



Travel Tips to Tonga

Passport: All visitors to Tonga must hold a current passport with a minimum validity of 6 months as well as a return or onward travel ticket.

Entry and Visa Requirements (subject to change): U.S. British Commonwealth and most E.E.C visitors do not require a visa prior to entry for stays of up to 31 days. Visas can be pre-arranged and issued on arrival for visitors from other countries.

International country code for Tonga is 676.

Time: Tonga is 13 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Medical and Health Requirements: There are no known health risks in Tonga however, it is recommended to consult your medical practitioner prior to travel for any personal medical precautions you may need to take.

Currency: The currency in Tonga is Pa'anga (TOP) also known as the Tongan dollar.

Foreign exchange and ATM's: Are available at most banks in the main towns. Visa, MasterCard and Amex credit cards are accepted at most hotels. Banking hours are 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday with some opening on Saturday mornings. Times may vary between islands.

Electricity: 240 volts AC, Plug I – same as New Zealand and Australia.

Language: Tongan is the official language, and English is widely spoken and used in formal meetings.

Duty Free: The allowance is 2 cartons (500g of tobacco) and 2.5 litres spirit or 4.5 litres wine or beer.

Weather: Tonga enjoys a more comfortable climate and is slightly cooler than most tropical areas. It receives less rain than other tropical areas and has an average temperature of 26°C from May to October. The wetter and more humid season is from November to April with temperatures rising up to 32°C.

Clothing: Emphasis is on light-weight, casual clothing, although not too brief in public places. Swimwear is not permitted in the public areas of hotels. Cover up with light cotton clothing at dusk and dawn to prevent mosquito bites. Sun protection is essential.

Tipping: Tipping is not expected or encouraged.

Departure Tax: There is currently no local departure tax payable in Tonga.

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