

Vanuatu DXpedition

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DX Engineering - Major Sponsor

DX Engineering has become a Major Sponsor for the October 2024 Vanuatu DXpedition. With their help there will be two stations on the air from October 16-30, 2024. Priority for the DXpedition will be the 2024 CQ WW SSB Contest on October 26-27. We will be operating High Power multi-multi.

Vanuatu is an island nation between Fiji and Australia and accessible by commercial airlines. Plans for the DXpedition are being handled by Van Herridge, N4VGE/YJ0VV, who has made reservations at a luxury villa, Asana, just outside of Vanuatu's capital only 100m from the beach. Currently there are three hams committed to going: John Schroeder, K4QQG; Nick Maslon, K1NZ / YJ0NZ; and myself.

The DXpedition is from October 16 - 30, 2024 and there is enough room in a luxury villa for two additional hams and their XYLs or OM. Those not operating the radios will find a safe and hospitable, pacific paradise. There will be several contests during the DXpedition including the CQ World-Wide SSB Contest. Timing will allow us to take advantage of the excellent Southern Hemisphere springtime propagation on top of the best sunspot activity in years. Equipment includes a Flex 6700, Icom 7300, and a Yaesu 891 for several POTA activations. Matched to these will be an Acom 1200s and ETO 91B legal limit amplifiers. Antennas will include a 6-20m hex beam, 10-160 inverted V fed by ladder line, an end fed 160m long wire, multi-band vertical, vertical arrays, bazooka long wire, DX Commander Expedition (for POTA) and additional antennas.

In addition to operating as a DX station we will have the opportunity to operate at several POTA and IOTA locations. If interested contact Van, N4VGE / YJ0VV, as soon as possible.

We leave in three months. Will you be with us?

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