



Shefa Tourism

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NGUNA ISLAND

North Efate offshore islands

ISLAND BREEZE BUNGALOW



Island Breeze Bungalow is situated right on the water with views to Pele Island and across Undine Bay. You can watch both the sunrise and sunset from a hammock on the veranda.

The guesthouse has two bedrooms, each with a double bed; an additional single bed can be provided if required.

There's a large common room for relaxing, with an indoor flush toilet and hot water shower. A kitchenette (with a

gas stove) means you can self cater if you like, or delicious lunches and dinners made from fresh local ingredients can be provided by your hosts. The daily tariff includes breakfast.

Cost per person per day is 4,500 vatu. Wifi is a one-off cost of 1,000 vatu per device, payable to the nearby Eles School.

Contact: **Leiman Matuel**

Phone: (+678) **772 6488** or **777 1606**



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NGUNA ISLAND TOURS



Mangamus Snorkelling Tours

The area in front of Mangamus Bungalow and Uduna Cove Beach Bungalows is a marine reserve. Joel will take you on a snorkeling tour.

Adults: 500vatu Children: 200 vatu

Boat transport from Emua Wharf can also be arranged (an additional cost).

Contact: **Joel Kalfau**

Phone: (+678) **711 3443**

Maron Volcano Tour

Nguna has two extinct volcanoes, Mt Taputaora (593m) and Mt Marrow (472m)

The reward for climbing them is panoramic views of the Shepherd Islands.

Contact: **Tane Kalo**

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Contacting the Bungalows

Cell phone reception is patchy on Nguna. In addition people rely on solar and generators for power, so their phones may not be charged. If they don't answer, keep trying the number. Send a text. If you still can't get through, contact the Shefa Tourism Office on 5526028

Boat Transport

Boats from Emua Wharf cost between 3,000 vatu each way as a charter (up to 15 pax) or 500 vatu per person when travelling as a local (ie. the boat leaves when it is full and doesn't run to any sort of timetable). Be sure to tell the boat driver where you are going to be staying so they can drop you off at the point closest to your accommodation.

Travel Tips

- Safe parking and clean toilets are available at Emua Wharf. Situated on the opposite side of the ring road, the toilets (in a small yellow building) cost 50 vatu a visit and overnight parking is 500 vatu.
- Emua Road Market is worth checking out for fresh fruit, green coconuts and local snacks.

Electricity

Solar power and occasionally generators are used. It's a good idea to fully charge your phone and camera before you travel.

Telecommunications

Although there is phone coverage with both the TVL and Digicel networks, reception can be unreliable.

Respecting Local Culture

- The people on Nguna are used to tourists and very forgiving of inadvertent cultural transgressions. Even so, for women to wander through a village wearing bikinis or skimpy clothing is really inappropriate. Taloa Village is particularly conservative.
- You'll be welcome to walk about the island, but seek information from your bungalow owner first. They'll often send a pikinini along with you as a guide.
- As a rule NiVanuatu love having their photos taken, especially the children, nonetheless, please ask permission.



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Responsible Tourism

Nguna is small island and waste management is an issue. The Shefa Tourism Office encourages visitors to take plastic bottles and other inorganic waste that they generate (including used disposable nappies) back to Port Vila with them where they can be disposed of properly.

Things to consider bringing when staying at an island bungalow

- Enough money in cash. There won't be any banks or ATMs.
- A torch or solar light.
- Snacks. There are a few stores in the villages, but stocks are very limited.
- Bottled water for drinking.
- Your choice of sundowner if you're not keen on trying kava.
- Insect repellent.
- Sunscreen and hat.
- An umbrella (for rain and sun).
- For women, a sarong to wear over shorts in the villages.
- A book.
- Anti malaria tablets (check with your doctor).
- Basic first aid kit - i.e. plasters, Panadol, disinfectant.
- Toiletries - soap, toothpaste, toilet paper.



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