

Ports & Excursions



Luganville, Vanuatu

The second largest town in Vanuatu - the former New Hebrides - Luganville is a child of World War II. When America forces arrived on Espirito Santo in 1942, there were no facilities to unload ships, house troops or land American bombers. Engineers went to work erecting both the town and the BP Wharf. The island was soon home to the largest Pacific military base outside of Hawaii. Today, Luganville remains an important copra shipping port - but more and more seasoned travelers are drawn to Espirito Santo's promise of unspoiled beauty and relaxed island ways. Luganville is handy to superb white-sand beaches, tropical rainforest and some of the finest diving and snorkeling in the Pacific.

Divers consider the wreck of the President Coolidge one of the world's top dive sites. The 654-foot liner was serving as a troop transport when she struck two mines and went down in the Second Channel in 1942. The ship's holds are still filled with her cargo of military supplies.

Points of Interest

1 BP Wharf

Built by the Americans in 1942 to support the influx of the navy's large vessels, today, BP Wharf welcomes yachts, fishing boats and other marine craft.

2 Japanese Jail

This somber reminder of Luganville's role during World War II once held the surviving crewmembers of two Japanese patrol boats that were sunk by the USS San Juan

3 Million Dollar Point

At the end of WWII, thousands of tons of wartime equipment - worth a million dollars - was dumped into the sea. Today, it's a popular dive site full of bulldozers, cranes, forklifts, and marine life.

4 Euart's Memorial

Near Million Dollar Point stands this simple tribute to Capt. Euart who sacrificed his life saving the men of the SS President Coolidge after it struck a mine in the harbor and sank in 1942.

5 Beachfront Resort

This accommodating resort situated in Luganville boasts a restaurant, an outdoor pool, a poolside bar and a bar/lounge. And was the site of a small boat base in WW2

6 Runsuc Village

7 Nearby Village

8 Cultural Activity Park

Offering an in-depth look at the island's culture, this fascinating center showcases a number of exciting attractions and activities unique to the island such as the snake dance and artisans creating amazing arts and crafts.

Special Child Pricing Available!

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Sightseeing & City Tours



Relics of World War II LU1-105 | Luganville, Vanuatu

You will visit:

1 2

You will see:

3 4



3
hours

from \$99.95 (AUD)

View the dramatic reminders of Allied occupation during WWII with a fascinating and poignant visit of area locations. Some the moving memorials include visits to the Japanese jail and the original Bomber One airfield known as Ballero. Plenty of photo stops offers views of Euart's Memorial and Million Dollar Point. .



Cultural Activity Park LU1-205 | Luganville, Vanuatu

You will visit:

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1.5
hours

from \$69.95 (AUD)

Get to know the cultural heritage of the local Ni-Vanuatu people with a visit to Luganville Cultural Activity Village. Watch villagers perform the Sea Snake dance, prepare traditional foods and a number of crafts like weaving and woodcarving. You'll even have a chance to do a little shopping for souvenirs.



Santo Horse Trek Safari LU1-430 | Luganville, Vanuatu



3.5
hours

from \$209.95 (AUD)

Saddle up for a horseback ride and see the island's picturesque scenery from a different perspective. When you get off the beaten path you'll ride through the verdant jungle forest, past deep blue lagoons, along white sand beaches and a coconut plantation.



Riri River Canoe Expedition & The Blue Hole LU1-770 | Luganville, Vanuatu



3
hours

from \$119.95 (AUD)

Explore the island's interior the same way many of the locals do - by wooden dugout canoe. Paddle the Riri River through the island's lush forests. Your destination is Espirito Santo's legendary Blue Hole - a freshwater pool. Take a refreshing swim in the azure and crystal-clear waters.



Northern Seaside & The Blue Hole LU1-775 | Luganville, Vanuatu



3.5
hours

from \$89.95 (AUD)

Take a dip in a mesmerizing Blue Hole, stretch out under a swaying palm tree, and indulge in the tranquil surroundings of Velit Bay Plantation, which boasts one mile of soft white sandy beaches, clear blue tropical water and coral reefs ideal for snorkeling and diving.



Hibiscus Lagoon
LU1-810 | Luganville, Vanuatu



3
hours

from **\$69.95 (AUD)**

A freshwater spring feeds Hibiscus Lagoon, a cool oasis surrounded by island forest. Steps offer easy access to swimmers. Enjoy free time to swim, relax in the shade or visit one of the island vendors for a massage or hair-braiding session.



Certified Scuba Safari - The President Coolidge
LU1-995 | Luganville, Vanuatu



2.5
hours

from **\$159.95 (AUD)**

Take a dive and go on a certified scuba safari into the undersea world of the SS President Coolidge, the largest and most accessible dive wreck in the world. Accidentally sunk by a friendly mine, the WWII troop ship lies on its side 320 feet away from the shore.