American Samoa

Passport/Visa Requirements
A foreign national or alien entering the US is generally required to present a passport and valid visa issued by a US Consular Official, unless they are a citizen of a country eligible for the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), or are a lawful permanent resident of the US or a citizen of Canada. The VWP allows foreign nationals from certain countries to be admitted to the US under limited conditions and for a limited time without obtaining a visa. The foreign national must arrive on an approved carrier (if coming by air or sea), stay no more than 90 days (for pleasure, medical purposes, and/or business), and be able to prove they are not inadmissible. The foreign national is still required to have a passport. To obtain a list of VWP-eligible countries and VWP passport requirements, please visit https: www.dhs.gov and/or visa waiver program requirements. Note: all travelers transiting the US are subject to US customs and/or immigration laws.

Vaccinations
See WHO recommendations 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 type(s): A, B, F, I

Major Languages
Samoan 88.6%, English 3.9%, Tonga 2.7%, other Pacific islander 3%, other 1.8%

Religions
Christian 98.3%, other 1%, unaffiliated 0.7%

Time Difference
UTC-11 (6 hours behind Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
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<th>Potable Water</th>
<th>Yes</th>
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<td>International Driving Permit</td>
<td>Suggested for non-US citizens.</td>
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<td>Road Driving Side</td>
<td>Right</td>
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<td>Tourist destinations</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Major Sports</td>
<td>Football, rugby, soccer</td>
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<td>Cultural Practices</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Tipping Guidelines</td>
<td>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.</td>
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Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

- World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. [http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:


How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

- from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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