVERAGE INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY / LA MOYENNE DE LONGUE DUREE DE SEJOUR			Année	Mois
		Port Vila	Luganville	Vanuatu		
2013		10.8	11.6	11.2	2013	
2014		9.5	11.5	10.5	2014	
2015		10.5	11.7	11.1	2015	
2016		10.2	11.6	10.9	2016	
2017		10.4	12.3	11.4	2017	
2013	May	9.5	12.6	11.0	2013	Mai
2014	May	8.8	13.1	11.0	2014	Mai
2015	May	10.4	14.3	12.3	2015	Mai
2016	May	9.3	13.3	11.3	2016	Mai
2017	May	10.4	17.2	13.8	2017	Mai
	Jun	11.2	12.2	11.7		Juin
	Jul	10.8	11.8	11.3		Juil
	Aug	9.6	11.8	10.7		Août
	Sep	9.5	10.9	10.2		Sep
	Oct	9.8	10.3	10.1		Oct
	Nov	7.4	11.0	10.4		Nov
	Dec	10.2	12.8	11.5		Dec
2018	Jan	10.7	12.9	11.8	2018	Jan
	Feb	13.5	15.8	14.6		Fév
	Mar	9.2	11.2	10.2		Mar
	Apr	11.4	10.2	10.8		Avr
	May	9.1	10.8	9.9		Mai

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

Table 6 : Visitors Arriving by Air Average Age
Tableau 6 : Arrivée des Visiteurs par Age moyen

Year	Month	AVERAGE AGE OF VISITORS / L'AGE MOYEN DES VISITEURS			Année	Mois		
		Port Vila	Luganville	Vanuatu				
2013	May	41.7	46.7	44.2	2013	Mai		
2014	May	41.8	44.3	43.1	2014	Mai		
2015	May	38.8	48.5	43.7	2015	Mai		
2016	May	42.0	45.6	43.8	2016	Mai		
2017	May	41.5	44.4	42.9	2017	Mai		
	Jun	39.2	38.2	38.7		Juin		
	Jul	37.8	40.5	39.2		Juil		
	Aug	41.6	44.1	42.8		Août		
	Sep	35.7	43.0	39.4		Sep		
	Oct	40.0	42.7	41.3		Oct		
	Nov	41.6	43.4	40.7		Nov		
	Dec	36.5	38.1	37.3		Dec		
	2018	Jan	36.4	39.4		37.9	2018	Jan
		Feb	40.1	46.1		43.1		Fév
		Mar	41.0	43.9		42.5		Mar
		Apr	36.9	40.5		38.7		Avr
May		39.3	48.1	43.7	Mai			

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

Table 7: Visitors travelling to Outer Islands, Vanuatu**Tableau 7: Les visiteurs en voyage d'Îles Extérieures, Vanuatu**

Year	Month	Tanna	Santo	Efate offshore Islands	Pentecost Island	Malekula	Ambrym	Other Islands	TOTAL	Année	Mois
				Efate et les îles côtières	îles Pentecôte	Malicolo		D'autres îles			
2014		6,343	4,739	2,144	379	636	521	1,349	16,111	2014	
2015		7,295	5,342	3,201	1,093	945	775	1,572	20,223	2015	
2016		7,774	6,861	4,328	820	935	863	1,973	23,554	2016	
2017		10,301	8,840	3,333	550	1,071	837	2,416	27,348	2017	
2014	May	424	352	148	62	36	33	80	1,135	2014	Mai
2015	May	356	366	258	38	31	39	130	1,218	2015	Mai
2016	May	578	529	270	87	49	81	147	1,741	2016	Mai
2017	May	758	688	334	147	65	73	169	2,234		Mai
	Jun	970	814	412	108	99	90	282	2,775		Juin
	Jul	1,433	1,352	542	42	119	115	384	3,987		Juil
	Aug	994	753	262	21	117	99	264	2,510		Aoû
	Sep	1,058	861	275	43	117	74	322	2,750		Sep
	Oct	1,085	878	318	41	157	120	298	2,897		Oct
	Nov	750	685	231	9	76	66	192	2,009		Nov
	Dec	838	657	131	28	92	28	129	1,903		Dec
2018	Jan	1,080	1,109	220	7	76	76	148	2,716	2018	Jan
	Feb	607	494	147	21	60	17	64	1,410		Fév
	Mar	404	428	130	10	33	27	118	1,150		Mar
	Apr	872	660	417	63	59	56	217	2,344		Avr
	May	928	824	499	130	112	72	183	2,748		Mai

Source: Department of Immigration

Note: Data on visitors travelling to outer islands is only available from May 2014