

Champagne Bay, Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu

A naturally effervescent bay where volcanic springs bubble up through white sand — one of the most photogenic tender stops in the South Pacific. Facilities are minimal; the beauty is the point.

⚓ Tender port (no pier for ships)

🕒 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

🏠 Vanuatu Vatu (VUV); AUD widely accepted

🗣️ Bislama, English & French

🏖️ Beach & snorkel focus

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore; passengers ferry to a small beach pier

Best For: Beach days, snorkeling, blue-hole excursions, South Pacific scenery

Walk to center: You step directly onto the beach; Luganville town is ~1 hr (40-60 min) by road

Don't Miss: The volcanic bubbles at the shoreline and a visit to a freshwater blue hole

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ Negotiated — approx. 10,000–15,000 VUV per person for day tours

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Champagne Beach Day** — Spend the day on one of the South Pacific's most beautiful beaches — powdery white sand, turquoise water, and the famous volcanic spring bubbles near...
- **Freshwater Blue Holes** — Espiritu Santo is famous for its jewel-bright blue holes fed by underground springs.
- **Million Dollar Point Snorkel** — After WWII, U.S.
- **Millennium Cave Trek** — A full-day adventure: hike through tropical forest, swim through river passages, and explore Vanuatu's largest cave — home to bats and dramatic...
- **Leweton Cultural Village** — Visit a traditional Vanuatu village to experience water music, custom dance, kava ceremony, and local crafts.

BEST WALKS

- **Champagne Beach Stroll** Easy · ~1 km · 20-30 min — Walk the full length of Champagne Beach from the tender pier south along the shoreline.

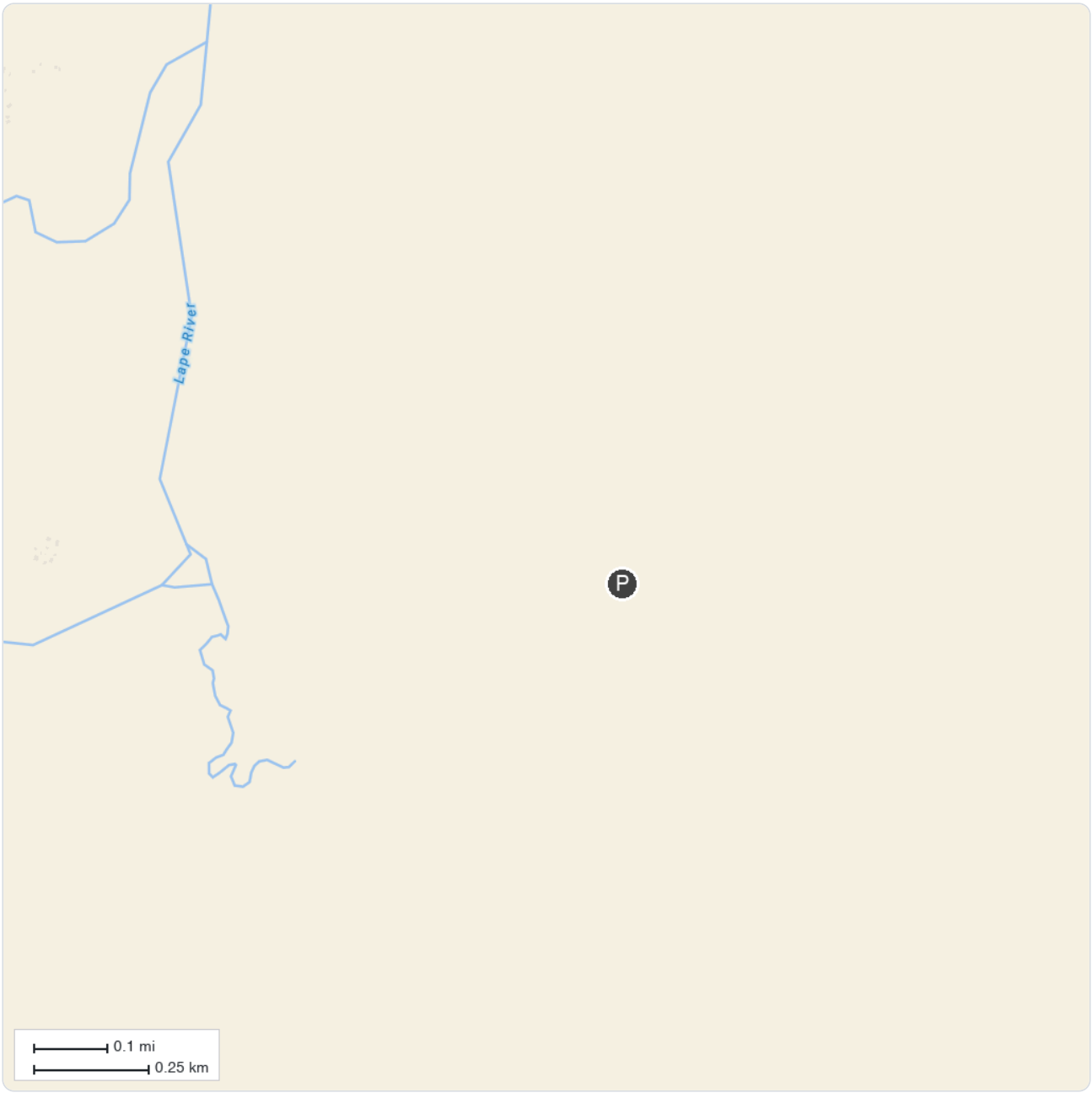
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash. No ATMs at Champagne Bay. Vanuatu Vatu (VUV) is preferred; Australian dollars are widely accepted by vendors and local tour operators. Cards are not accepted at the beach.
- Tender timing matters. Queue early for the last tender back — it can get crowded. Know your all-aboard time and aim to be at the pier 30 minutes early.
- Volcanic bubbles are tide-dependent. The effervescent spring effect is best at low tide. Check tidal times for your call day to see if you'll catch the phenomenon.
- Pack your own supplies. Bring sunscreen, a towel, snorkel gear, water, and snacks. The beach has minimal facilities and vendors offer limited options.
- Blue holes need a guide or driver. The famous blue holes are 20-40 min inland by road. Negotiate with local drivers at the beach landing, or book a ship excursion in advance — space is limited.
- Dress respectfully in villages. If visiting cultural villages or walking through local communities, cover shoulders and knees. The beach is relaxed, but respect local customs away from the sand.

Champagne Bay, Espiritu Santo, 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.



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Champagne Beach, Espiritu Santo

Powder-white sand cove named for the fizzing bubbles rising from volcanic vents in the shallows.
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Cruise port / terminal