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Samoa

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Samoa due to **COVID-19** travel related restrictions. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 90 days.

US Embassy/Consulate

+685 21436 / 21631 / 21452 or 22696; EMER: +685 7771776, please leave a message and the Duty Officer will return your call; U S Embassy Samoa, ACC Building, 5th Floor, Matafele Apia, Samoa; ApiaConsular@state.gov;



<https://ws.usembassy.gov/>

Telephone Code

685

Local Emergency Phone

999

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical; rainy season (November to April), dry season (May to October)

Currency (Code)

Tala (SAT)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz /plug type(s): I



Type
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Major Languages

Samoaan (Polynesian), Somoan/English, English

Religions

Protestant 54.9%, Roman Catholic 18.8%, Mormon 16.9%, Worship Centre 2.8%, other Christian 3.6%, other 2.9% (includes Baha'i, Muslim)

Time Difference

UTC+13 (18 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in September; ends first Sunday in April

Potable Water	Opt for bottled water.
International Driving Permit	Suggested; in addition, you will need to get a local permit.
Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist destinations	Palolo Deep National Marine Reserve; Robert Louis Stevenson Museum & Mt Vaea Scenic Walk; Papaseea Sliding Rocks; Piula Cave Pool; Le Pupu-Pue National Park; Lalomanu Beach; To Sua Ocean Trench; Mulivai Cathedral
Major Sports	Rugby, soccer, netball, boxing, kick boxing, wrestling, Kilikiti (similar to cricket)
Cultural Practices	Shoes should be removed when entering a household.
Tipping Guidelines	Tipping is not part of Samoan culture. Locals do not tip. Most tourists leave a little tip to wait staff to show their appreciation. Tipping tour guides and drivers is common. Conventionally, 5-10% of the tour price is a good gratuity.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.ataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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