

SAMOA

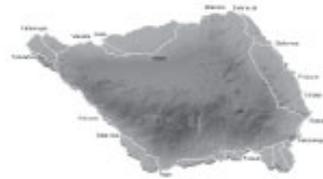
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*Talofa lava*

WELCOME TO SAMOA, FOUND  
IN THE HEART OF THE PACIFIC  
OCEAN BELOW THE EQUATOR, OUR  
ISLANDS ARE HALF WAY BETWEEN  
NEW ZEALAND AND HAWAII.



*(Image – Samoa Tourism Authority)*



## PACIFIC GREETINGS

The Ministry of Natural Resources Environment & Meteorology (MNRE) brings you greetings from Samoa your Host country for the

Samoa is anticipating a successful gathering and will ensure your comfortable stay in our islands

This Information leaflet is to provide a general understanding of Samoa and the various accommodations venues transport and services available that is suitable to your preference.

Looking forward to a technical and comfortable gathering with productive solutions for the betterment of our people communities and nations...

Fa'afetai



## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Independent State of SAMOA since 1962 lies in the heart of Polynesia amongst its neighbouring Pacific islands of Tonga, Fiji and the Cook Islands.

The Fa'asamoa or Samoan culture is still prominent in the daily lives, beliefs and activities of the Samoan people today. It is a living culture based on the principals of respect, honour, tradition and Christianity.

Samoa has a strong cultural social structure and the hierarchy of its authority is well defined in all aspects of society from Village councils, Women's Committees to Politics.

This social structure has enabled a positive and productive Samoan people evident in its stable leadership, economy and development.





Like its neighbouring island countries Samoa shares the fate of the Pacific Ocean as a source of health and wealth and in retrospect the swiftness of Climate Change and Natural Disasters.

As the Treasured Islands of the South Pacific, Samoa welcomes all practical and culturally sensitive mitigation measures, effective preparedness, planned responses and durable recoveries from any form of Disaster for our precious paradise.



## MAP OF SAMOA

Samoa has two main islands Savai'i and Upolu. The two gatherings will be hosted in the main island of Upolu where the town of Apia is located. Savai'i island is the potential location for a Site Visit for participants.





## TIME

Samoa's Time Zone is three hours behind US Pacific Time and 12 hours behind GMT



## CLIMATE, WEATHER

Samoa is situated close to the equator with a climate that is hot and humid all year round and temperatures around 26 Celsius. The driest months are from May to October, the rainy season is from November to April the time of the two gatherings, but it doesn't mean rain all day but occasional heavy showers with long sunny periods.



## ENTRY

Visitors do not need entry visa for a visit of up to 30 days, however they must have an onward or return ticket and a valid passport of six months or more.

The Faleolo International Airport towards the North West side of the Upolu Island is your initial point of arrival with only a 30 minute drive into the central town area of Apia, where the gatherings are held and accommodation facilities located.

## CURRENCY

The Samoa decimal currency (WST) is based on the Tala (dollar) and Sene (Cent). There are Foreign Exchange branches of the main Banks and privately owned finance institutions scattered around the Apia Town area all within walking distance.

## CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are accepted at major hotels and some restaurants and stores. Travellers cheques are widely accepted at major banks and hotels.

## LANGUAGE

The official language is Samoan but English is widely spoken in business and tourism.

Some useful phases

Hello	Talofa
Goob bye	Tofā
Please	Fa'amolemole
Thank you	Fa'afetai

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# ACCOMMODATION



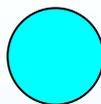
Samoa offers a variety of accommodation options to suit your budget and preference. The following accommodation sites have been recommended due to its close proximity to the main venue for the two gatherings. The main venue is the Ministry of Natural Resource Environment and Meteorology main office located in the Development Bank Building Apia.

- Le Alaimoana Hotel ●
- Seaside Inn ●
- Pasefika Inn ●
- Aggie Grey's Hotel ●
- Hotel Kitano Tusitala ●
- Elisa Hotel ●
- Hotel Millenia ●
- Main Venue – DBS APIA ◆





## LE ALAIMOANA HOTEL



Le Alaimoana Hotel is located in the village of Matautu a five minute walk to Apia and a 10 minute walk to the DBS Main Building. To commute to other parts of Apia would cost an average of \$4.00 TALA by taxi or you can arrange for Transport services by the Hotel.

Contact Details

Email: [myroom@lealaimoana.ws](mailto:myroom@lealaimoana.ws)

Phone: (685) 20219

Single Standard Room

1 Day

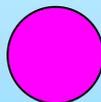
= \$ 280 TALA (Including Continental Breakfast)

Family Room

= \$ 370 TALA (Including Continental Breakfast)



## SEASIDE INN



Seaside Inn is a Budget Accommodation located directly opposite the Apia Marina. It is close to Seafood Gourmet a popular Seafood Restaurant for a day's lunch and not far, a more sophisticated Paddles Restaurant for an evening dining. The sunsets view is breathtaking.



Contact Details

Email: [seasideinn@pasefika.net](mailto:seasideinn@pasefika.net)

Phone: (685) 22578

Single Standard Room

1 Day

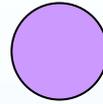
= \$ 110 TALA  
(Including Continental Breakfast)

Family Room

= \$ 135 TALA  
(Including Continental Breakfast)



## PASEFIKA INN



Pasefika Inn is one of the most popular Budget Accommodations on island. It is surrounded by many facilities that its guests can take advantage of. SCOOPS Ice Cream sells tasty Chicken'n'Chips as well as an assortment of overseas ice cream flavours. Directly opposite is a Laundromat and an Internet Booth.

### Contact Details

Email: [emailinformation@pasefika.ws](mailto:emailinformation@pasefika.ws)

Phone: (685) 20084

		1 Day
Single Standard Room	=	\$140 TALA (Including Continental Breakfast)
Double Standard Room	=	\$160 TALA (Including Continental Breakfast)



## AGGIE GREY'S HOTEL



The legendary Aggie Grey's Hotel she needs no introduction. For comfort in style and luxury this is the place to stay.

### Contact Details

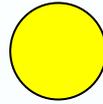
Email: [aggiecreys@aggiecreys.ws](mailto:aggiecreys@aggiecreys.ws)

Phone: (685) 22880

		1 Day
Single Standard Room	=	\$120 USD +15% VAGST TAX
Double Standard Room	=	\$130 USD +15% VAGST TAX



## HOTEL KITANO TUSITALA



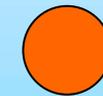
Hotel Kitano Tusitala is another long serving Hotel in Samoa. Its Front Terrace is often used for regional gatherings and local special events. Located on the Western side of Apia, Hotel Kitano Tusitala is not only of walking distance to the Main Venue but to the Local Fish Market and Flee Market with the best bargains in town for gifts and souvenirs from Samoa.

Contact Details

Email: [kitano@kitano.ws](mailto:kitano@kitano.ws)

Phone: (685) 21122

		1 Day
Single Standard Room	=	\$443 TALA (Including Continental Breakfast)
Double Standard Room	=	\$480 TALA (Including Continental Breakfast)



## HOTEL ELISA

Hotel Elisa with a view of the Apia Harbour and a few minutes from the Mulinu'u Peninsular it is also another ideal accommodation venue for business and comfort.

Contact Details

Email: [kitano@kitano.ws](mailto:kitano@kitano.ws)

Phone: (685) 21122

		1 Day
Single Standard Room	=	\$ 280 TALA
Double Standard Room	=	\$280 TALA



# HOTEL MILLENIA



The Millenia Hotel is a family friendly accommodation with a beautiful view of Apia and gurantee front seats to the best sunsets on the island. Their Happy Hour specials also include entertainment by renown local artists and musicians.

## Contact Details

Email: [info@hotelmilleniasamoa.com](mailto:info@hotelmilleniasamoa.com)

Phone: (685) 28284

		1 Day
Single Standard Room	=	\$ 150 TALA
Double Standard Room	=	\$ 240 TALA





# SERVICES / FACILITIES

## EFTPOS

- At present for easy payment there are 25 Eftpos outlets found throughout Upolu and Savaii which accept the following cards
  - Visa
  - Mastercard
  - Cirrus
  - Amex
  - JCB & Plus Cards and Access International Debit Card

## INTERNET & COMMUNICATION

- SamoaTel & Digicel are the two main mobile service providers in Samoa
- All of the accommodations listed above have internet.
- There are also Internet Cafés in the town area at reasonable rates for usage
  - Contact CSL (Computer Service Ltd. For details with regards to broadband wireless and equipment)

<b>Internet Café</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
○ Computer Service Limited	Lotemau Centre	20926
○ Traveller's Lounge	Beach Road	22144

## POST OFFICE

- The Post Office is located on Beach Road Apia and is open Monday to Friday 8am – 4.30pm

## HEALTH & HOSPITALS

<b>Hospitals</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tupua Tamasese Meaole II	Motootua	21212
MedCen Hospital	Avele	26519



## TRANSPORT & GETTING AROUND

### AIRPORT BUS SERVICE

An Airport Bus Service is provided by P&F Schuster Tours for airline passengers between major hotels in Apia and Faleolo International Airport. For reservations and information contact phone 23014 or inquire at your hotel



### BUS & TAXI SERVICES

The bus service on both Upolu and Savaii provide cheap transport for local people and an experience for visitors. The bus terminal for Upolu is next to the Fish Market (Sogi) and the Food market (Fugalei). Buses are named with their destination and you only need to ask a driver which bus you should catch.



The minimum charge for a taxi fare is \$3 (blame petrol prices). A copy of the bus and taxi fare rates is available from the Samoa Tourism Authority



### RENTALS

It is law that your licence is endorsed by the Police Department prior to collecting your rental vehicle. There is a variety of rental companies located in the Apia and you can access via internet or at your hotel.



