

2019 56<sup>th</sup> World  
Rowing FISA Tour

TUTUILA – AMERICAN SAMOA



2020

**world**  
**rowing**<sup>®</sup>  
**tour**



*Tutuila*  
*American Samoa*

American Samoa  
Welcomes FISA Tour  
AFIO MAI!

Hosted by:  
American Samoa Rowing Association  
South Pacific Watersports & Fitness  
American Samoa Visitor's Bureau





What does  
the tour look  
like? 6 Days,  
7 Stops





# Day 1

## UTULEI TO LEONE

Day 1 we will launch from South Pacific Watersports in Utulei and make our way to the ancient capital of Tutuila – Leone village. Along the way, you will see the legendary Fatu ma Futi, Marine Sanctuary (Fagatele Bay), and see the awesome views of the brothers Mt. Pioa (aka Rainmaker) and Mt. Matafao.





# Day 2

## LEONE TO MALOTA

Day 2 will be a short row to the secluded village of Malota where the Gurr family has resided for generations. Our hosts Donna & Peter Gurr will welcome you with a traditional Samoan feast! This secluded cove and valley is detached from the hustle of modern day life and is welcome opportunity to relax and enjoy paradise!





# Day 3

## MALOTA TO MASSACRE BAY TO FAGASA

Day 3 includes a special stop at the infamous Massacre Bay. On December 11, 1787, French explorer Jean-Francois de Laperouse along with 60 men and 2 cutters entered the bay of A'asu. A battle ensued, resulting in the death of 12 Frenchmen. The French government erected a monument in 1883 which still stands today.





# Day 3

## MALOTA TO MASSACRE BAY TO FAGASA

After a short break in A'asu, your tour will continue along the northern coastline to the village of Fagasa where the village will welcome you with a traditional Samoan ava ceremony and fiafia (traditional song & dance).





# Day 4

## FAGASSA TO MASEFAU

Day 4 will take you past several secluded bays and an untouched coastline. You will get an up-close look at Pola island which is inside the National Park of American Samoa. After the boats are stored, we will make our way to Tisa's Barefoot Bar for an afternoon cocktail and pupus.





# Day 5

## MASEFAU TO 2-DOLLAR BEACH

Day 5 will take us around the eastern tip of Tutuila, past the island of Aunu'u and into the village of Avaio where 2-Dollar Beach awaits us. We'll have a Samoan BBQ lunch and enjoy the local hospitality!

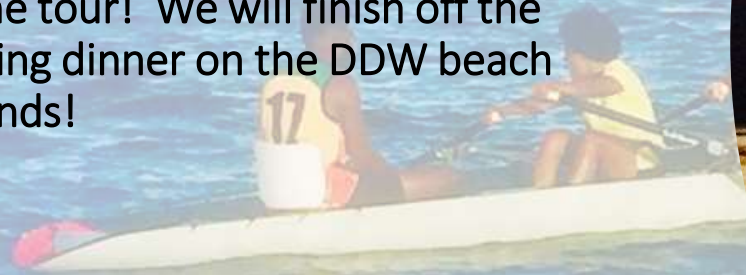




# Day 6

## 2-DOLLAR BEACH TO UTULEI

Day 6 completes the tour! We will finish off the week with an evening dinner on the DDW beach Café lawn with friends!





## FLAG DAY is Fautasi Season in American Samoa!

Flag Day is celebrated every April 17<sup>th</sup> in honor of our partnership with the United States of America. The celebration culminates with the Samoan Fautasi longboat race, where up to 10 boats, each filled with approximately 44 rowers, race a 5-mile course into the harbor from the open sea. Your tour includes an opportunity to row an authentic Samoan fautasi and maybe even run a friendly with one of the competing crews!





# Schedule of Events

## GROUP 1 (April 5 – 13)

- Arrive Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Begin rowing tour Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Row fautasi long boat Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Samoan *Fiafia* dinner Saturday evening
- Final day of rowing tour April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Depart April 13<sup>th</sup>

**COST: \$1,900**





# Schedule of Events

## GROUP 2 (APRIL 10 - 19)

- Arrive Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Row fautasi long boat Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Samoan *Fiafia* dinner Saturday evening April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Begin rowing tour Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Final day of rowing tour Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Depart Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>

**COST: \$2,080 USD**





# How to get to American Samoa from the USA

There is only one airline flying to American Samoa from the USA, Hawaiian Air. Hawaiian air has 2 flight to Pago Pago, American Samoa every week. Flights depart Honolulu on Mondays and Thursdays only. They also depart Pago Pago, American Samoa for Honolulu, Hawaii every Monday and Thursday night. **You will need your US Passport to enter.**

<https://www.hawaiianairlines.com/>





# How to get to American Samoa via Independent Samoa

There are multiple daily flights from neighboring Samoa to American Samoa via Samoa Airways and Talofa Air.

To get to neighboring Samoa, you can fly from Auckland, New Zealand; Brisbane or Sydney, Australia, or Nandi, Fiji.

<https://samoairways.com/>

<https://www.fijiairways.com>

<https://www.airnewzealand.com/>

**You may require an OK TO BOARD pass to enter** depending on your country of origin or passport. More info can be found at

<https://www.touramericansamoa.com/entry-into-as>





# International Date Line Notice

For travelers coming to American Samoa through Independent Samoa, please make note of the fact that Independent Samoa is a day ahead of American Samoa, despite only being 60 miles apart! **The 2 Samoas sit on either side of the international date line.**

Also note that Independent Samoa does utilize daylight savings time. They are presently 25 hours ahead of American Samoa (as of December 2019), and will revert to regular time April 5, 2020.





## Other notes for travelers

For travelers who plan on arriving early or staying behind to vacation, explore, or even travel to Independent Samoa, email [info@touramericansamoa.com](mailto:info@touramericansamoa.com) or visit [www.touramericansamoa.com](http://www.touramericansamoa.com) for more information.

Please note that the schedule is subject to change due to unexpected circumstances outside of our control. We will do our very best to ensure you have the best time in American Samoa!

