

Tuvalu

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Tuvalu.

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

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

US does not have an embassy in Tuvalu; the US Ambassador to Fiji is accredited to Tuvalu; +(679) 331-4466; EMER: +(679) 772-8049; US Embassy Suva, 158 Princes Rd, Tamavua, Suva, Fiji Islands

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

688

Local Emergency Phone

911

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Tuvalu: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; moderated by easterly trade winds (March to November); westerly gales and heavy rain (November to March)

Currency (Code)

Tuvaluan dollars or Australian dollars (AUD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Type I

Major Languages

Tuvaluan, English, Samoan, Kiribati (on the island of Nui)

Major Religions

Protestant, Baha'i

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

Time Difference

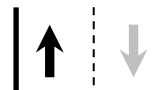
UTC+12 (17 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Left



Tourist Destinations

Funafuti Marine Conservation Area; Tuvalu Woman's Handicraft Center

Major Sports

Kilikiti (similar to cricket), ano (variant of volleyball), soccer, volleyball

Cultural Practices

The culture of Tuvalu is unique yet typical of the culture of the South Pacific Islands. Tuvalu is largely Polynesian, with an emphasis on traditional ways, friendliness and a relaxed lifestyle. The people are famous for their dancing, music and handcrafts, which are highly regarded in the Pacific.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is not common nor expected.

Souvenirs

Carved tuluma wooden tackle boxes, woven cloth, shell jewelry, stamps

Traditional Cuisine

Pulaka (similar to taro); often combined with coconut cream and served with fish

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