

Luganville, Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu

Espiritu Santo's sleepy capital hides one of the world's most accessible WWII shipwrecks, dazzling freshwater blue holes, and a beach so perfect it barely seems real. Luganville rewards the curious traveller willing to venture beyond the pier.

 Pier (Main Wharf)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Vanuatu Vatu (AUD widely accepted)

 Bislama / English / French

 World-class wreck diving

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Luganville Main Wharf (Melanesian Port Services); tender only if wharf is full

Walk to center: ~2.5 km (25-30 min); dusty road — taxi recommended (~500 VUV / \$5 AUD)

Best For: Scuba divers, WWII history buffs, nature lovers, beach seekers

Don't Miss: A blue hole swim and a snorkel at Million Dollar Point

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~150–1,000 VUV (short trips) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **SS President Coolidge Wreck Dive** — A luxury liner turned troopship that struck a US (friendly) mine in 1942, the Coolidge lies just off the beach — bow at...
- **Blue Holes Tour** — Espiritu Santo's blue holes — Matevulu, Riri, and Nanda — are spring-fed natural pools of surreal turquoise water.
- **Million Dollar Point & WWII Museum** — At WWII's end, US forces dumped millions of dollars of military equipment — jeeps, bulldozers, cranes — into the ocean...
- **Champagne Beach Day** — Consistently rated one of the Pacific's most beautiful beaches — powdery white sand, turquoise water, and fizzing...
- **Luganville Market & Town Walk** — The wide boulevards of Luganville still bear their WWII grid layout.

BEST WALKS

- **Luganville Main Street Stroll** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy · Flat — Walk the length of Boulevard Higginson past the central market, Natangora Cafe, and surviving WWII Quonset huts.
- **Pier to Town** 2.5 km · 30 min · Easy · Dusty road — Technically walkable but not recommended in heat — take a taxi instead.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	83°	74°	26d
Jun	80°	73°	19d
Aug	79°	72°	21d
Sep	80°	72°	21d
Oct	81°	73°	25d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:59AM–5:43PM · Jun 6:15AM–5:27PM · Aug 6:08AM–5:43PM · Sep 5:46AM–5:46PM · Oct 5:24AM–5:50PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- AUD is king at tourist sites. Australian dollars are widely accepted by taxi drivers, blue holes, Champagne Beach, and most tour operators. Carry small notes (\$5, \$10, \$20)...