

Samoa

Continent: Australia

Languages Spoken: Samoan, English

Population: 200,000

Currency: Samoan tālā (WST)

Area: 2,842

Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'To Sua Ocean Trench', 'writeup': 'A large swimming hole formed by a collapsed lava tube, surrounded by lush gardens and cliffs.'}
- {'name': 'Robert Louis Stevenson Museum', 'writeup': 'The former home of the famous Scottish author, now a museum showcasing his life and works.'}
- {'name': 'Lalomanu Beach', 'writeup': 'A picturesque white sand beach known for its clear waters and coral reefs.'}

Head of State / Government:

O le Ao o le Malo Tuimalealiifano Vaaleatoa Sualauvi II

Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Teuila Festival', 'writeup': 'An annual cultural festival celebrating Samoan arts, dance, and music.'}
- {'name': 'Independence Day', 'writeup': "Celebrated on June 1st, marking Samoa's independence from New Zealand in 1962."}

Food & Cuisine:

Samoan cuisine features root vegetables like taro and breadfruit, coconut milk, fresh fish, and traditional dishes such as palusami (taro leaves with coconut cream) and oka (raw fish salad).

Brief History:

Samoa was settled by Polynesians around 1000 BCE. It became a German colony in the late 19th century, then administered by New Zealand after WWI. Samoa gained independence in 1962, becoming the first Polynesian nation to do so.

Important People:

- Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi - Former Prime Minister
- Fiame Naomi Mata'afa - Current Prime Minister
- Robert Louis Stevenson - Scottish author who lived in Samoa

Current Conflicts:

Samoa is generally peaceful with no significant current conflicts.

Youtube Links:

- Discover Samoa: A Tropical Paradise in the Pacific

- Samoa Travel Guide: Top Things to See and Do
- Samoan Culture and Traditions Explained
- Exploring Samoa's Natural Wonders
- A Taste of Samoa: Traditional Samoan Food