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

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Travelers with Special Needs

When venturing a broad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.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



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

