

# American Samoa

## Travel Facts



### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### Disabled Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/traveling-with-disabilities.html>

### LGBTQ+ Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

### Women Travelers

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/women-travelers.html>

### Telephone Code

684

### Local Emergency Phone

911

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for American Samoa: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. <http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

Tropical marine, moderated by southeast trade winds; annual rainfall averages about 3 m (10 feet); rainy season (November to April), dry season (May to October); little seasonal temperature variation; the temperature typically varies from 25°C - 31°C (77°F to 88°F) and is rarely below 23°C (74°F)

### Currency (Code)

US \$ (USD)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B, F, I



Type A



Type B



Type F



Type I

### Major Languages

Samoan 88.6%, English 3.9%, Tongan 2.7%, other Pacific islander 3%

### Major Religions

Christian 98.3%

### Time Difference

UTC-11 (6 hours behind Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Yes

### International Driving Permit

Suggested for non-US citizens

### Road Driving Side

Right

### Tourist Destinations

National Park of American Samoa (includes Ofu Beach, Pola Island); National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa (Fagatele Bay); Leone Church; Pago Pago Harbor; Tia Seu Lupe Park; Jean P. Haydon Museum; Rose Atoll

### Major Sports

Football, rugby, soccer

### Cultural Practices

In a traditional home, called a fale (fah-LAY), sit on the floor before talking, eating, or drinking. Cross your legs or pull a mat over them, as it is impolite to stretch out your legs.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is not part of the culture, so leaving a few extra dollars is appreciated. Be sure to hand the tip directly to the employee to ensure the right person receives it. Tip hotel porters \$2 (USD) dollars per bag. Taxi drivers would appreciate rounding up to the nearest even figure.

### Souvenirs

Tapa bark cloth, traditional clothing, shell purses and handicrafts, wood carvings, woven mats

### Traditional Cuisine

Panipopo — a dessert consisting of buns baked in a sweet and sticky coconut cream sauce

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