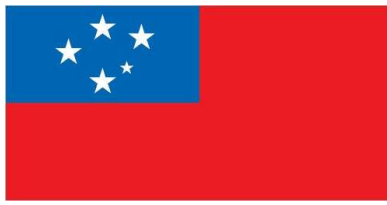


Samoa

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Samoa. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

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>

US Embassy/Consulate

+685 21436 / 21631 / 21452 or 22696; EMER: +685 7771776, please leave a message and the Duty Officer will return your call; U S Embassy Samoa, ACC Building, 5th Floor, Matafele Apia, Samoa; ApiaConsular@state.gov; <https://ws.usembassy.gov/>

Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html>

Telephone Code

685

Local Emergency Phone

999

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Samoa: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; rainy season (November to April), dry season (May to October)

Currency (Code)

Tala (SAT)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): I



Type I

Major Languages

Samoa (Polynesian), Somoan/English, English

Major Religions

Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Mormon

Time Difference

UTC+13 (18 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in September; ends first Sunday in April

Potable Water

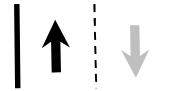
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested; in addition, you will need to get a local permit.

Road Driving Side

Left



Tourist Destinations

Palolo Deep National Marine Reserve; Robert Louis Stevenson Museum & Mt Vaea Scenic Walk; Papaseea Sliding Rocks; Piula Cave Pool; Le Pupu-Pue National Park; Lalomanu Beach; To Sua Ocean Trench; Mulivai Cathedral

Major Sports

Rugby, soccer, netball, boxing, kick boxing, wrestling, Kilikiti (similar to cricket)

Cultural Practices

In Samoan culture, most activities are done together. The traditional living quarters, or fale (houses), contain no walls and up to 20 people may sleep on the ground in the same fale. During the day, the fale is used for chatting and relaxing. One's family is viewed as an integral part of a person's life.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is not part of Samoan culture. Locals do not tip. Most tourists leave a little tip to wait staff to show their appreciation. Tipping tour guides and drivers is common. Conventionally, 5-10% of the tour price is a good gratuity.

Souvenirs

Shell, coconut, and mother-of-pearl jewelry and decorative items; bone-, turtle-shell-, and kava-wood-carved items; tapa and embroidered cloth goods; spices and tea; woven baskets

Traditional Cuisine

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

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