



Vanuatu : Tanna Island, The Legend of the South Pacific



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After its discovery by James Cook, the archipelago of the « New-Hebrides » slowly submitted to the colonial powers, leading to a conflict of interests between the French and British, which was eventually resolved in 1904 with the creation of a joint administration.

These distant isles became the only Colony in history jointly managed by two world powers.

In 1980, the New Hebrides gained independence under the name of « Vanuatu », which quickly replaced the European denomination.

We head off to discover a forgotten people and learn about ancestral dialogues with the spirit world.

A gift of feathers, offered by the people of the pacific Island of Tanna, as part of a magnificent ceremony...

A gift, far exceeding the value of that which would normally be prescribed by protocol is given to the French ambassador as part of a ceremony reminiscent of those of former days.

Why such a gift? In the background of this event is the collective memory of a historic time, when France stepped in to protect the fragile balance of the people of the island.

It was 1100 years ago, but the gratitude lives on. Today when it comes to expressing their thanks, the elders withdraw, drawing our attention to the hopeful songs of the children of Tanna.