

Tropical Samoa home of the new 18 hole par 72 championship [Penina golf course](http://www.peninaresortandgolfclub.com) (<http://www.peninaresortandgolfclub.com>). Come visit the island and see the unspoiled beauty and rich cultural history. Water activities abound on this tropical island paradise. Game fishing, Diving, Jet Skiing, Snorkeling with [Samoa Adventure](http://www.samoa-adventure.com), (<http://www.samoa-adventure.com>), waterfalls and you may even get to meet a turtle. Samoa now offers an enhancement to the golfer's island holiday plans.

For those more interested in land activities there is the new Penina golf course. The course is built on 160 acres adjacent to the airport and [Aggie Grey's resort](http://www1.aggiegreys.com/aggiegreys/resort/resort.htm) (<http://www1.aggiegreys.com/aggiegreys/resort/resort.htm>), The course can play from 6300 to 7500 yards and will provide a challenge for all. The course is a genuine par 72 course with 2 par 3s and 2 par 5s on each nine with real sand bunkers. Players will be treated to beautiful views of the coast line, mountain, and Savaii island. The course features all modern conveniences: driving range, new Club Car golf carts, new Cobra rental clubs right and left handed men's and women's, toilet facilities on the course, and snacks on the course. After golf the resort can supply all your dining and relaxation needs.

The golf is situated on a former US military base used in World War II. A bunker from this era is located near the first tee. There are two native Samoan historical burial sites between the 4th and 5th fairways. Great care was taken during the construction of the course to preserve the integrity of these areas and where possible to improve them.

The golf course has been carved out of a jungle along the coastline. As much as possible of the original vegetation has been preserved. The tee boxes are lined with these native fauna.

Samoa is a postcard of natural beauty consisting of ten islands, each offering very distinct and different environments to explore. From the rainforest covered rugged volcanic mountain peaks of the two main islands to the vast valleys leading down to a coastline ringed with a necklace of white sandy beaches.

Within these lush green fertile valleys, grow banyan trees towering above the rainforest canopy which is full of tropical blooms and numerous varieties of vegetation. Cascading waterfalls dropping into rivers that cut jagged lines through the valley floor as they make their way to the ocean.

The coastline is a wonder in itself, with sparkling white sand beaches, in some places stretching for miles, and here and there are walls of sheer cliffs that drop straight into the Pacific. And beyond the beaches out into the blue lagoons are scattered the rest of the islands that make up the Samoa archipelago, some inhabited, others with only nature's wildlife, protected by the fringing coral reef that keep the powerful force of the Pacific Ocean at bay.

Sports fishermen are spoilt for choice of game fish to catch. And amongst all this natural beauty and picturesque valleys and coastline you will find nu'u or villages with their churches, meeting houses and open fale or homes encircling the malae or village green.

Home to people proud of their strong Fa'a Samoa - cultural heritage, that lives along side these natural wonders.

By far the most important agents of change in Samoa were the western missionaries, converting the people from belief in Gods for the sun, earth, heavens and sea to the one God.

After the outbreak of World War I, New Zealand took control of Western Samoa from Germany, and maintained administrative control on behalf of the United Nations from 1918 until independence on 1st January 1962. Due to this English is widely spoken throughout the islands. Western Samoa became the first Pacific nation to gain Independence.

For it's the people, culture and nature that give life to these islands.

Robert Louis Stevenson

You don't have to be a literary groupie to enjoy the scenic walk through lush rainforest up to the top of Mt Vaea where the famous Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson rests in peace - the views over Apia and the bay are simply stunning. Stevenson spent the last five years of his life here at the village of Vailima. Tours of the mansion are available.