

Apia, Upolu, Samoa

The laid-back capital of Samoa sits on the north coast of Upolu — ships dock a short walk from town, where fales open onto turquoise lagoons, a Victorian-era novelist rests on a jungle hilltop, and one of the Pacific's most dramatic swimming holes awaits just down the road.

 Docked (Matautu Wharf)  Typical call: 7–9 hrs  Samoan Tala (WST)  Samoan / English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Matautu Wharf, Apia Harbour

Walk to center: ~10 min to Apia town

Best For: Ocean Trench · RLS Museum

Don't Miss: To Sua Ocean Trench

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  WST 5–15 (~\$2–6 USD) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **To Sua Ocean Trench** — A giant natural swimming hole carved into the lava shelf on Upolu's south coast, connected to the sea via an underwater cave.
- **Robert Louis Stevenson Museum & Mt Vaea Tomb** — The Scottish author of Treasure Island spent his final years at Vailima, his grand estate above Apia.
- **Lalomanu Beach** — Consistently rated one of the finest beaches in the South Pacific — powder white sand, turquoise water, and traditional open-sided fales right on the...
- **Piula Cave Pool** — A freshwater pool inside a sea cave beneath the Piula Methodist church on Upolu's north coast, about 20 minutes east of Apia.
- **Papapapaitai Falls** — One of the tallest waterfalls in Samoa, plunging roughly 100 metres into a rainforest gorge in the highlands above Apia.

BEST WALKS

- **Apia Waterfront & Town Centre** ~2.5 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — Stroll Beach Road from the wharf past the Apia Fish Market, the Immaculate Conception Cathedral (a striking colonial landmark), the town clock, and the colourful Fugalei...
- **Palolo Deep Marine Reserve** ~1 km snorkel · easy — A protected lagoon reserve a short walk from central Apia where healthy coral and reef fish are visible in shallow, calm water.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	85°	77°	28d
Jun	83°	77°	22d
Aug	83°	76°	22d
Sep	83°	76°	23d
Oct	84°	77°	25d

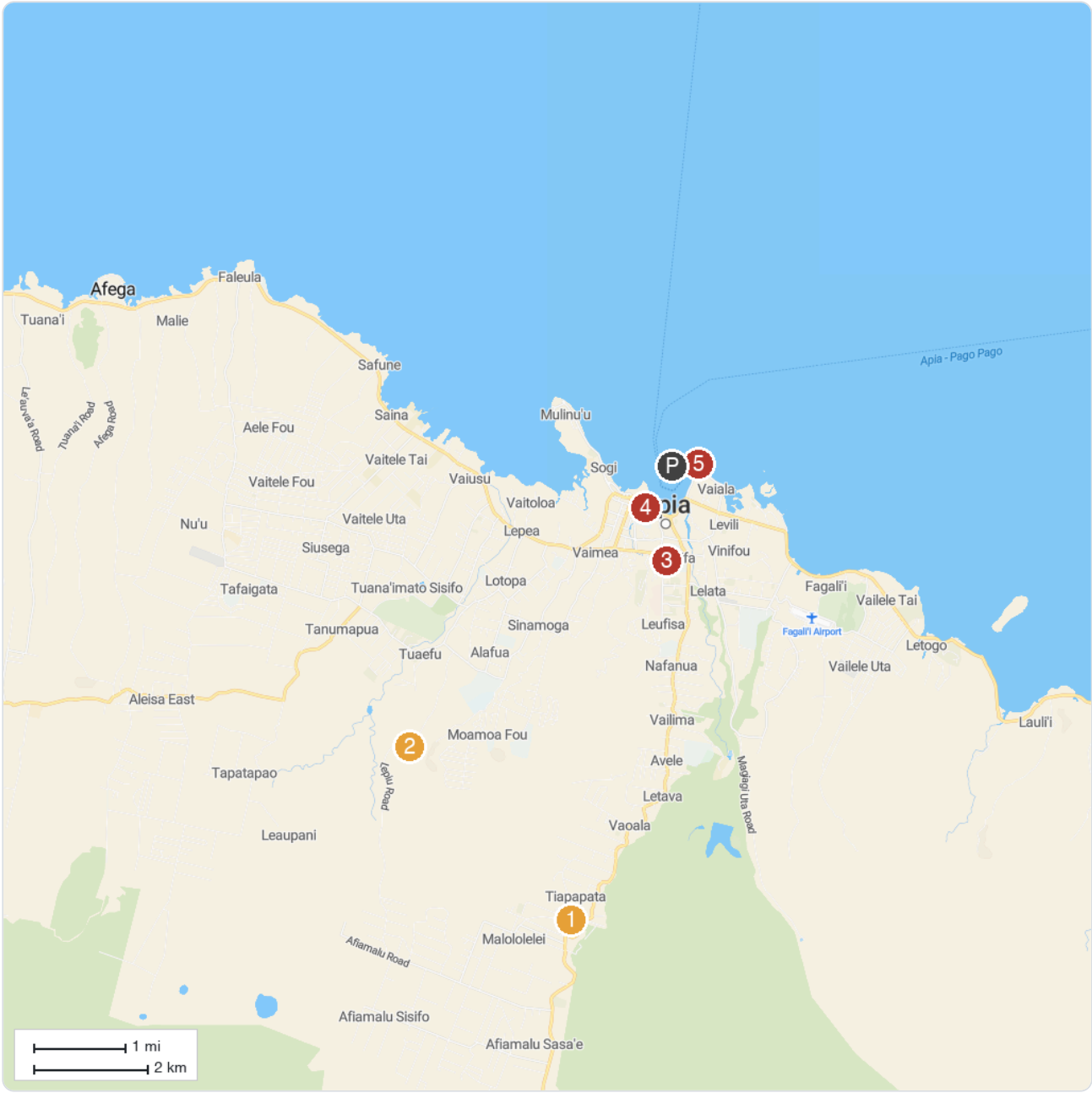
 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:33AM–6:20PM · Jun 6:48AM–6:06PM · Aug 6:42AM–6:20PM · Sep 6:22AM–6:22PM · Oct 6:01AM–6:24PM	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- To Sua is the headline act. If you only do one thing, hire a taxi or join a tour to To Sua Ocean Trench. The ladder swim is unforgettable and it's about 45 minutes from the port.
- Hire a driver for the day. A day-hire taxi to hit To Sua, Piula Cave Pool, and a beach runs WST 250–350 (roughly USD 90–130). Agree the price and itinerary before you leave the port.
- Dress modestly in villages. Samoa is deeply religious and conservative outside the beach. Cover shoulders and knees when visiting villages, churches, or inland areas.
- Tala, not USD. The local currency is the Samoan Tala (WST). ATMs are available in Apia town. Most tour operators and larger businesses accept cards; small vendors are cash only.
- Hot and humid year-round. Apia is tropical — average highs around 30 °C (86 °F) with high humidity. Light, breathable clothing and sunscreen are essential; bring water.
- The RLS Museum needs a morning. Vailima and the Mt Vaea tomb hike together take 2–3 hours — best combined with To Sua on a full-day south island circuit.

Apia, Upolu, Samoa — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Baha'i House Of Worship Samoa
- 2

Papaseea Sliding Rocks
- 3

Museum Of Samoa
- 4

Immaculate Conception Cathedral
- 5

Palolo Deep Marine Reserve
- P

Cruise port / terminal