



Country Profile: Western Samoa

Samoa consists of the two large islands of Upolu and Savai'i and seven small islets. The country has a stable parliamentary democracy with a developing economy. Tourist facilities are accessible by bus, taxi, and car and are within walking distance of access roads. Infrastructure is adequate in Apia, the capital, but is limited in other areas. Nearly all Internet connections use a relatively slow dial-up method. Samoa has two digital telephone service providers, and visitors can easily purchase prepaid phones that cover virtually the entire country. [The Samoa Tourism Authority](#) provides a wide range of information of interest to travelers. Read the Department of State's [Background Notes on Samoa](#) for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Samoa
Continent:	Oceania
Capital City:	Apia
Boundary Countries:	No land boundaries.
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	Apia, Mulifanua, Matavai, Faleasi'u, Salelologa, Vaitele
Country Size:	2,831 sq km
Population:	219,998

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Samoaan (Polynesian), English
Currency:	Western Samoan Tala (WST)
Predominant Religions:	Congregationalist 34.8%, Roman Catholic 19.6%, Methodist 15%, Latter-Day Saints 12.7%, Assembly of God 6.6%, Seventh-Day Adventist 3.5%, Worship Centre 1.3%, other Christian 4.5%, other 1.9%, unspecified 0.1%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 1 June (1962); note: 1 January 1962 is the date of independence from New Zealand-administered UN trusteeship; it is observed in June
Economic Status:	The economy of Samoa has traditionally been dependent on development aid, family remittances from overseas, agriculture, and fishing. The country is vulnerable to devastating storms. Agriculture employs two-thirds of the labor force and furnishes 90% of exports, featuring coconut cream, coconut oil, and copra. The manufacturing sector mainly processes agricultural products.
Security:	no regular military forces; Samoa Police Force
US Presence:	The U.S. Embassy in Apia is located in the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC formerly and more well known as ACB) Building, Fifth Floor, Apia. The Embassy's mailing address is US Embassy, PO Box 3430, Apia, Samoa 0815. The telephone numbers are (685) 21436/21631/22696 and 21452. The fax number is (685) 22030. An Embassy officer can be reached after hours in an emergency involving the welfare of a US citizen or non-citizen national at (685) 777-1776. The Embassy is open to the public from 9:00a-12:45p, and 1:30p-4:00p from Monday – Friday except Thursdays, when it is open only from 9:00a -12:45p.
Major Airports:	Airports: 4; Airports w/paved runways: 2 Apia Airport, Samoa, Samoa Airport Authority, Private Bag, Apia, Samoa <i>Tel:</i> +685 23201 <i>Fax:</i> +685 24281 <i>Website:</i> www.livesamoa.com/saa Customs <i>Tel:</i> +685 21561

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