

2B ADVENTURE ISLANDS

A Vanuatu is a () of small islands in the South Pacific. It is one of the smallest countries in the world. But for those interested in () and sport, there is a lot to do. Some of the best swimming, snorkeling, and sea kayaking can be found here. Vanuatu's islands also () visitors two of the most () — and ()—activities in the world: volcano surfing and land diving.

Volcano Surfing

B On Tanna Island, Mount Yasur rises 300 meters into the sky. Yasur is one of Vanuatu's few (2). It erupts () every day, sometimes (2) a day. For (), both locals and tourists have climbed this mountain to visit the top. (), people have also started climbing Yasur to surf the volcano. In some ways, volcano surfing is like surfing in the sea, but in other ways, it's very (). A volcano surfer's goal is to () the erupting volcano—without being () by flying rocks! It's fast, fun, and dangerous—the perfect () sport.

Land Diving

C Most people (3) bungee jumping. But did you know that (2) started on Pentecost Island in Vanuatu almost 15 centuries ago? The (2) —called land diving—is part of a (2) . A man () two tree vines around his ankles. He then climbs a () tower around 20 to 30 meters high, crosses his arms, and jumps headfirst. The goal is to () the earth with the top of his head—without breaking the () or hitting the ground hard. Every spring, () boys and men still perform this amazing test of (). Women are not allowed to dive, but they () the divers by dancing and singing (4) the tower. Many tourists come to the island every year to watch this () tradition.