

American Samoa

Continent: Australia

Languages Spoken: English, Samoan

Population: 49,000

Currency: United States Dollar (USD)

Area: 199

Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'National Park of American Samoa', 'writeup': 'A protected area encompassing tropical rainforests, coral reefs, and volcanic mountains, showcasing the islands' natural beauty and biodiversity.'}
- {'name': 'Pago Pago Harbor', 'writeup': 'A deep natural harbor surrounded by volcanic mountains, serving as a key port and scenic spot.'}
- {'name': 'Jean P. Haydon Museum', 'writeup': 'A museum dedicated to preserving and showcasing the cultural and historical heritage of American Samoa.'}

Head of State / Government:

President of the United States (Joe Biden)

Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Ava Ceremony', 'writeup': 'A traditional Samoan ritual involving the preparation and drinking of ava (kava), symbolizing respect and social hierarchy.'}
- {'name': 'Flag Day', 'writeup': 'An annual celebration on April 17th commemorating the cession of the islands to the United States, featuring parades, cultural performances, and sports.'}

Food & Cuisine:

American Samoan cuisine blends Polynesian traditions with American influences, featuring dishes like palusami (taro leaves with coconut cream), oka i'a (raw fish salad), and various seafood prepared with local ingredients.

Brief History:

American Samoa became a U.S. territory in 1900 following agreements with local chiefs and the U.S. government. It has since maintained a unique cultural identity while under American administration.

Important People:

- Tauese Sunia - Former Governor
- Eni Faleomavaega - Former Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives
- Lemanu Peleti Mauga - Current Governor

Current Conflicts:

No significant internal or external conflicts reported.

Youtube Links:

- Discovering American Samoa: A Tropical Paradise

- American Samoa National Park Tour
- Cultural Traditions of American Samoa
- Life in American Samoa: Island Living
- American Samoa History and Facts