



SAMOA!!

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WHERE IS SAMOA??

SAMOA, is 3,587 miles away from the central point of Australia and 2,031 miles away from New Zealand and in the south Pacific ocean. It is also 2,831 km² or 25 miles in length . As well as this, Samoa's population , in 2022, was at 222,382 people.



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ISLANDS OF SAMOA



SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

AMERICAN SAMOA

Pago Pago
Tutuila

Ofu
Olosega
Luma
Ta'u
Manu'a Islands

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Samoan dishes

Most Samoans eat Taro, green bananas, rice, potatoes and fish. However, for breakfast they eat papaya, pineapple, coconut and the tiny sweet bananas



Tourist sites in Samoa!!!

- There are many tourist sites in Samoa but there is one waterfall called Sopoaga. Sopoaga Falls is positioned on Upolu Island and is a giant! It is the largest waterfall in Samoa within easy reach.
- The Piula Cave Pool is an interesting tourist attraction. It's basically a natural cave with water going through which you can swim through





10 fascinating facts about Samoa

1. Tattooing Is A Part Of Samoan Culture
2. The two main islands are volcanic
3. The 'ie tōga Is An Important Symbol Of The Samoan Culture
4. A Samoan Legend Explains The Origin Of The First Coconut Tree
5. Samoan Houses are the Most Ancient Structure In Polynesia
6. There Is Only One City In Samoa
7. Samoans Love To Play Kilikiti, A Form Of Cricket
8. Traditional Samoan Houses Have No Walls
9. Samoa Is A Growing Tourist Destination With A Wealth Of Attractions
10. About sixty percent of the country is forested

Traditions followed in Samoa

Samoans celebrate all kinds of things here are the most important things. Some of the aspects of Samoan culture are Faith, family, and music. Not only this, but they also celebrate To'ana'i (every Sunday after church), weddings, funerals, birthdays, village or church meetings and Lotu Tamaiti (children's church day), referred to as 'White Sunday' in Samoa. Samoans' traditional houses are known as fale. These Oval structures have thatched roofs and no walls - roll down blinds can be used to provide privacy.



Wildlife in Samoa



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There are many beautiful creatures in Samoa here are the two best looking Samoan animals.

- Name: Tooth-billed pigeon
- Scientific name: *Didunculus strigirostris*
- Conservation status: Critically endangered

- Name: Blue-crowned lorikeet
- Scientific name: *Vini australis*
- Conservation status: Least concern





Posolo Tuilagi

Posolo Tuilagi is a famous Samoan rugby player and would need to travel 9,985 miles ,or 16,069km, to get to Paris and compete in the Olympics. Here is the route he would take.



Back to the future

In 2011, Samoa moved its position on the international date line to the east, so that the country would lie West of the date line - a change that would align it with the Australian business day . By doing so, the country went to bed on Thursday 29th of December and woke up on Saturday 31st of December - Friday 30th of December disappeared completely!

Quiz Questions

DON'T TURN OVER!!

1. What ocean is Samoa in?
2. What foods do Samoans eat?
3. What animal is extremely endangered from Samoa?
4. What are some of the aspects of Samoan culture?
5. What is the biggest waterfall in Samoa?
6. Where did the first coconut tree originate from?
7. What game is Kilikiti similar to?





Quiz Answers

1. South Pacific Ocean
2. Taro, green bananas, rice, potatoes and fish
3. Tooth-billed pigeon
4. Faith , Family and Music
5. Sopoaga Falls
6. A Samoan legend
7. Cricket

