

Ambrym Island, Malampa, Vanuatu

One of the Pacific's rawest adventure stops — two active volcanic cones, a vast volcanic caldera, and living traditions that have survived untouched for centuries. Ambrym rewards the curious and the intrepid.

Tender port (anchor offshore)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Vanuatu Vatu (USD widely accepted)

Bislama, English, French

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor offshore, Zodiacs or tenders ferry to Port Vato village landing

Best For: Volcano adventurers, cultural immersion, photography, off-the-beaten-track travellers

Walk to centre: Port Vato village is steps from the tender landing; volcano treks are 4–5 hrs each way by foot

Don't Miss: Marum and Benbow volcanic craters, the Rom masked dance, Ambrym sand drawings

Getting around: **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Volcano Trek to Mount Marum & Mount Benbow** — Hike across the vast ash plain to the rim of one — or both — of Ambrym's legendary craters.
- Rom Dance & Black Magic Ceremony** — In villages like Fanla and Ranon, masked Rom dancers perform one of Vanuatu's most sacred rituals.
- Sand Drawing & Traditional Carving Villages** — Ambrym sand drawing is UNESCO-recognised intangible heritage.
- Lonwok Crater Lake** — A deep crater lake formed by the catastrophic 1913 eruption — once a sheltered lagoon, it was sealed off into a lake by the blast.
- Zodiac & Snorkel Along the Coast** — Some expedition lines offer Zodiac cruises along Ambrym's volcanic coastline, with snorkelling in clear, warm waters.

BEST WALKS

- Port Vato Village Stroll** 30–45 min · Flat · No guide needed — From the tender landing, a short walk through Port Vato village lets you meet locals, browse carvings laid out for sale, and absorb daily island life.
- Coastal Path to Neighbouring Village** 1–1.5 hrs · Easy · Informal track — A rough coastal track leads north from Port Vato toward smaller hamlets.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		71°	64°	23d
Jun		68°	61°	19d
Aug		66°	60°	20d
Sep		67°	61°	19d
Oct		69°	62°	23d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:55AM–5:39PM · Jun 6:13AM–5:22PM · Aug 6:05AM–5:38PM · Sep 5:43AM–5:42PM · Oct 5:20AM–5:46PM

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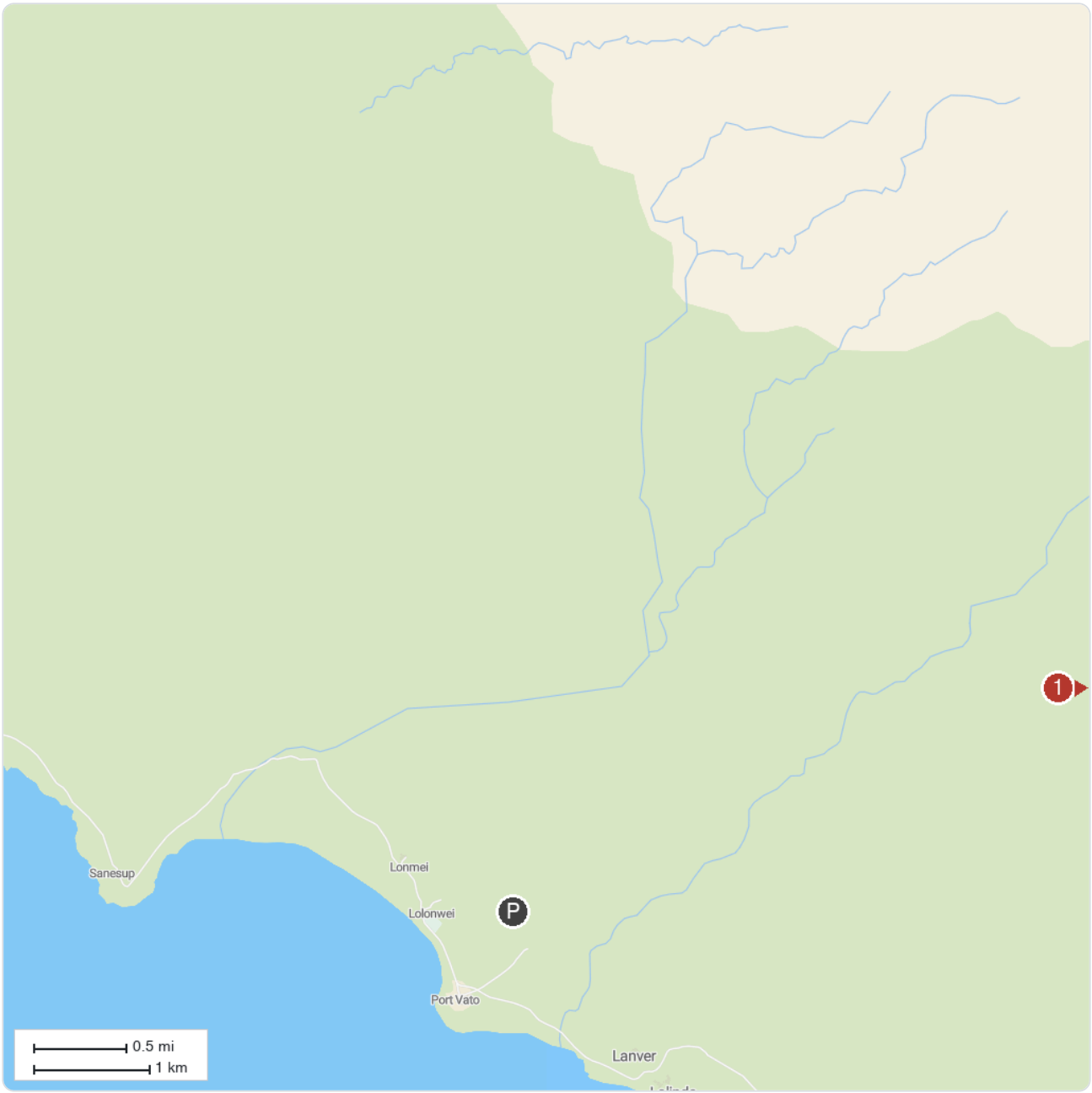
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Check volcanic alert levels before the call day. Vanuatu's VMGD publishes real-time bulletins — your ship will also monitor. High alert can cancel volcano excursions at short notice.
- Wear proper footwear for any inland trek — ash plains turn to sticky mud in rain, and volcanic rock is sharp. No flip-flops.
- Bring small USD bills or Vatu for carvings and local goods at Port Vato. No ATMs exist on the island; card payment is not available.
- Respect tender recall times strictly — Ambrym's remote anchorage means weather can shift fast, and the ship cannot wait.
- Always ask permission before photographing Rom dancers or village ceremonies. Some rituals are sacred and photography may be restricted or carry a small fee.
- Bring plenty of water and sunscreen. The ash plain offers zero shade, and full-day volcano treks are physically demanding in tropical heat.

Ambrym Island, Malampa, Vanuatu — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Rom Dance villages, Ambrym Villages known for traditional masked Rom dance ceremonies.

P Cruise port / terminal