

Fantastic Fagatele Bay

The bay, a flooded volcanic crater surrounded by lush rainforest, is a true tropical reef, filled with a huge variety of marine life, from brightly coloured parrot fish and butterfly fish to lobsters, crabs and octopus.

Southern humpback whales calve there from July to November, and several species of dolphins and sea turtles are regularly seen in the bay. The fringing reef contains more than 140 species of coral in vivid hues, along with giant clams and many species of seaweeds and shellfish. As you swim and glide across the bay, your eyes will be constantly distracted by the changes of colour and movement, making for a memorable experience. The best place to experience the landscape, as well as the snorkelling, is by walking all or part of the National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa trail, a round trip of about four hours.



Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary ©American Samoa Tourism

Flying Fox – the first local beer!

A big part of travelling is being able to taste local food and beverages. And in a warm tropical climate that often leads to sampling the local beer! In American Samoa that means one thing – tasting the brews of Flying Fox Brewing Company - a small, family-owned brewpub located in the village of Pava'ia'i in American Samoa. Owners Nate and Emily Ilaoa decided to turn their home brewing hobby into a business and become the first brewery in the territory!

They brew a variety of craft beers – for example - Niuaveve is a German hefeweizen style beer, and Koko Jambo Pava Porter is a malty, dark beer brewed with koko Samoa (cacao)! Find out more at www.flyingfoxbeer.as.



Entry reminder

Under the American Samoa Entry Permit Waiver List (EPWP), nationals from eligible countries (this includes Australia New Zealand) can apply online www.legalaffairs.as.gov/copy-of-immigration-office-1 at least 48 hours prior to travel for an "OK to Board".

They must have a non-expired machine readable passport valid for 6 months or more after departure from American Samoa, confirmed round-trip ticket to point of origin or onward passage and must pay a USD\$20 processing fee (online or on arrival).



Flag Day

April 17 marks the anniversary of American Samoa becoming a United States Territory. It's the single biggest event on their calendar, as it was on this date in 1900 that Captain Benjamin Franklin Tilley of the US Navy raised the American Flag on Samoan soil and the territory was born.

The 55,000 people of American Samoa commemorate Flag Day with traditional dancing and singing, colourful parades and fautasi, or longboat racing, with the flag flying from all public buildings.

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