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Snorkelling Vanuatu



Vanuatu was designed for snorkelling. Its countless good snorkelling spots are very popular especially Hideaway Island (near Port Vila) and Samoa Point (in Havannah Harbour), on Efate.

Visitors who wish to view the colourful coral gardens and the immense numbers of tropical fish, can utilise boat tour operators that cater for snorkellers as well as "free snorkel" from beaches and resorts around Vila and Luganville. The sport is accessible for both young and old and much pleasure can be had in sea temperatures that can reach 30°C.



Thanks to Vanuatu's Marine Park laws, the protected healthy coral reefs and abundant and varied marine life remain one of the Republic's greatest natural attractions.

Vanuatu Post welcomes the opportunity to highlight this natural asset in a stunning, colourful stamp issue featuring both single stamps and those same stamps enhanced in a miniature sheet. They encourage visitors to literally look below the surface of this beautiful country and grab a mask, fins and snorkel, and discover unlimited fun and unforgettable adventures!



Collectors Notes:

Designer: Denise Durkin, Wellington, New Zealand
 Photographers: 35 and 110vt Steve Dickinson, New Zealand; 80 and 135 vt Andy Belcher, New Zealand; 90vt Kevin Deacon, Australia; 110vt Rob Marshall, New Zealand; Mini Sheet surround Andy Belcher and Rob Marshall.

Printer: Joh Enschede, Haarlem, The Netherlands
 Process: Offset Litho
 Perforation Gauge: Stamps 13.75 per 2 cms. Mini Sheet 13.25 x 2
 Stamp Size: 38mm x 27.67mm. Mini Sheet size: 175 x 80mm
 Denominations: 35, 80, 90, 110 and 135 vatu.
 Paper: 110 gsm, Sopal Satimat paper.
 Period of Sale: 28 May, 2003 for a period of two years.

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