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# STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL STATISTICS

## **NOVEMBER 2014 HIGHLIGHTS**

## **OVERVIEW**

Figure 1: International Visitor Arrivals: November 2013 to November 2014



- International visitor arrivals<sup>1</sup> in November 2014 accounted for 44% of total international visitor arrivals to Vanuatu. Visitor arrivals fell over November 2013 and October 2014.
- In November 2014, visitor arrivals by air totalled 7,996 visitors, falling by 2% over November 2013 and also falling by 24% over October 2014. The fall was reflected by the decline in visitors arriving for holiday purposes.
- Cruise ship or day visitors made up 56% of total international arrivals in November 2014. Day visitors totalled 10,312 visitors, a decline of 48% over November 2013, also falling by 36% over October 2014. The decline was attributed by the fall in number of cruise ships from 9 in November 2013 to 5 cruise ships in November 2014.

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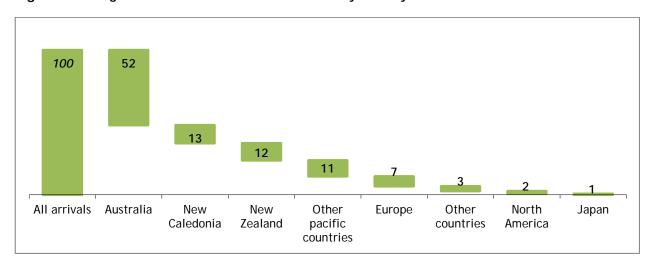
 $<sup>^{^{1\,\,1}}</sup>$  Includes arrivals by yachts and excluding day visitors

#### PURPOSE OF VISIT FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

In November 2014, visitors arriving for holiday purposes accounted for 73% of visitors by air.
 Visitors arriving for business, meetings or conferences make up 10%, followed by visitors arriving for other, education or sports make up 8%, those visiting friends and relatives at 7% and visitors on transit at 2%.

#### COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

Fig 2: Percentage share of visitors in November 2014 by Country of Usual Residence

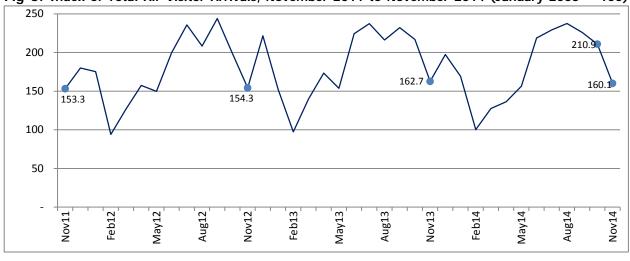


 Australian visitors continue to dominate visitor arrivals by air to Vanuatu at 52%, followed by New Caledonia at 13%, New Zealand at 12%. Other pacific countries at 11%, Europe at 7%, other countries at 3%, North America at 2% and Japan at 1%.

## VISITOR ARRIVAL INDEX<sup>2</sup>

Figure 3 shows the total number of visitor arrivals and arrivals from Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia and all other countries combined to show trends in arrivals, with the number of visitors

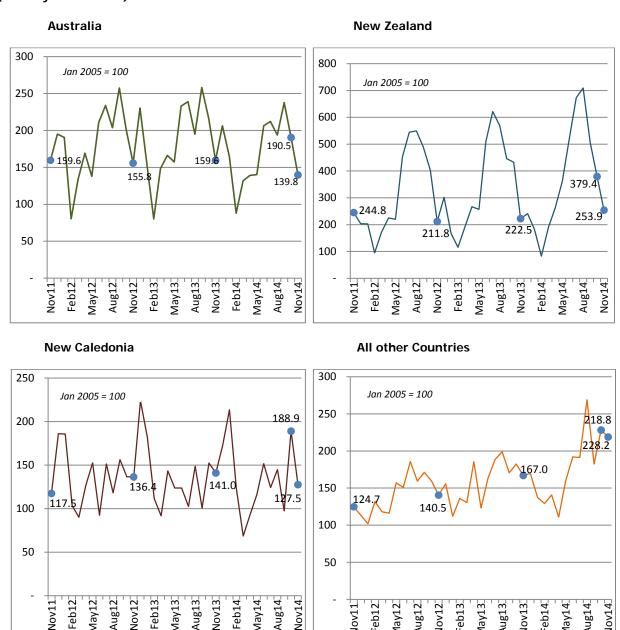
Fig 3: Index of Total Air Visitor Arrivals, November 2011 to November 2014 (January 2005 = 100)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tourism in Vanuatu is seasonal, and it is difficult to analyse changes in international arrivals and country of residence by looking at the monthly number of arrivals based on an index value of 100 in January 2005. This index allows analysis over time of the real increases and decreases in international air arrivals.

• Index values of visitor arrivals in November 2014 stood at (-2%) over November 2013. (Figure 3)

Figure 4: Index of Visitor Arrivals and Country of Usual Residence, November 2011 to November 2014 (January 2005 = 100)



Note: the vertical axis scale varies in each country chart.

• The Australian and New Caledonian market showed declines in index values of (-12%) and (-10%) respectively, while the New Zealand market increased by 14% in index values over November 2013.

## AVERAGE INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

• In November 2014, the average length of stay recorded 9 days, a decline of 1 day over November 2013, however remaining unchanged over October 2014.

#### AVERAGE AGE FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

In November 2014, the average age of visitors arriving by air stood at 40 years, an increase of 4 years over November 2013, also increasing by a year over October 2014.-

#### **DATA SOURCE**

All International arrival statistics by air provided in the report is sourced from completed Arrival and Departure cards at the Department of Immigration. Cruise ship figures are also sourced from the Department of Immigration.

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Table 1 : Summary of Overseas Migration
Tableau 1 : Résumé des échanges migratoires avec l'extérieur

		ARRIVALS / ARRIVEES					DEPARTURES / DEPARTURES						Cruiseship		
		PORT	VILA	LUGAN	VILLE	TO	TAL	PORT '	VILA	LUGAN	VILLE	TOTA	L	Arrivals/	
Year	Month	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitor Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Croisièristes	Année Mois
2010		20,531	94,909	522	2,271	21,053	97,180	13,133	104,573	188	1,999	13,321	106,572	140,468	2010
2011		21,752	91,107	521	2,853	22,273	93,960	12,958	96,836	156	1,954	13,114	98,790	154,938	2011
2012		22,594	105,611	364	2,550	22,958	108,161	14,803	113,158	134	2,339	14,937	115,497	213,243	2012
2013		25,116	106,466	495	3,643	25,611	110,109	16,380	118,753	164	3,496	16,544	122,249	247,296	2013
2010	Nov	1,814	7,411	59	202	1,873	7,613	1,465	8,606	4	99	1,469	8,705	13,281	2010 Nov
2011	Nov	1,885	7,353	51	302	1,936	7,655	1,412	8,617	7	186	1,419	8,803	11,268	2011 Nov
2012	Nov	2,118	7,431	49	273	2,167	7,704	1,593	8,852	15	230	1,608	9,082	16,697	2012 Nov
	Dec	2,420	10,774	49	296	2,469	11,070	1,348	9,365	28	317	1,376	9,682	17,188	Dec
2013	Jan	1,997	7,415	64	197	2,061	7,612	1,331	11,574	23	325	1,354	11,899	33,491	2013 Jan
	Feb	1,333	4,809	21	122	1,354	4,931	1,919	5,497	14	137	1,933	5,634	16,127	Fév
	Mar	1,656	6,825	40	152	1,696	6,977	1,465	6,799	2	155	1,467	6,954	16,060	Mar
	Apr	2,033	8,182	50	480	2,083	8,662	1,119	9,347	18	399	1,137	9,746	22,314	Avr
	May	2,222	7,327	52	343	2,274	7,670	1,337	8,232	21	302	1,358	8,534	16,817	Mai
	June	2,250	10,806	45	400	2,295	11,206	1,160	10,307	11	427	1,171	10,734	27,524	Juin
	July	2,073	11,390	44	465	2,117	11,855	1,057	12,901	9	412	1,066	13,313	16,759	Juil
	Aug	1,769	10,682	8	115	1,777	10,797	1,265	11,793	2	142	1,267	11,935	13,642	Aoû
	Sep	2,823	11,340	26	256	2,849	11,596	1,073	11,442	20	284	1,093	11,726	15,370	Sep
	Oct	1,739	10,392	34	435	1,773	10,827	928	12,254	10	455	938	12,709	26,805	Oct
	Nov	2,539	7,825	43	298	2,582	8,123	2,070	9,887	17	229	2,087	10,116	19,834	Nov
	Dec	2,682	9,473	68	380	2,750	9,853	1,656	8,720	17	229	1,673	8,949	22,553	Dec
2014	Jan	2,303	8,288	25	159	2,328	8,447	1,393	11,871	10	252	1,403	12,123	23,016	2014 Jan
	Feb	1,491	4,878	49	131	1,540	5,009	2,051	5,763	7	85	2,058	5,848	25,728	Fév
	Mar	1,693	6,169	66	207	1,759	6,376	1,149	7,047	7	208	1,156	7,255	18,883	Mar
	Apr*	1,753	6,433	76	371	1,829	6,804	3,172	7,089	5	351	3,177	7,440	18,880	Avr
	May	2,293	7,483	30	329	2,323	7,812	1,360	8,231	59	218	1,419	8,449	17,869	Mai
	June	2,154	10,481	38	436	2,192	10,917	967	9,984	32	355	999	10,339	18,911	Juin
	July	2,030	10,944	56	502	2,086	11,446	1,339	12,891	67	341	1,406	13,232	11,470	Juil
	Aug	2,208	11,515	38	350	2,246	11,865	1,311	12,517	81	219	1,392	12,736	14,667	Aoû
	Sep	2,509	10,731	59	557	2,568	11,288	879 r	*		557	938	11,513	14,007	Sep
	Oct	1,750	10,731	56	516	1,806	10,533	1,624	12,394	30	426	1,654	12,820	16,195	Oct
	Nov	2,534	7,584	65	412	2,599	7,996	2,068	9,532	14	300	2,082	9,832	10,312	Nov

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Table 2 : Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit
Tableau 2 : Arrivées de visiteurs selon le motif du voyage

				VISITORS/VISI	TEURS				
Year	Month	Holidays	Visiting Friends and relatives	Business, Meetings/ Conferences	Stop Over	Others, Education, sports	Total Visitors	Année	Mois
		Vacances	Visite à des amis et à la famille	Affaires, réunions ou conférence	Escale	Autres, education, sport	Visiteurs global		
2010		80,681	6,079	9,615	692	113	97,180	2010	
2011		75,821	7,320	9,933	790	96	93,960	2011	
2012		88,085	7,910	11,294	602	270	108,161	2012	
2013		89,253	7,755	9,079	613	3,409	110,109	2013	
2010		7,051	193	321	31	17	7,613	2010	
2011		6,228	468	907	52	-	7,655	2011	
2012		6,152	491	980	59	22	7,704	2012	
	Dec	8,989	1,204	803	26	48	11,070		Dec
2013	Jan	6,315	596	638	63	-	7,612	2013	Jan
	Feb	3,431	437	856	16	191	4,931		Fév
	Mar	5,557	594	645	57	124	6,977		Mar
	Apr	6,874	558	937	28	265	8,662		Avr
	May	6,029	565	800	33	243	7,670		Mai
	June	9,152	723	775	62	494	11,206		Juin
	July	9,819	853	582	89	512	11,855		Juil
	Aug	8,678	767	1,001	59	292	10,797		Aoû
	Sep	9,814	567	847	70	298	11,596		Sep
	Oct	8,806	705	849	82	385	10,827		Oct
	Nov	6,389	566	757	36	375	8,123		Nov
	Dec	8,389	824	392	18	230	9,853		Dec
2014	Jan	7,317	544	335	63	188	8,447	2014	Jan
	Feb	3,773	407	462	47	320	5,009		Fév
	Mar	4,906	406	628	35	401	6,376		Mar
	Apr*	5,593	406	640	11	154	6,804		Avr
	May	6,213	534	776	22	267	7,812		Mai
	June	8,865	744	880	52	376	10,917		Juin
	July	9,423	830	578	121	494	11,446		Juil
	Aug	9,321	743	882	214	705	11,865		Aoû
	Sep	8,904	699	807	147	731	11,288		Sep
	Oct	8,042	685	851	145	810	10,533		Oct
	Nov	5,816	564	780	162	674	7,996		Nov

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Table 3 : Visitor Arrivals by Usual Country of Residence Tableau 3 : Arrivées des visiteurs par pays de résidence habituelle

		Australia	New Zealand	New Caledonia	Other Pacific Countries	Europe	North America	Japan	Other Countries	TOTAL		
Year Month	Month	Australie	Nouvelle- Zélande	Nouvelle- Calédonie	Autres Pays du Pacifique		Amérique du Nord	Japon	Autres pays		Année	Mois
2010		58,760	11,927	11,410	4,719	4,888	2,395	517	2,564	97,180	2010	
2011		57,843	11,399	11,376	3,397	5,265	1,922	630	2,128	93,960	2011	
2012		65,405	14,430	13,138	4,313	5,491	2,094	705	2,585	108,161	2012	
2013		65,776	15,068	12,515	4,874	5,544	2,614	659	3,059	110,109	2013	
2010		4,859	703	955	242	406	192	55	201	7,613	2010	Nov
2011		4,736	913	922	282	424	119	55	204	7,655	2011	Nov
2012	Nov	4,622	790	1,071	293	505	156	55	212	7,704	2012	Nov
	Dec	6,833	1,126	1,758	543	361	173	68	208	11,070		Dec
2013	Jan	4,591	621	1,428	231	364	135	32	210	7,612	2013	Jan
	Feb	2,448	429	876	440	340	154	26	218	4,931		Fév
	Mar	4,405	718	720	344	388	135	36	231	6,977		Mar
	Apr	4,931	994	1,126	522	533	222	58	276	8,662		Avr
	May	4,669	959	971	293	374	165	62	177	7,670		Mai
	June	6,911	1,901	971	461	419	279	39	225	11,206		Juin
	July	7,091	2,319	805	384	654	217	47	338	11,855		Juil
	Aug	5,781	2,121	1,167	444	672	245	88	279	10,797		Aoû
	Sep	7,660	1,664	790	458	399	269	67	289	11,596		Sep
	Oct	6,431	1,614	1,196	418	523	311	65	269	10,827		Oct
	Nov	4,735	830	1,107	413	448	239	86	265	8,123		Nov
	Dec	6,123	898	1,358	466	430	243	53	282	9,853		Dec
2014	Jan	4,898	679	1,676	284	414	188	42	266	8,447	2014	Jan
	Feb	2,608	310	968	357	304	207	33	222	5,009		Fév
	Mar	3,907	707	538	462	360	146	48	208	6,376		Mar
	Apr*	4,125	984	732	265	368	108	21	201	6,804		Avr
	May	4,162	1,350	911	369	404	215	72	329	7,812		Mai
	June	6,123	1,936	1,191	411	453	306	82	415	10,917		Juin
	July	6,295	2,513	975	526	544	198	61	334	11,446		Juil
	Aug	5,747	2,645	1,137	824	680	315	142	375	11,865		Aoû
	Sep	7,052	1,886	764	655	407	139	55	330	11,288		Sep
	Oct	5,652	1,415	1,483	725	659	209	52	338	10,533		Oct
	Nov	4,147	947	1,001	882	544	157	53	265	7,996		Nov

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Table 4 : Overseas Arrivals of Residents by Nationality Tableau 4 : Arrivées des résidents par nationalité

		Ni-Vanuatu	Australian	French	British	New Zealander	Asian	Pacific Islanders	North Americans	Other countries	TOTAL		
Year	Month		Australien	Français	Anglais	Néo- Zélandais	Asiatiques	Autres pays du Pacifique	Américain du Nord	Autres pays		Année	Mois
2010		11,794	3,700	1,894	132	1,436	504	768	496	330	21,053	2010	
2011		12,508	3,867	1,802	244	1,370	719	1,090	352	321	22,273	2011	
2012		14,317	3,629	1,526	203	1,236	696	686	370	295	22,958	2012	
2013		15,410	4,096	1,782	167	1,293	915	1,007	566	375	25,611	2013	
2010		1,152	350	127	10	106	25	42	32	29	1,873	2010	
2011		1,199	322	126	29	87	67	52	26	28	1,936		Nov
2012		1,442	304	146	18	99	36	56	35	31	2,167	2012	Nov
	Dec	1,690	337	110	18	115	66	64	43	26	2,469		Dec
2013	Jan	983	391	236	18	158	73	116	51	35	2,061	2013	Jan
	Feb	688	270	93	12	84	62	87	26	32	1,354		Fév
	Mar	915	322	124	16	120	74	63	33	29	1,696		Mar
	Apr	1,259	352	160	21	114	63	56	30	28	2,083		Avr
	May	1,559	297	110	17	99	70	48	34	40	2,274		Mai
	June	1,386	353	153	31	124	94	83	44	27	2,295		Juin
	July	1,074	390	162	33	112	75	192	41	38	2,117		Juil
	Aug	1,014	302	138	5	90	75	67	56	30	1,777		Aoû
	Sep	2,026	341	130	1	80	90	78	66	37	2,849		Sep
	Oct	863	386	184	1	93	92	64	64	26	1,773		Oct
	Nov	1,692	382	153	1	102	87	75	66	24	2,582		Nov
	Dec	1,951	310	139	11	117	60	78	55	29	2,750		Dec
2014	Jan	1,071	456	230	4	144	88	195	109	31	2,328	2014	Jan
	Feb	678	319	176	1	100	75	98	67	26	1,540		Fév
	Mar	864	383	139	12	125	76	84	37	39	1,759		Mar
	Apr	1,149	294	111	8	88	56	63	36	24	1,829		Avr
	May	1,472	330	123	9	102	97	99	51	40	2,323		Mai
	June	1,312	353	164	15	114	65	80	55	34	2,192		Juin
	July	1,185	350	135	10	99	100	121	57	29	2,086		Juil
	Aug	1,213	355	263	11	118	84	88	62	52	2,246		Aoû
	Sep	1,748	376	107	19	79	86	83	46	24	2,568		Sep
	Oct	1,752	356	114	19	81	88	84	46	25	2,565		Oct
	Nov	1,713	365	145	10	122	75	83	54	32	2,599		Nov
	1101	1,/13	303	173	10	122	13	0.5	54	32	2,377		1101

Table 5 : Visitors Arriving by Air Intended Length of Stay\* Tableau 5 : Arrivée des Visiteurs à longue durée de Séjour

Year	Month	AVERAGE INTENDED LENGTH	Année	Mois		
		Port Vila	Luganville	Vanuatu		
2010		9.5	10.9	10.2	2010	
2011		8.9	10.9	9.9	2011	
2012		9.8	11.1	10.5	2012	
2013		10.8	11.5	11.2	2013	
2010	Nov	9.4	7.8	8.6	2010	Nov
2011	Nov	8.1	11.0	9.6	2011	Nov
2012	Nov	8.9	9.0	9.0	2012	Nov
	Dec	8.9	12.7	10.8		Dec
2013	Jan	11.6	11.2	11.4	2013	Jan
	Feb	15.6	9.4	12.5		Fév
	Mar	10.1	11.2	10.6		Mar
	Apr	10.7	10.8	10.8		Avr
	May	9.5	12.6	11.0		Mai
	June	9.2	11.7	10.4		Juin
	July	10.0	12.0	11.0		Juil
	Aug	9.5	13.2	11.3		Aoû
	Sep	9.0	12.8	10.9		Sep
	Oct	15.7	10.6	13.1		Oct
	Nov	8.0	11.8	9.9		Nov
	Dec	11.1	12.2	11.6		Dec
2014	Jan	10.4	13.6	12.0	2014	Jan
	Feb	13.1	16.7	14.9		Fév
	Mar	9.9	9.0	9.5		Mar
	Apr*	9.0	10.8	9.9		Avr
	May	8.8	13.1	11.0		Mai
	June	9.2	10.9	10.0		Juin
	July	9.9	13.1	11.5		Juil
	Aug	8.8	10.2	9.5		Aoû
	Sep	9.0	9.7	9.3		Sep
	Oct	8.1	8.6	9.3		Oct
	Nov	8.3	9.6	9.0		Nov

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Table 6 : Visitors Arriving by Air Average Age Tableau 6 : Arrivée des Visiteurs par Age moyen

Year	Month	AVERAGE AGE OF VI	SITORS / L'AGE MOYEN DES V	ISITEURS	Année	Mois
1 eai	WIOIIII	Port Vila	Luganville	Vanuatu	Aimee	MOIS
2010	Nov	38.6	41.8	40.2	2010	Nov
2011	Nov	38.7	36.8	37.7	2011	Nov
2012	Nov	36.6	41.6	39.1	2012	Nov
	Dec	36.6	36.9	36.8		Dec
2013	Jan	35.4	44.2	39.8	2013	Jan
	Feb	32.0	46.4	39.2		Fév
	Mar	37.0	41.5	39.2		Mar
	Apr	38.1	34.4	36.2		Avr
	May	41.7	46.7	44.2		Mai
	June	37.0	37.5	37.2		Juin
	July	34.6	41.5	38.0		Juil
	Aug	38.1	43.7	40.9		Aoû
	Sep	35.9	39.2	37.6		Sep
	Oct	34.1	31.9	33.0		Oct
	Nov	32.5	38.7	35.6		Nov
	Dec	29.8	33.6	31.7		Dec
2014	Jan	35.1	32.4	33.7	2014	Jan
	Feb	44.8	38.9	41.9		Fév
	Mar	40.1	46.9	43.5		Mar
	Apr*	37.3	40.8	39.0		Avr
	May	41.8	44.3	43.1		Mai
	June	38.6	38.3	38.4		Juin
	July	37.9	41.2	39.6		Juil
	Aug	39.9	46.1	43.0		Aoû
	Sep	37.5	40.4	38.9		Sep
	Oct	39.2	44.7	38.9		Oct
	Nov	38.9	41.1	40.0		Nov

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