



Ports & Excursions



Apia, Western Samoa

The first Polynesians arrived in Western Samoa around 1000 B.C. Three millennia later, the islands formed one of the last bastions of traditional Polynesian culture. Apia, the capital of Western or Independent Samoa, is a city of 40,000 on the island of Upolu. Its picturesque waterfront is lined with public buildings, shops and trading companies. The town now comprises of modern 3-5 story buildings all along the waterfront. Government has built some very modern buildings to house most of the government offices. The village settings can only be seen in the outskirts of town within a radius of 15 miles.

Western Samoa has long lured Westerners to its islands. The most famous expatriate of all was Robert Louis Stevenson, who lived at Vailima, and was buried near the summit of Mt. Vaea.

Dress in light, comfortable clothing when visiting Apia. The dress code is quite casual. Shorts are appropriate for men. Dress for women is more conservative. The local women wear long skirts, dresses, lava lavas or muumuus.

Points of Interest

1 Robert Louis Stevenson House

Famed novelist Robert Louis Stevenson, best known for Treasure Island, once resided in this house in the small village of Vailima. His house now serves as a historic museum with authentic period furnishings.

2 Mulinuu Peninsula

This site hosts the burial grounds of the former kings of Samoa, dating back to the 17th Century. The peninsula is also home to the Apia Observatory, and the beehive-style Samoan Parliament building, the heart of the Samoan government.

3 Piula Cave Pool

Piula College sits on the edge of the naturally occurring freshwater Piula Cave Pool. Take a plunge in the subterranean turquoise waters, and swim back into the giant cave.

4 Traditional Market

Visit a traditional market where local vendors sell a variety of Samoan handicrafts, fresh produce or the day's fresh catch. Pick up something new to taste or a unique memento to take home.

5 Sopo'aga Falls

Stop at the spectacular Sopo'aga Waterfall and take pictures of this natural wonder. Gaze out from a lush tropical garden, and take in the spectacular waterfall in a deep green gorge.

6 Cultural Experience

Watch or take part in a traditional ceremony. Listen to the local language, learn about time-honored traditions and customs.

7 Tafatafa Beach

Arrive at Tafatafa Beach, and refresh with a swim in the light blue waters. Stroll along the beach, or rest under a Samoan fale and enjoy the shade.

Special Child Pricing Available!

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Sightseeing & City Tours



Most Popular

Island Drive & Vailima

APW-105 | Apia, Western Samoa | Group Size: 30

You will visit:



3.5 hours

from \$89.00

Take a scenic island drive to the Mulinuu Peninsula. Visit architectural treasures like the beehive-style Samoan Parliament building. See famed author Robert Louis Stevenson's house, and take in a Kava ceremony, named for the medicinal Kava plant. Head to the Maketi Fou at Fugalei produce market.

Activities & Adventures



Island Drive & Tafatafa Beach

APW-230 | Apia, Western Samoa | Group Size: 30

You will visit:



You will see:



6 hours

from \$85.95

A scenic ride leads to a leisurely day of relaxation on Tafatafa Beach. Refresh with a swim or stroll along the beach. Rest under a Samoan fale, a thatched hut, and enjoy the shade. Later, visit the spectacular Sopo'aga Waterfall located in a lush green gorge.



Off the Beaten Path

Piula Cave Pool & Vailele

APW-700 | Apia, Western Samoa | Group Size: 30

You will visit:



You will see:



4 hours

from \$85.95

Leave Apia and the modern world behind on a drive along the island's northeast shore. Pass traditional villages and black-sand beaches en route to Piula College, and the freshwater Piula Cave Pool. Enjoy a drink of fresh coconut and take the plunge into subterranean turquoise waters. Swim under the cliff, and explore the cave.