

# 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

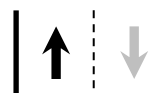
UTC+12 (17 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### 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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