

SAMOA

Samoa is an archipelago in the South Pacific consisting of 10 islands, of which only four are inhabited. The main islands of Upolu and Savai'i are fringed by magnificent coral reefs and lagoons, overlooked by volcanic peaks. Inland, the rugged interior hides lush rainforests, cascading waterfalls, steep gorges and crystal clear cave pools. Upolu is the most populated of Samoa's two main islands and home to Faleolo International Airport (APW) and the harbor capital of Apia.

Must see sites that are within easy reach of Apia include Robert Louis Stevenson's Museum, the Samoa Cultural Village, Palolo Deep Marine Reserve, Piula Cave Pools and the Papase'ea Sliding Rocks. Robert Louis Stevenson, known as 'Tusitala' (Samoan for 'teller of tales') spent his final years in Samoa where he wrote most of his books, including Treasure Island. His beautiful mansion Vailima has been converted into a museum and is open to the public.

Visitors can also visit his grave located at the top of Mt Vaea along a trail named by the locals as "The Road of the Loving Heart". For those more adventurous, head to the south side of the island where you will discover Lalomanu Beach, named one of the ten most beautiful beaches in the world and To Sua Ocean Trench, a 30 metre deep crater filled with sea water. The Trench is surrounded by beautiful gardens and is a popular picnic spot. The 'big island' of Savai'i is reached by an inter-island ferry which takes approximately an hour or a 10 minute charter flight. Savai'i is less populated than Upolu and is known for its gentle and traditional way of life, pristine scenery and key archaeological sites.

On Savai'i, you will discover the alien-like landscape of Saleaula Lava Fields and the Virgin's Grave, the stunning Afu Aau Waterfall and the spectacular Alofaaga Blowholes. A well paved road encircles the island making it easy to explore and access these sites. Overcome your fear of heights at the Falealupo Rainforest Canopy Walk. Climb the Banyan Tree and cross the suspension bridge for a great view of the rainforest and Savai'i coastline. Through the Rainforest is Cape Mulinu'u, one of the last places in Samoa where you will see the sunset.

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TALOFA & WELCOME TO SAMOA!



IN THE SACRED CENTRE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN LIES SAMOA – THE TREASURED ISLANDS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

Blessed with stunning land and seascapes, Samoa is considered the heart of Polynesia and boasts a 3,000 year old way of life called Fa'a Samoa. Fa'a Samoa (The Samoan Way) is a guideline for every Samoan on how to lead their lives – celebrating and embracing traditional values, their culture and the environment. As a result, life has changed very little among many of Samoa's people with time honoured customs still an integral part of life.

Proud, friendly, warm and welcoming, Samoans live in harmony with nature, ensuring the environment remains pristine, unspoiled, safe and clean, creating a place where travellers can leave their busy, noisy modern lifestyles behind and experience “true paradise”.

FIRST TIME VISITING SAMOA?



Visitors to Samoa are not required to obtain an entry permit for stays of less than 60 days. Visitors must have a return or onward ticket and at least 6 months validity on their passport at the time of entry into Samoa. The islands are free of major tropical diseases and no vaccinations are required.

In Samoa, there is accommodation to suit every kind of traveller and budget, from resorts with spa treatments to budget style open air beach fales. Getting around is easy, rent a car, hop on a colourful island bus or take a taxi and a packed lunch for a fun-filled day.

ROMANCE BLOSSOMS IN PARADISE

Known as the last bastion of Polynesian culture, Samoa is famous all over the world as the only place in the South Pacific where you can have an authentic Polynesian experience.

Samoa is blessed with year round warm weather and with its sparkling white sandy beaches, stunning waterfalls, lush tropical rainforests and gardens, Samoa is the perfect romantic destination for your romantic getaway.

TROPICAL NUPTIALS

FANCY A DESTINATION WEDDING?

There are many suitable resorts that are able to cater for your wedding and honeymoon.

All the services you require for your tropical island wedding can be found in Samoa. Ministers, venues, caterers, photographers and cars can be easily arranged by hotels, resorts and tour operators.



NEED-TO-KNOW FACTS

- ♥ Marriages in Samoa are legally recognised worldwide.
- ♥ To marry in Samoa you will need to fill in an application for a marriage license at least 14 days prior (but no more than 3 months in advance) to your wedding day with the Justice Department in Apia.
- ♥ A fee of WST\$14 applies.
- ♥ Couples will be required to provide a photocopy of their passport, birth certificate, death certificate (if applicable of your former spouse), a copy of the Decree Absolute if divorced and a Certificate of No Impediment to Get Married.

