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Capital: Apia **Time:** GMT - 12

Background: New Zealand occupied the German protectorate of Western Samoa at the outbreak of World War I in 1914. It continued to administer the islands as a mandate and then as a trust territory until 1962, when the islands became the first Polynesian nation to reestablish independence in the 20th century. The country dropped the "Western" from its name in 1997.

Location: Oceania, group of islands in the South Pacific Ocean, about one-half of the way from Hawaii to New Zealand

Map References: Oceania

Area: total: 2,860 sq km, land: 2,850 sq km, water: 10 sq km

Climate: tropical; rainy season (October to March), dry season (May to October)

Terrain: narrow coastal plain with volcanic, rocky, rugged mountains in interior

Natural Resources: hardwood forests, fish, hydropower

Population: 179,466 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: *noun:* Samoan(s), *adjective:* Samoan

Ethnic Groups: Samoan 92.6%, Euronesians 7% (persons of European and Polynesian blood), Europeans 0.4%

Religions: Christian 99.7% (about one-half of population associated with the London Missionary Society; includes Congregational, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Latter-Day Saints, Seventh-Day Adventist)

Languages: Samoan (Polynesian), English

Economy: The economy of Samoa has traditionally been dependent on development aid, private family remittances from overseas, and agricultural exports. The country is vulnerable to devastating storms. Agriculture employs two-thirds of the labor force, and furnishes 90% of exports, featuring coconut cream, coconut oil, and copra. Outside of a large automotive wire harness factory, the manufacturing sector mainly processes agricultural products. Tourism is an expanding sector; more than 70,000 tourists visited the islands in 1996. The Samoan Government has called for deregulation of the financial sector, encouragement of investment, and continued fiscal discipline. Observers point to the flexibility of the labor market as a basic strength for future economic advances.

Industries: timber, tourism, food processing, fishing

Currency: 1 tala (WS\$) = 100 sene

Railways: 0 km

Highways: total: 790 km, paved: 332 km, unpaved: 458 km (1996 est.)

Ports and Harbors: Apia, Asau, Mulifanua, Salelologa

Airports: 3 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 1, 2,438 to 3,047 m: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 2, under 914 m: 2 (1999 est.)

Visa: required by all except nationals of any country visiting Samoa for the purpose of business, education, training or pleasure for visits of up to 30 days. Visas should be obtained before arrival.

Duty Free: permitted goods: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250g of tobacco; 1 litre of spirits.

Health: a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travellers arriving from infected areas. Mains water is chlorinated, though bottled water may be preferable.

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