



AUTONOMOUS REGION OF BOUGAINVILLE (AROB)

The Autonomous Region of Bougainville has two main islands, Buka and Bougainville, plus a scattering of smaller islands and atolls. The province is located north east of mainland Papua New Guinea. Bougainville is a jewel of the South Seas; while Buka has become a thriving business centre. Buka is the provincial capital and has good fishing, snorkelling and swimming in the clear waters of Buka passage. The volcanic island of Bougainville is home to one of the world's largest caves, Benua. The province is a key producer of copra and cocoa.

Historically, Panguna mine was the largest copper mine in Papua New Guinea. Due to the Bougainville crisis back in 1988, the mine was shut down and no longer in operation.



Things to do

- ▶ Snorkelling: Buka Passage is good but be aware of the strong currents and get local advice, or try the many little islands near the southern end of the passage.
- ▶ Offshore islands: These are great for swimming and fishing, and boats go out regularly.
- ▶ Walking: Trails just outside the town are pleasant but take a local.
- ▶ Swimming: The outer islands of the North Solomons are known for their idyllic white sandy beaches perfect for relaxing in the sun.
- ▶ Trekking
- ▶ Bird watching
- ▶ Caving

Things to See

- ▶ Buka: Shops and services for the town are along the main waterfront and you'll find the market and water taxis at the edge of deep Buka Passage, which is now the port. Arts and crafts; Lookout for the intricately and skilfully woven Buka baskets made from jungle vine.
- ▶ Sohano Island: Located a few minutes by boat from Buka, historical island first seat of provincial government built in 1960. The steep cliffs provide fine views over Buka Passage and back to Buka.
- ▶ Cultural Attractions
- ▶ WWII History sites
- ▶ Active Volcanoes
- ▶ Lakes

Wharf/ Port Information

Port Details:

Location	LAT: 06° 13.27'S LONG: 155° 38.25'E
Chart Reference	AUS 662

Wharves:

Berth	Length	Width	Water Depth (Below LAT)	Deck Height (Above LAT)
Berth 1 Overseas Wharf	122m	10.9m	7.5m	3.0m
Berth 2 Salasia Wharf	58m	8.2m	4.8m	3.0m
Berth 3 Feeder	58m	8.2m	4.8m	2.3m
Barge Ramp	Width 12m Grade 1 in 8			



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