



PERSPECTIVE TREK

SOAR Survivor Adventure

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Adventure Itinerary

Day 1: Brisbane to Port Vila – Grand Hotel

Day 2: Port Vila – Southwest Bay – Melip Village

Day 3: Melip Village – Farun Village

Day 4: Farun Village – Hokai Village – Peskarus Village

Day 5: Peskarus Village – Gaspard Bay – Sakoa Island

Day 6: Sakoa Island – Vulai Island

Day 7: Vulai Island – Peskarus

Day 8: Peskarus Village – Ambrym Island – Marum Volcano Camp 1

Day 9: Marum Volcano Camp 1 – Marum Volcano – Port Vatu

Day 10: Port Vatu – Craig's Cove – Port Villa

Travel day

Day 11: Port Vila - Brisbane

Day 1: Brisbane to Port Vila

Flight from Brisbane to Port Villa. Flight: Virgin VA171, 1050 to 1430hrs

On arrival to accommodation in Port Vila, we will pack our hiking gear into provided packs and leave all other clean clothing etc. at Hotel storage awaiting our return.

Have a look around Vila and buy any last minute provisions (snacks). All food is provided on the trek, however get favourite snacks if you like etc.

There are no Banks and ATMs on Malekula so get some cash in order to buy souvenirs from the locals. Also buy a phone from Au Bon Marche' (super market). Buy a dual sim (TVL and Digicel) this will get you comms wherever you are on Malekula for texting or ringing back home. Make sure you buy some credit although you can buy credit at Malekula if need be. Cost of phone is approx. \$20AU

We will be staying at the Grand Hotel in the city centre which is close to all amenities. Please be aware that food and drinks in Port Vila, pre and post trek is not included in the tour price.

Day 2: Port Vila to Melip Village: 18.5km

Flight: Air Vanuatu NF212, 0830 to 0915hrs. We will leave our accommodation and take a short bus trip to the domestic airport where we will board a Twin Otter and take a short flight to Southwest Bay on the Island of Malekula. We will then make last minute preparations in the small village of Wintua then start our hike phase of the tour. From Southwest Bay we will climb into the ranges to approximately 200m elevation. We will experience some beautiful jungle with huge strangler figs and an abundance of bush tucker. From here we will follow a series of ridges down to the Village of Melip which is our first night stop.

Day 3: Melip Village to Farun Village: 25km

This will be our first big day walking. From Melip Village, it is a short walk across Woromar Point to Milvorbang Bay where we will have a 2km beach walk looking across the Bay into the beautiful turquoise coloured water fringed with coral reef. We will continue on across Rankinhunbus Point and into Mbwat Bang Village



where we will rest and enjoy the Village people and the view across Leuravuh Bay. We will continue on inland a short distance to the largest river we will experience, the Matanoi River. We will wade across and continue on to Malfakhal Village for a rest and some food from the local Villages. We will continue on skirting

the coast until we reach our night location at Farun Village.



Day 4: Farun Village to Peskarus Village: 22km

We will be up early with breakfast and a cuppa, say good bye to the friendly villages and again skirt along the coast hiking through Copra (coconut) Plantations and Jungle tracks. See if you can find some land crabs for the boys to collect and eat for dinner. We will be welcomed into the beautiful Hokai village where we will have a rest and snack and chat with the local villages. We will then continue on around some rocky outcrops along the coast before arriving at Hokai Landing where we will be met by Kalo and his boat. Kalo will transport us to his Village of Peskarus on the Maskelyne Islands where we will be welcomed with a local string band and some local foods to taste. It is customary for new people in the village to drink some Kava with the local chief. We will now have a tour of the village and time permitting, have a snorkel around the beautiful reef surrounding the

Maskelynes. We will then be shown to our accommodation where we can relax and enjoy our surroundings.



Day 5: Peskarus to Sakoa Island: 9km

We are now ready to commence the canoe phase of the adventure. The water inside the island group is sheltered, even in bad weather, but please ensure that your equipment is waterproofed. ABT will provide a water proof bag for your pack.

We will meet Sam. Sam is a renowned fisherman in the Maskelynes and will accompany us and act as our guide/food provided for the trip. Sam will help us catch lobster, mud crab, octopus, land crab, cone shell, fish etc. We will be predominantly living off the land for this phase. Rest assured, there is plenty of tucker on these islands.

The first stop is the Clam Garden Island. We will be met there and given an overview of the conservation area by one of the local Chiefs. It is a good time to get the snorkel gear on and have a look around. From here, we will go to Sakoa Island and set up camp. We will then go to Gaspard Bay and find the Dugong colony that lives there and have a swim with the playful animals. It's now time to go back to camp and do a mangrove walk (no Sand-flies) and look for some dinner of mud crab and fish to throw on the fire. If there is time, we will have a snorkel on the reef at the front of the camp site.



Day 6: Sakoa Island to Vulai Island: 12km

We will get up early and have some breakfast. Get the canoe ready and start nice and early down the South West Channel to Bagatelle Island for lunch and look at the ruins of an old French settlement before continuing on to Vulai Island for our night stop. We will have a

stroll over to the mangrove fringed lagoon and maybe catch some mullet for dinner. Get Sam to take you to the high ground to the south of the island for some photos. There is also time to have a walk to the high ground to the south for some photo opportunities.

Time permitting, have a fish on the Sughulamp reef for some dinner. Ensure you take a good head lamp so that you can do some night time hunting. If you have a good underwater torch, Sam may be able to put on a nice lobster dinner for you. There are plenty of Cone shell snails for dinner here. Sam will also find some lime and Paw Paw to go with your fish.

Day 7: Vulai to Peskarus Village: 10km



Today we will paddle back to Peskarus Village. When we get back, we will take the time to clean and dry your equipment. Allow May and Crita to cook you a well-deserved lunch then Tom will give us a tour of the island of Maskelynes.

There are three villages on the island which are all walking distance, Peskarus, Palonk and Lutes. Experience the island way of living, play with the kids and talk with the locals.

The locals will put on a traditional dinner for you in the form of a hangi. The locals appreciate you coming and will want to show their appreciation. Please bring a present (cheap) from home to show your appreciation.

Day 8: Peskarus to Marum Volcano Camp1: 11km

Up early for the trip across to Ambrym Island to the Village of Port Vatu. The trip will take approximately 2.5 to 3 hours.



There is a local shop here that you can purchase some snacks for the trip (2 days). There is also limited water on the hike. Please take some Puri Tabs for the creek water (if available). Please take at least 2 litres with you.

The walk will follow an old lava flow/ creek which will lead you to the ash fields where you will find a camp site for the night. The walk is approximately 4 hrs duration with an altitude of 1200m. Most of the trek is flat with a few steep pinches.



Day 9: Marum Volcano to Port Vato Village: 24km

You can leave your pack at the camp site for the next leg of the hike. All you need is some water and a camera.

The walk will take you over the spectacular ash plains until you reach a small climb over the rim of the crater where you will witness the bubbling lava lakes of the active Marum Volcano. Don't worry too much if the crater is covered by smoke. Just be patient and it will clear intermittently when the wind gust gets under it for the photos. After you have had your fill with the lava, make your way back to the campsite and collect your packs. Fill your water bottles at the tank and make your way back down to Port Vato Village where you will stay the night at the guest house which Chief has for you.

Day 10: Port Vato to Port Vila

After breakfast and a tour of Port Vatu, we will make our way to Craig's Cove where we will have a tour of the small village and some lunch before catching our flight to Port Vila. Flight: Air Vanuatu NF231 1230 – 1320hrs. Once back at the Grand Hotel, we can relax over a cold beer and contemplate the journey you have just undertaken.

Day 11: Port Vila to Brisbane

Today you can take the opportunity to conduct a self-tour of Efate Island and see some of the attractions it has to offer including Cascade waterfalls, Markets and relaxing beaches or you can just relax around the pool at the Grand. Please be aware that the Port Vila tour is not included in the cost.

Flight: Port Vila to Brisbane: Virgin VA170, 1515 to 1725hrs

INCLUSIONS

- Grand Hotel Port Vila (Two nights twin share),
- All internal flights, vehicle and boat transfers
- Food and chef whilst on the trek
- Camp and guest house fees
- Guides and 1 personal porter per person
- Canoe hire
- Pack, tent, life jacket, respirator(volcano), dive bag, and hammocks (loan)
- Land permits for trek, canoe and volcano
- Dugong swim fee
- Giant clam garden tour fee
- Entertainment (local string band and custom dances)
- Island night hangi feast, and
- Three Australian guides with wilderness med kit
- Safety equipment including satellite phone, PLB, maps and GPS and Med kit
- 42 Combo six week program

EXCLUSIONS

- Food and drinks while in Port Vila
- Travel Insurance
- Passport
- Vaccinations
- Alcohol when available on trek
- Souvenirs
- Extra snacks or foods available for purchase while on trek
- Personal med kit including water purification tabs and malaria meds
- Unplanned boat or vehicle transport while on tour due to fatigue