

# 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:

- Tauuese 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