

# Tuvalu

**Continent:** Australia

**Languages Spoken:** Tuvaluan, English

**Population:** 11,000

**Currency:** Tuvaluan dollar (TVD), Australian dollar (AUD)

**Area:** 26

## Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Funafuti Conservation Area', 'writeup': 'A protected marine area known for its coral reefs and diverse marine life, crucial for environmental preservation.'}
- {'name': 'Nukufetau Atoll', 'writeup': "One of Tuvalu's nine atolls, featuring traditional villages and pristine natural beauty."}
- {'name': 'Tuvalu Philatelic Bureau', 'writeup': 'Famous for issuing postage stamps that are a significant source of revenue for the country.'}

## Head of State / Government:

King Charles III (represented by Governor-General Tofiga Vaevalu Falani)

## Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Te Aso Fiafia (Happy Day)', 'writeup': 'A national holiday celebrated with traditional dance, music, and feasting to honor Tuvaluan culture.'}
- {'name': 'Independence Day', 'writeup': "Celebrated on October 1st, marking Tuvalu's independence from the United Kingdom in 1978."}

## Food & Cuisine:

Tuvaluan cuisine primarily consists of seafood, coconut, taro, and breadfruit, reflecting the island's natural resources and traditional cooking methods.

## Brief History:

Tuvalu was formerly known as the Ellice Islands and was a British protectorate before gaining independence in 1978. It has a history of Polynesian settlement and later European contact.

## Important People:

- Tofiga Vaevalu Falani - Governor-General
- Kausea Natano - Prime Minister
- Sir Kamuta Latasi - Former Prime Minister

## Current Conflicts:

Tuvalu faces no active military conflicts but is significantly threatened by climate change and rising sea levels impacting its low-lying islands.

## Youtube Links:

- Discover Tuvalu: The Tiny Island Nation

- Tuvalu Climate Change Impact Documentary
- Life in Tuvalu: Culture and Traditions
- Tuvalu's Fight Against Rising Sea Levels
- Exploring Tuvalu's Marine Biodiversity