BACKGROUND

A trip to MALAMPA is a unique cultural experience, a chance to learn about an ancient people in Malekula, the Big Nambas, to see traditional dancing and sand drawing in Ambrym.

Visit Smol Nambas cannibal sites in North Malekula, trek through the jungles and visit untouched waterfalls in South Malekula or the lunar-like ash plains of Central Ambrym. Journey to MALAMPA for an opportunity to swim with dugongs in Gaspard Bay or snorkel in the turquoise waters of the Maskelyne Islands.

MALAMPA Province gets its name from the islands of Malekula (MAL), Ambrym (AM) and Paama (PA). The region also includes a number of smaller islands along the coast of Malekula and the uninhabited volcanic island of Lopevi. The islands of MALAMPA are steeped in tradition, culture and history and an ‘untouched’ wilderness. The province also contains the twin volcanoes of Mt Benbow (1160 m) and Mt Marum (1270 m) on the island of Ambrym or the ‘black magic island’.

The people of MALAMPA province are proud of their cultural heritage and pristine environment, they invite you to come relax, enjoy and learn about the wonders of their home. #
MALEKULA

Shaped like a dog sitting down, Malekula is the second largest island in Vanuatu and also one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse islands.

There are over thirty different languages spoken on the island but what really typifies Malekula are the ancient tribes which used to live up in the hills: the Big Nambas in the North and the Smol Nambas in the central part of the southern area. The names Big and Smol Nambas relate to the size of the penis sheath coverings worn everyday by the men in ancient times. These were made out of banana or pandanus leaves and are still worn by some tribes today.

In the villages of Smol Nambas, the men would sleep in one house; the "amel" while the women and children would sleep all together in another house. It was the Smol Nambas in the southwest who introduced the practice of elongating the heads of their young children, a custom unique to this area of Vanuatu. Only a handful of elderly survivors of this traditional practice remain.

In ancient Big Nambas tribes it was standard practice for a village chief to have several wives, a traditional which continues in some parts today. Tribal warfare was very common, and would flare up at the least provocation. They would cease after killing three or four opponents and would then celebrate, finishing off with a repast in which their victims often figured on the menu.

Today many visitors are intrigued by Malekula’s history of Cannibalism. There are many ancient cannibal sites still hidden in the bush. These remnants of the old ways can be visited in the North of the island both in Big Nambas and Smol Nambas territory.

The interior of Malekula is mountainous, rugged and forest-covered with good hiking and bird watching. Custom is still a very important part of life in Malekula. Traditional dance, songs and other ceremonies such as circumcision and grade taking continue within the lives of contemporary man-Malekula. The villagers are exceptionally proud of their cultural heritage and eager to share their rich traditional history with visitors.
**North West Malekula**

**BIG NAMBA S BUNGALOW**

**TENMARU**

Big Nambas Bungalow is probably one of the most unique places to stay in Malekula, or even in Vanuatu! Perched on top of a rock above the water's edge this bungalow is located in the heart of Big Nambas country, just two hours by road from Norsup Airport. You can walk over a bamboo bridge to your traditional-style bungalow, sit down on the verandah, and enjoy the stunning sea views. Your meals served in the garden restaurant or on your own veranda overlooking the ocean.

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**DRAM–DRAM BUNGALOW**

Dram-Dram Bungalow is located at Losinwei, on a large black sand beach, only thirty minutes drive from Norsup Airport. The site is nestled in a garden and decorated with amazing tropical flowers and trees. The bungalow is traditionally constructed using local materials. Chief Setla, your host, knows about local custom and is able to reveal some of the stories of the secret sites nearby.

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**PIALO SMALL KASTOM VILLAGE BUNGALOW**

Pialo Small Kastom Village bungalows offer basic traditional accommodation situated in a local village. Pialo refers to the Spirit of the Pialo Cave nearby. The owner Beatrice has built seven small traditional houses to host her family and visitors interested in a truly authentic experience.

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TAM TAM BUNGALOW
VAO

Located just 90 minutes north of Norsup Airport at Vao Mainland, Tam Tam provides traditional-style accommodation for tourists in a tranquil seaside setting, with views across to the nearby small island of Vao. Tam Tam has three bungalows (double and singles available), each built using local materials with private shower and flush toilet. Tam Tam also has its own restaurant and conference facilities.

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Wala Mainland

Nawori Seaview Bungalow

Nawori is located in Northeast Malekula at the heart of traditional Small Nambas tribal culture. Built with a traditional Malekula bamboo wall and natangura thatched roof, the bungalow contains two double rooms and two single rooms, with shared flush toilet and shower. The garden restaurant specialises in Melanesian cuisine and uses fresh vegetables from the family gardens.

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Central Malekula

AMELENEAR BUNGALOWS
NORSUP

Amelenear Bungalow is located two minutes from Norsup Airport. Owner and operator Evri Tessi offers guests two very basic rooms with private showers and bathroom. There is also a small cafe and serving lunch and dinner and an onsite canteen.

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AMEL TORO BUNGALOW
NORSUP

Amel Toro's three charming bungalows are built in traditional style, each containing one double and one single bed, plus modern shower and toilet facilities. All bungalows have their own sea fronts with views of Norsup Small Island. Your hosts Rona and Joe speak good French and English and are happy to help you in any way they can.

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Jiongnari Guesthouse
URIPIV ISLAND

This quaint little guesthouse only contains one room but it is situated on a dazzling white sandy beach with wonderful snorkelling right outside your doorstep. Amenities are basic - bucket shower and water seal toilet but the location and privacy make up for it. Dine in separate traditional hut right on the beach. This is also great for day trips and picnics!

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Lakatoro Palm Lodge
LAKATORDO

The Lodge is nestled in a tranquil spot amongst trees near the Lakatoro Main Road, with beautiful views over a coconut palm plantation. The convenient location, traditional construction and modern amenities will appeal to tourists on the move. New separate private bungalow with its own en-suite and views from the shower to the open sky. Ten minutes drive from Norsup airport, five minutes walk to Lakatoro Business Centre and Lakatoro Trading Centre.

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**LTC Holiday Units**

LTC Holiday Units is set in the heart of Lakatoro central business district very close to the LTC super market, National Bank and Air Vanuatu. It is an ideal place for business travellers as well as tourists. Owner Naewen Tamendal offers fan rooms and air conditioned rooms with private facilities where you can cook your own meals. Kimberley’s or Pascarine restaurants nearby are open for lunch only.

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**Malampa Province Guesthouse**

Malampa Province Guesthouse contains six units with shared bathroom facilities set up on the hill of the Provincial Centre. There is also a backpacker’s dormitory with large communal room, kitchen and three bedrooms with eight beds in each and shared bathroom facilities. The Cultural Centre is close by with a community library.

**Contact** Marie Donna for more details.

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**MDC Guesthouse and Backpackers**

Located at the southern end of town opposite the market, this property offers spacious rooms with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. It is located behind MDC store with modern building and can offer fan or air-conditioned rooms. It is recommended for backpackers and business travellers.

**Contact** Trelly Veremaito for any booking or enquiries.

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**Nabelchel Bungalows**

Norsup

These bungalows are a five minute walk from Norsup airport set in a lush beautiful garden. The main bungalow, made from traditional materials contains two double bedrooms, each with its own adjoining facilities and shared kitchen. There is also a dormitory style bungalow with private bathroom and two additional private bungalows.

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**Nanwut Bungalow**

**Uri Island**

This cute romantic getaway is situated just twenty minutes from the Norsup airport. Your hosts Jack and Lines speak fluent English and will do everything possible to ensure you have a pleasant stay. The two waterfront bungalows are built right on the beach in traditional style. One bungalow has a double and the other has two single beds with shared modern shower and toilet facilities. They also provide ice and an Eski if you bring drinks.

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**Ngaim Orsel Guesthouse**

**Uripiv Island**

This guesthouse has three bedrooms, a self contained kitchen, lounge and electricity when needed as well as a shared bathroom. It also has an onsite library.

Charter boats available or alternatively catch a public boat between 4pm and 4.30pm weekdays returning 7 – 7.30am to Lakatoro wharf.

**Contact** Kalki Reganvanu for more details.

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**South East Malekula**

**Dravail Village Home-Stay**

Dravail

For travellers looking for a truly unique experience spend a night in Dravail Village living with a host family. Learn secrets of Vanuatu home cooking, drink Kava with the local men or simply play soccer with the kids. Located in the heart of a family Nasara (family area), this bungalow contains one double bedroom and one twin share. The rooms share a flush toilet and shower in an adjoining hut.

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**Levi's Guesthouse**

Levi's Guesthouse provides suitable accommodation for families and budget travellers who are seeking basic, clean facilities and easy access to village life and community-based activities. This guesthouse contains one double room and two twin share. The rooms share modern amenities in huts adjoining the guesthouse. Levi has a basic restaurant or optional self-catering facilities.

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**Saint Marie Guesthouse**

Located in the centre of a beautiful garden, this guesthouse contains double, single and twin share rooms. The rooms share a new flush toilet and modern shower in a hut adjoining the guesthouse. Your hosts Lulu and Loretta will do everything in their power to make sure your stay is enjoyable. Loretta’s cooking is fantastic and you can be sure you will never go hungry!

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**Malalaf Beach Bungalows**

Treat yourself to a stay in our peaceful bungalows nestled among shady trees on private beach, away from the hum of everyday life. Ambong Philip has built four double basic, yet beautiful bungalows for his guests and works hard to ensure all comforts and needs are met. Breakfast is served on the beach giving guests views of passing dugongs as they drink their morning coffee. Perfect for a romantic getaway!

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**Batis Seaside Guesthouse**

The Sethric Phillip family has created welcoming guesthouses consisting of three rooms, with clear views across to Ambrym. It also boasts a good flush toilet and shower. Batis Seaside provides suitable accommodation for families and travellers who are seeking to experience village life and activities. Plans to build a further three bungalows commenced in late 2012 and should be completed by mid 2013.

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**Malog Bungalows**

Kalo and Nina Nathaniel invite you to stay in one of their waterside bungalows in the village of Peskarus. There are three bungalows with double, single and triple rooms available. Their large outdoor restaurant and entertaining area is the perfect place to relax after a day out on the water or spent exploring the island. You won’t be disappointed by their culinary skills as Kalo has spent several years working as a professional cook and will create dishes to write home about!

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**South West**

**Alo Lodge**

Situated near the Wintua airport George Thompson, the owner meets most flights and can arrange tours and transfers. The guesthouse has three bedrooms, and a wide veranda for dining.

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LUMETE BEACH BUNGALOW
LABO

Close to the beach this small bungalow has two rooms, one twin and one double. This a great place to begin your tour of the South West Smol Nambas tribes. Toilet and shower facilities are basic but clean and meals are provided in a separate dining hut.

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North East Malekula
AMELBATI CANNIBAL SITE TOUR
AT RANO

Tour is 2 hour duration with a 30 minute easy walk each way. Your guide leads you on a short walk through the bush to the ancient Nasara (ceremonial ground) of the Amelbati Tribe. This is probably one of the earliest Nasara in the area, later abandoned when the local people moved to the nearby small islands of Rano and Wala. The Nasara was the centre of community life where all important ceremonies took place. See the aged standing boulders, representing the families of the community, the sacred place of the chiefs containing their memorial stones, skulls, conch shell trumpets, and buried magic stones as well as the curiously-quiet cannibal site, an area where human flesh was prepared and cooked and where the remains of long-forgotten victims lie discarded and buried.

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DOG’S HEAD WALK

Coast to coast, a two day walk through the Dog’s Head in the north of Malekula Island!

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DAY 1 Our 4WD will drive you up to the North East coast to Atchin (two hours) where you meet your personal guide. Your two days adventure start with an easy walk following a truck track through coconut and cocoa plantations then follow a single track through local gardens and bamboo forest. After a traditional lunch at Botco with the villagers, it’s less than a one hour walk into the rainforest to the untouched Kalele village. You spend the night here in a house made of local materials. In the evening experience the taste of kava with the village chief under the stars.

DAY 2 A seven hour walk up and down a single bush track. Highlights are: crossing rivers with nice pools to swim, big Banyan trees, traditional villages, and opportunity to interact with the locals doing their daily tasks. Lunch at Womul village with the chief who has three wives. At the end enjoy a swim in a rock pool watching the sunset near your guesthouse.

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HONE VAGHAL SMALL NAMBASES TOUR
AT VAO

“Hone Vaghal” means “the secret magic place of the village of Hone”, and it’s less than a ten minutes walk from Tam-Tam Bungalows, or just ninety minutes by 4WD from Norsup or Lakatoro. The high chief will welcome and introduce you to the Small Nambas men and women dressed in their traditional style. You will watch the energetic dancing, accompanied by traditional chanting and singing. When you have seen some of the local custom practices, such as “devil hunting”, games and weaving, you will feast on the local delicacy sor-sor lap-lap cooked with hot stones and dipped in coconut milk.

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SMALL NAMBASES TOUR
AT RANO – NEMI GORTIEN SER CULTURE

Organised by one of the last Small Nambas custom schools, this tour is a unique opportunity to discover the fascinating culture and traditions of the Nemi Gortien Ser (Spirit of Unity) people. Chief Amedee is the guardian of the custom of his people and organizes this two-hour tour including custom dances, traditional skills displays, food tastings and sand drawings. Tours operate at 10 am every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, bookings essential other days by request only.

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**Wala Island**

**HISTORICAL SITE TOUR AT WALA ISLAND**

Arriving by canoe on the white sandy beach, your guide will introduce you to the local Wala lifestyle. A walk through the island takes you to three ancient historical sites where there are pig-counting rocks, massive monoliths brought to the island by manpower alone and many custom stories. Afterwards there is an opportunity to swim and relax on the beach; your guide will provide fresh organic fruit and juice.

Tours operates every day. Half day tour, morning or afternoon.

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**Central Malekula**

**BIG NAMBAS TOUR AT MAE**

The Big Nambas Tour at Mae hints back to a time when the Big Nambas were feared warriors and cannibals. But don’t worry! Chief Jean-Marc and his people will offer you nothing but friendship, hospitality, and a genuine desire to share the richness of the Nalint (or Naling) custom with you.

Hear the stories of custom life for the Nalint people, as told through a selection of their ceremonial dances for the namangi ceremony. Admire the intricately woven headaddresses and skirts of the women, and the energy of the men. Conclude your Big Nambas experience with traditional refreshments. Tours operate at 2 pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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**North West Malekula**

**LOSINWEI CASCADES AND WATERFALL WALK AT WALA ISLAND**

This fabulous, picturesque walk takes you past a multitude of small natural swimming pools in the limestone rock smoothed by the flow of water and time. Walking under the canopy of the green tropical coastal jungle with tiny orchids and other flowering irises your guide will help you negotiate the numerous rock pools and the rocky riverside track cutting vegetation away as you pass. After negotiating a steep rock face you will arrive at the powerful and majestic roaring waterfall to swim and splash in its secret elevated pools and through the hidden crevices.

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**BIG NAMBAS TREK**

A fantastic inland day-trek through the north-western coastal jungle of Malekula Island. This trek takes you up through the bush and gardens of North West Malekula crossing Big Nambas territories and visiting local Francophone and English communities before arriving at spectacular Tenmaru to view the sunset on the black-sand beach and take a refreshing swim in the cool waters.

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**BIG NAMBAS AMOKH TRIBAL TOUR AT UNMET**

Experience the stories of the Amokh people as told through a selection of their ceremonial dances and through demonstrations of practices including traditional ceremonial kava preparation (Men only), roasting of local ‘kakae’ on an open fire, and demonstration of the art of Cat’s Cradle by the women. Admire the intricately feathered headaddresses, elaborate pink-dyed nambas and the bush-derived black body paint over the bodies of the men as they energetically stomp and sing out their ancient dances.

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For those travellers interested in learning about Lamap’s rich cultural heritage the Mahah Bariga Batou performs several unique Smol Nambars kastom (custom) dances still used today for many traditional ceremonies such as circumcision, kastom weddings, and namangi rites. Tour timeframes depend on which dances are being performed but range from thirty to ninety minutes. If visiting in the afternoon, the performers invite you to drink kava with them and hear custom stories.

Please call Joseph to organize a performance or alternatively contact the Lamap Eco-Tourism Committee.

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This full day canoe tour takes you from the Lamap Point through the Dravail Conservation Area to Gaspard Bay, a well-known Dugong feeding ground. Swim with these gentle giants before picnicking on your own private beach. Afterwards enjoy snorkelling along the coral reef in the Marine Protected Area at Point Doucere or relax on the white sand under the palms. Please note these are wild animals and as such we cannot guarantee their whereabouts all the time.

For the best chance of sightings arrange to go early in the morning.

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This half day canoe tour takes you from Point Doucere through the Dravail Conservation Area to Gaspard Bay, a well-known Dugong feeding ground. Paddle the half hour crossing yourself or relax and let your guides take control. Once you have arrived in the bay you can swim with these gentle giants or simply admire them from the boat. Then return to Point Doucere and enjoy refreshments in the picnic hut (BBQs can also be organised). Afterwards enjoy snorkelling along the coral reef in the Marine Protected Area or relax on the white sand under the palms. Please note these are wild animals and as such we cannot guarantee their whereabouts all the time.

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An intrepid five-day guided trek through the jungle interior of Vanuatu’s fabled Malekula Island. Your own Manbush guide introduces you to bush life and stories. You are welcomed into villages still practicing many of their ancient customs. Travel by truck, foot and boat on a circuit from Norsup/Lakatoro, down the east coast, across the interior, and back up the west coast.

**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1 NORSUP/LAKATORO – UNUA BY TRUCK (TWO HOURS), THEN UNUA - LAMBURE (SIX HOUR WALK APPROX.)**

Our truck collects you from your accommodation, taking you down the east coast to the start of your guided walk. You hear stories of custom life, stopping at Melken for a tour of the village. You then continue your walk to the picturesque village of Lambure, where you spend the night at the local guesthouse.

**DAY 2 LAMBURE - MT LAIMEBE (SIX HOUR WALK APPROX.)**

You camp out in a bush shelter on top of Mt Laimbele, where you may catch sight of the awesome glow from the volcanoes of Ambrym.

**DAY 3 MT LAIMEBE - LEBONGBONG (SIX HOUR WALK APPROX.)**

Keep an eye out for the birdlife, and you may even spot some wild cattle. You arrive at your guesthouse in Lebongbong in the afternoon ready to enjoy some special Manbush food (in season). Nesowong is a dish made from bush banana, water taro and coconut milk.

**DAY 4 LEBONGBONG - LAWA (EIGHT HOUR WALK APPROX.)**

Highlights of the day include visits to a cave, nakamal and waterfall. Big banyan trees feature along the trail as well. You complete your trek at the Lawa guesthouse.

**DAY 5 LAWA - LAMBUMBU BY BOAT (THREE HOURS), THEN LAMBUMBU-NORSUP OR LAKATORO BY TRUCK (THIRTY MINUTES)**

Our boat takes you up the west coast of Malekula to Lambumbu, where our truck meets you for the ride back to Norsup/Lakatoro.

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**MARIEU GARDEN TOUR**

This half-day guided tour takes you, on foot, from your guesthouse to the local food gardens in the hills above Lamap. This hour long walk is steep and can be slippery during the wet season so good footwear is essential. In the gardens learn about local planting techniques and alean kaikai (island food) before helping with the harvest of seasonal fruits, root crops and nuts. Afterwards enjoy a picnic and taste the fruits of your labour from a vantage point with views of Ambrym, Paama and Epi.

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**SAKAO ISLAND GARDEN TOUR**

Visit the ‘garden’ island of the Maskelynes - Sakao, set aside for forests and gardens. No one lives here, however locals tending to gardens and cutting copra visit it regularly. Beginning with a speedboat ride to a sandy beach on the nearest side of the island we then make a two hour forest and garden walk. Your guides will share with you their horticultural knowledge as they show you their gardens and gather snacks of fruits and nuts along the way. The walk then drops down from the rainforest to the beautiful white sand beach “Bongnar”. Here a special island lunch awaits you. After lunch your guides can take you snorkelling on the reef close to the shore and there’s the chance to explore the old village here on the beach. Return to the main island of Uleveo by speed boat in the afternoon.

FOR MORE INFORMATION TALK TO YOUR MASKELYNES GUESTHOUSE OWNER

**AVOHK ISLAND ADVENTURE**

This canoe tour visits three islands within the Avohk Island group and includes snorkelling, short walks, a village tour and trip to the school and gardens. Start with a speedboat ride to Bagetelle Island, a tiny island with no inhabitants; just sand beaches, forest and historic ruins left by French traders. From here head out to a Marine Protected Area for some great snorkelling before paddling over to the main island of Avohk. Here a local lap lap feast awaits. After lunch walk around the village, look at traditional houses, cooking methods and dugout canoes. Then we paddle the canoe over to the small island of Urkake where the children go to school. See the gardens here and find out why the Ni-Vanuatu people are so connected to nature before returning to your guesthouse.

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**VULAI ISLAND PICNIC TOUR**

Jump aboard a speedboat in the morning and head out for some world-class snorkelling. Explore coral gardens, drop offs and caverns while your guides spear fish for lunch. Next head to shore for a short walk to the beach on the southern side of Vulai Island. Enjoy refreshments of fresh fruit and drinking coconuts as your guides begin to cook up a traditional roast fish and vegetable feast. Walk to the end of the sand beach and visit a look out before heading to the turtle-nesting beach, which is protected by the chiefs. Enjoy a snorkel or lazing in the rock pools before heading back for lunch. Relax on the beach, go for a swim or explore before returning to Uleveo.

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**HERITAGE PADDLE TOUR**

This half day guided tour takes you on a journey of Lutes village hidden past. Paddling an outrigger canoe you will visit ruins on the island of Honuweo, which was abandoned after an earthquake in 1965. Pack your swimming gear and check out the snorkelling nearby. Your paddling continues back to Uleveo passing through an elusive canal of mangroves. Learn about traditional uses of plants as your guide leads you through the forest, explaining the rich history of the area from the time missionaries first arrived in the Maskelyne Islands. Lunch of island style food is served at the end of the tour at Malaflaf Beach Bungalows.

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AMBRYM

The island of Ambrym owes its name to Captain Cook who anchored off there in 1774. It means “here are yams” (ham rim in Ranon language).

When you go inland, you will be struck by the greenish vegetation (a sort of moss) that covers the ancient lava flows. However, stay longer and you will see that Ambrym is first and foremost the “black” island due to its volcanic ash and because of its ‘black magic’ steeped in mystery. In the villages, the ancient customs play a significant part in day to day living. The “Men blong Majik” are treated with the utmost respect and practise sorcery and magic beyond all imaginings. In addition to the two volcanoes which you can visit by helicopter in one day, taking off from Port Vila or on foot from the coast, Ambrym prides itself on some unique characteristics, such as the sculpted tamtams, sand-drawing, fern masks and local dances.

Ambrym is famous for its magnificent tamtams (or slit gongs) sculpted out of tree trunks. They are the most impressive items of art in Vanuatu. The dancing areas in the traditional villages are decorated with these slit gongs, planted in the ground, which can measure several metres high. They are used to beat the rhythm for the singing and dancing during ceremonial rituals. You will see others being used for decorative purposes in hotel reception halls or gardens, in private residences and in some offices or gardens of the Government.

Mt Benbow (1160 m) and Mt Marum (1270 m) volcanoes are constantly making their presence felt. They are located in the middle of the island and form a huge caldera some 10 to 12 km diameter. Successive eruptions in 1913, 1929, 1937, 1946, 1950 and 1979 caused a lot of damage.

The most striking custom dance is the Rom dance. It is held every year in Northern Ambrym and is followed by a pig-killing ceremony. It is exclusively a male event and kept very secret.

The masks, which are made especially for this event, are superb. The outfits worn for the dance are destroyed immediately when it is finished so the spirits won’t haunt the dancers. Other local dances are more open to the public eye, they include: Hipipir, Welele or Roplar, to celebrate the New Year or marriages.

Magnificent Sand drawings are also found here. Originally used to depict a story and were drawn as the story developed. At the end, the finished picture would represent a turtle, a canoe or a human face, which would be in relation with the story. Nowadays, such drawings are more often used to leave a message. The most skilled artists can continue drawing until the picture is finished without lifting their hand once.
>> South East Ambrym

**SEA ROAR BUNGALOWS**

Two charming double story bungalows stands in the middle of a lush garden. Sea Roar offers guests two bedrooms with modern facilities and food provided. Drift off to the sounds of the ocean nearby.

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**ZANOLI GUESTHOUSE**

This basic house contains three bedrooms, bucket shower and bucket flush toilet facilities. Meals provided upon request.

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>> West Ambrym

**BAE LUK GUESTHOUSE**

Bae Luk Guesthouse has a lovely little garden with pineapples, bananas, breadfruit and other trees. It is frequented mostly by tourists trekking across the volcanic ash plain via Meltungon. There are two single beds, a double bed and a little kitchen facility with gas. Bae Luke Guesthouse has a modern shower and flush toilet. Meals can be prepared by Bae Luke’s family on request.

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**CRAIG COVE GUESTHOUSE**

This guesthouse at Craig Cove is only a fifteen minute walk from the airport, convenient for travellers arriving or departing by air. Craig Cove Guesthouse is modern, with generator electricity in the evenings. There are three bedrooms; with double, single and twin share options available. The guesthouse has shared shower (bucket shower) and water seal toilet, also contains a kitchen and self-catering facilities.

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CRAG COTTAGE

Located in Wuro village this neat but basic guesthouse contains six bunk beds, a kitchen and outdoor toilet and shower facilities.

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TERTER HOTSPRING BUNGALOWS

Terter Hotspring Bungalows is located at Malver village only twenty minutes walk from Craig Cove airport and two minutes walk down to the Hotspring, a great spot to visit after hiking up to the volcano. The hot pools caused by the volcano create a natural saltwater jacuzzi at low tide. Terter Hotspring Bungalows contain two bedroom units, one with a double bed and one with two single beds and a communal kitchen and shared bathroom facilities.

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SYLLINE GUESTHOUSE

If it is a quiet seaside village setting with open views to the ocean past a quaint white and blue Catholic concrete church and the local primary school you are after - Sylline is for you. This newly built guesthouse is nestled amongst bamboo-lined coral pathways in a delightful tropical garden.

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SAM'S GUESTHOUSE

Sam's Guesthouse offers very comfortable and spacious accommodation conveniently close to the airport and in a quiet area of Craig Cove, West Ambrym. This guesthouse is an excellent option for large groups, couples, families and business visitors.

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SITUATED IN BIPA VILLAGE THIS TWO STORY GUESTHOUSE HAS TWO BEDROOMS.

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Contact Helen in Bipa Village for our two-story guesthouse with two bedrooms.

TAVIR GUESTHOUSE

This basic guesthouse has four bedrooms (each with two beds), a kitchen with gas cooking and a veranda looking out over the bay.

CONTACT KEVIN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Contact Kevin in tuna village for our basic guesthouse with four bedrooms.

NOBERT GUESTHOUSE

Norbert Guesthouse is situated in Biap village this cute two-story guesthouse has two bedrooms, one double and one twin share, flush toilet and modern shower facilities and a separate dining hut in which to enjoy your meals.

CONTACT JACOB FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Contact Jacob in Biap village for our two-story guesthouse with two bedrooms.

RANON BEACH BUNGALOWS

Ranon Beach Bungalows in North Ambrym are built using local materials and located right on the seafront on a beautiful shiny black sand beach, with amazing views over-looking the tranquil ocean. Worth a visit to see the fantastic Rom Dance!

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SOLOMON DOUGLAS GUESTHOUSE

Solomon Douglas Guesthouse (named after its founder) offers basic guesthouse accommodation 10 minute walk up the hill from Ranon Beach. There are two conjoined rooms that can provide accommodation for up to five people. The bathrooms consist of a single bucket shower and toilet. A fixed menu of simple cuisine made of local products is available.

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Contact Jack in Ranon village for our basic guesthouse with basic amenities.

SAM'S VACATION GATEWAY

Situated in Biap village this cute two-story guesthouse has two bedrooms.

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PRESTBRETTIAN GUESTHOUSE

In the heart of Wuro village this one-two bedroom guesthouse has two bedrooms.

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ENDU CULTURAL TOUR

South East Ambrym

Spend a day in the life of Endu village in South East Ambrym. This one hour and half guided tour begins with a traditional welcome by the village warriors you will watch the energetic dancing, accompanied by ancient chanting and singing. Next learn about how to live ‘island style’ with a chance at trying out your hand at traditional skills such as trapping and snaring wild bush chickens. Then watch the women’s traditional cooking displays and learn about the men’s carving techniques and even how to make custom medicine. Refreshments are provided.

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North Ambrym

FANLA ROM DANCE & BLACK MAGIC TOUR

From Ranon beach walk through the stunning tropical forest high in to the hills where people from Fanla Village will demonstrate for you the famous Rom Dances - traditionally performed only on very special occasions. The Rom or ‘Masked’ dance is a sacred event associated with magic and it is believed to influence harvests. Watch a full schedule of hypnotic costumed dances as well as listen to beautiful and haunting bamboo flute music and witness a small display of mysterious ‘Black Magic’ only performed by special sorcerers – ‘the man blong blak majik’.

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South West Ambrym

HAWOR CULTURAL TOUR

The chiefs of West Ambrym have decided to share their Nakamal and kastom with tourists and have re-opened their traditional ceremonial site to demonstrate their local dances and way of life. This is a unique opportunity to watch the Rom Dance where dancers are immersed in amazing pandanus and banana leaf cloaks and intricately crafted painted Rom masks. The dancers stomp and hoot to the beat among a crowd of colourful and imposing painted tam-tam. They also share their skills and knowledge of carving, sand-drawing, black magic and stories.

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>> Volcano Day Tour, North Return Trek
**RANVETLAM**

1 DAY

A full day trek (10 hours walk, 23kms return) takes you up to the volcano crater of Mt Marum. On the crater edge you will be able to look straight into a lake of red boiling lava 200m wide. An unforgettable walk that will offer you amazing views over the island and ash plains. This trek is strenuous and only recommended for people who are fit and used to covering long distances on difficult terrain.

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>> Volcano Cross-Over, West to North Trek
**PORT VATO TO RANVETLAM**

2 DAYS/1 NIGHT

This is a more comprehensive two day package with one night at West Camp. From the drop-off to camp is a 4 to 5 hours rough hike hacking through jungle and clambering along a gorge. It is a rewarding journey, but not for true ill-prepared, unfit or faint of heart. This option is ideal for those who want to enjoy culture at either end of the trek – tam tama, carvings, and Fanla Rom Dance and Black Magic Tour.

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>> Volcano Overnighter, West Return Trek
**PORT VATO**

2 DAYS/1 NIGHT

This is the easiest way up the volcanoes with only one night camping in comfortable West Camp. The lava flows and ash dust which surrounds the two volcanoes creates a landscape more reminiscent of the moon than a tropical island. Enter a lunar landscape as you climb to the edge of Mount Marum crater and view the awesome red lava lake below.

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>> Volcano Cross-Over, West to South East Trek
**PORT VATO TO ENDU**

3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

This comprehensive three day package includes a hike to both volcanoes with two overnight stays at both West and East Camp. This is the recommended option for hiking and volcano enthusiasts. You walk through a desert-like landscape, with only sparse green mosses and grasses dotting the edge of the plain. This trek offers spectacular views of both Mt Benbow and Mt Marum with their plumes of smoke and lakes of molten lava. Walk past a “rivers of scoria” – lava flows from previous eruptions. Pick up “hair of pig” strands from the trail – fresh glass fibres blown from the molten lava.

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