



ROUND ISLAND RELAY – VANUATU 2005 **25th Independence Day Celebration**

We invite you to participate in the 2005 Vanuatu Round Island Relay to celebrating Vanuatu's 25th Independence Day. The event is a fabulous opportunity to experience a different culture, a tropical climate, visit a Pacific Paradise and enjoy the hospitality of the Vanuatu people celebrating their independence.

Most of all this is a running event quite unlike anything you may have participated in before, with hundreds of local villagers lining the course to cheer on all teams.

Runners, family and friends of all skill levels can all take part. Each team comprises of 10 runners, within the following categories Men's Open , Women's Open, Mixed, Senior Schools, The Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance, Military) or Corporate.

You may register as an individual, and we will organise a place on a team for you.

There is a range of accommodation to suit all budgets and most importantly a chance to extend either before or after to one of Vanuatu's world famous holiday resorts. Pacific Specialist Holidays / Sportswell Tours are able to assist you with your extension to a resort of your choice, or to one of our recommendation.

Please find enclosed all the necessary package information, which includes, costs, accommodation options, travel itinerary (subject to change) and information on the event. Also enclosed is a travel booking form which needs to be forwarded with your deposit (non refundable) to confirm your booking.

Full details and prices are shown on the attached sheet. Please note the following important steps for action.

YOUR STEPS FOR ACTION:

1. Call, fax or e-mail me and provide the following details:
 - a. The day and date you wish to depart.
 - b. The number of nights you wish to stay.
 - c. The number of people travelling
 - d. The exact names (as per passport details) of those travelling.
2. We will then advise you of your team, quote your total exact price and discuss the package options for you.
3. We will then post you a written confirmation and invoice of your booking.
4. On receipt of this confirmation, full payment must then be in our office no later than 15 Jun 05.
5. Payment is by cash , direct deposit or cheque. Payment by credit card is possible but with a 2% service fee.

Please call and ask for me on (02) 9080 1687, or e-mail me at akalfabun@pacificholidays.com.au

All the best
Yours Sincerely

Allan Kalfabun
Vanuatu – Round Island Relay Co-ordinator



30 JULY 2005
VANUATU ROUND ISLAND RELAY
THE MELANESIAN RESORT

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- **FROM 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS – MELANESIAN RESORT, PORT VILA**
- **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST DAILY**
- **SPECIAL GROUP ACCOMMODATION RATES**
- **CENTRALLY LOCATED , AIR-CONDITIONED ROOMS**
- **SMOLFELLA TOUR – (Port Vila Orientation/ Klems Lookout & Mele Secret Garden)**
- **AIRPORT TRANSFERS INCLUDED**
- **TRANSFER TO EVENTS INCLUDED**
- **ROUND ISLAND RELAY ENTRY FEE INCLUDED (T'-Shirt & Race Function)**
- **TEAM SUPPORT VEHICLE INCLUDED**
- **BRIEFING & TRAINING SESSIONS INCLUDED**
- **INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES - ex Sydney , Brisbane or Melbourne**
- **INTERNATIONAL TAXES**

The Melanesian Resort is one of Port Vila's best value three star resorts, in walking distance from the centre of town. Every room is comfortably appointed with tea/coffee making facilities, fridge, satellite TV and much more. Our package includes the premier fully air-conditioned Orchid rooms, breakfast daily & 4 dinners at Gino's the Melanesians award winning restaurant.

After each days activities, enjoy a drink by the two pools, the pool snack bar, complimentary sporting facilities, choice of restaurants and nightly entertainment.

Twin Share	Twin Share
Ex Sydney – 5 nts Wed 27 Jul – Mon 1 st Aug 05	\$1135
Ex Brisbane – 6 nts Tues 26 – Mon 1 st Aug 05	\$1085
Ex Melbourne- 5 nts Wed 27 Jul – Mon 1 st July 05	\$1260

An additional Non Runner Fee of \$35 per person includes a Relay T-Shirt and entry to Race Function.



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VANUATU ROUND ISLAND RELAY
LE LAGOON RESORT

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- **FROM 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS – LE LAGOON RESORT, PORT VILA**
- **SPECIAL GROUP ACCOMMODATION RATES**
- **CENTRALLY LOCATED , AIR-CONDITIONED ROOMS**
- **SMOL FELLA TOUR (Port Vila Orientation / Klems Hill lookout and Mele Secret Garden)**
- **AIRPORT TRANSFERS INCLUDED**
- **TRANSFER TO EVENTS INCLUDED**
- **ROUND ISLAND RELAY ENTRY FEE INCLUDED (T- Shirt and Race function)**
- **TEAM SUPPORT VEHICLE INCLUDED**
- **BRIEFING & TRAINING SESSIONS INCLUDED**
- **INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES - ex Sydney , Brisbane or Melbourne**
- **INTERNATIONAL TAXES.**

A very popular resort with very much to do such as snorkelling, kayaking, canoeing, catamarans, badminton, scuba diving lessons(in pool). Day & Night Tennis, Beach & Pool Volleyball. Nightly Entertainment.

Twin Share	Twin Share
Ex Sydney – 5 nts Wed 27 Jul – Mon 01 st Aug 05	\$1285
Ex Brisbane – 6 nts Tues 26 Jul – Mon 01 st Aug 05	\$1295
Ex Melbourne-5 nts Wed 27 th July -Mon 01 Aug 05	\$1395

An additional Non Runner Fee of \$35 per person includes a Relay T-Shirt and entry to Race Function.



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VANUATU ROUND ISLAND RELAY
IRIRIKI ISLAND RESORT

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updated 25 Jan 03 Package Code: VARIRII

- FROM 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS – IRIRIKI ISLAND RESORT, PORT VILA
- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST DAILY(paid Night only)
- SPECIAL GROUP ACCOMMODATION RATES
- CENTRALLY LOCATED , AIR-CONDITIONED ROOMS
- SMOL FELLA TOUR (Port Vila Orientation / Klems Hill lookout and Mele Secret Garden)
- AIRPORT TRANSFERS INCLUDED
- TRANSFER TO EVENTS INCLUDED
- ROUND ISLAND RELAY ENTRY FEE INCLUDED(T-Shirt & Race Function)
- TEAM SUPPORT VEHICLE INCLUDED
- BRIEFING & TRAINING SESSIONS INCLUDED
- INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ex Sydney , Brisbane or Melbourne
- INTERNATIONAL TAXES

Enjoy all the comfort of an International Resort on your own private island. The resort is ideally located just 3 minutes from Port Vila's main street, by complimentary ferry. Mitchener's is the signature restaurant, offering exotic cuisine with spectacular views of Port Vila Harbour. The Bali Hai Café & Bar is a great place to enjoy tropical cocktails and light meals by the pool. Ask about our Iririki Pass Bonus option, which give you great value extras.

Please note this resort is not suitable for children under 12.

Twin Share	Twin Share
Ex Sydney – 5 nts Wed 27 th July – Mon 01 st Aug 05	\$1450
Ex Brisbane – 6 nts Tues 26 July – Mon 01 Aug 05	\$ 1500
Ex Melbourne-5 nts Wed 27 th July – Mon 01 st Aug 05	\$1575

An additional Non Runner Fee of \$35 per person includes a Relay T-Shirt and entry to Race Function.

Vanuatu Round Island Relay

Saturday 30th July 2005

Looking for a July training & racing break for your club or running group? Then why not combine it with a great holiday and a unique cultural experience at the Vanuatu Round Island Relay, a challenging 10 person relay race around Vanuatu's main island of Efate and part of Vanuatu's 23rd Independence Celebrations.

The 10 sections of the race are based on landmarks and terrain, shorter hilly sections (the shortest is a hilly 11.7km) and longer flat sections of up to 16km. Road conditions vary from tar sealed to rugged coral & dirt roads, passing through traditional villages, taking in mountain rain forest, crossing crystal clear streams and through coconut plantations. The latter stages of the race take runners along the edge of coral reefs and white sand beaches offering some of the most breathtaking views you'll ever see.



Villages and communities along the route join in the event, acting as staging points and entertaining and cheering on the teams. Throughout the day, anticipation builds as news of the teams at the various checkpoints is relayed back to the leader board at the Post Office Finish in the centre of Port Vila where hundreds of locals gather to welcome the teams home. Whether your team is racing for a top place finish or simply aiming to get around the island you are sure of a great time and the opportunity to experience the friendliness, tradition and culture of Vanuatu.



STAGES

Post Office - Tamate Village	13.2 km
Tamate Village - Lelepa Landing	11.6 km
Lelepa Landing – Siviri	14.3 km
Siviri - Saupia Clinic	12.9 km
Saupia Clinic – Ekiye	13.5 km
Ekiye - Forari Bridge	15.2 km
Forari Bridge - Dry Creek	16.0 km

Dry Creek - Rentabao City	14.9 km
Rentabao City - Teouma Bay	13.0 km
Teouma Bay - Post Office	14.6 km

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We invite you to participate in the next Round Island Relay. We promise you a truly exciting running experience, plus a unique opportunity to mix with the Ni-Vanuatu people as they celebrate their Nations Independence Day.

The Round Island Relay was first staged as a sports event to celebrate Vanuatu's Independence in 1980. Three teams of 10 runners raced around the island, a feat that many locals at the time thought impossible, symbolically linking the villages en route. This year over 25 teams will complete the course, with over 4000 people from villages along the route and another 3500 people in Vila, cheering each participant on. It's a truly overwhelming experience.

You will have several days after you arrive in Port Vila to settle into the local scene, do some sightseeing and meet the locals. Your Team Manager will be invited to a organisers Meeting at the National Tourism Office on Thursday at 9.00am. There we can discuss any special requirements of the team, start times and transport issues.

You will also have time on Thursday & Friday for pre-relay training runs to help acclimatise to local conditions.

The Relay is scheduled to begin at 6.00am on Saturday 30th July and comprises of a circuit of 140 km around the main island of Efate. A number of teams are planning to start earlier at 5.00am, with the FUN RUN participants also having the options of starting one runner at Section 1 & another at Section 6, allowing an earlier finish time for the team. A team support vehicle will be available for you for the duration of the event, with other support vehicles available to shuttle participants between their check point and Port Vila township.

The 10 sections of the race are not equal distances but based on landmarks and terrain, shorter hilly sections (the shortest is a hilly 11.6km) and longer flat sections of up to 16 km. Road conditions vary from tar sealed to rugged coral & dirt roads, passing through traditional villages, taking in mountain rainforest, crossing clear streams and through coconut plantations. The latter stages of the race take runners along the edge of coral reefs and beautiful white sand beaches.

Villager and communities along the way join in the event, acting as staging points and entertaining and cheering on the teams. Throughout the day, anticipation builds as news of the teams at various checkpoints is relayed back to the leaders board at the Post Office Finish in the centre of Port Vila. Here hundreds of locals gather to welcome the teams home. The fastest teams will begin to arrive at approx 3pm, but with the Independence Day Celebrations now in full swing, the crowds & the live music bands will cheer all teams across the finish line, right into the night.

Finally, whether your team is racing for a top finish or simply aiming to get around the island, you are sure of a great time and the opportunity to experience the friendliness, tradition and culture of Vanuatu.

Anyone interested in joining an official Australian team can contact the Relay co-ordinator

Allan Kalfabun on **02-9080 1687** e-mail akalfabun@pacificholidays.com.au

to discuss the race and see photos and videos of this year's race,