

# Niue

**Continent:** Australia

**Languages Spoken:** Niuean, English

**Population:** 1,600

**Currency:** New Zealand Dollar (NZD)

**Area:** 260

## Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Alofi Village', 'writeup': 'The capital of Niue, known for its colonial architecture and local markets.'}
- {'name': 'Talava Arches', 'writeup': 'Natural limestone arches located on the southeastern coast, popular for scenic views.'}
- {'name': 'Limu Pools', 'writeup': 'Natural rock pools ideal for swimming and snorkeling.'}
- {'name': 'Hikulagi Sculpture Park', 'writeup': 'An outdoor park featuring sculptures made from recycled materials, promoting environmental awareness.'}

## Head of State / Government:

King Charles III (represented by the Governor-General of New Zealand)

## Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Niue National Day', 'writeup': 'Celebrated on October 19th, marking Niue's self-governing status in free association with New Zealand.'}
- {'name': 'Village Fiafia Nights', 'writeup': 'Weekly cultural events featuring traditional music, dance, and food.'}

## Food & Cuisine:

Niuean cuisine features seafood, taro, coconut, and tropical fruits, with traditional dishes like 'umu' (earth oven cooked food) being central to local meals.

## Brief History:

Niue was settled by Polynesians around 900 AD. It became a British protectorate in 1900 and was annexed by New Zealand in 1901. Niue gained self-governing status in free association with New Zealand in 1974.

## Important People:

- Sir Toke Talagi - Former Premier of Niue
- Frank Lui - Former Premier
- Young Vivian - Former Premier

## Current Conflicts:

Niue is currently peaceful with no known internal or external conflicts.

## Youtube Links:

- Discover Niue: The Rock of Polynesia

- Niue Travel Guide - Exploring the Hidden Gem of the Pacific
- Niue Island - A Remote Paradise in the South Pacific
- Culture and Traditions of Niue
- Niue's Natural Wonders and Adventure Activities