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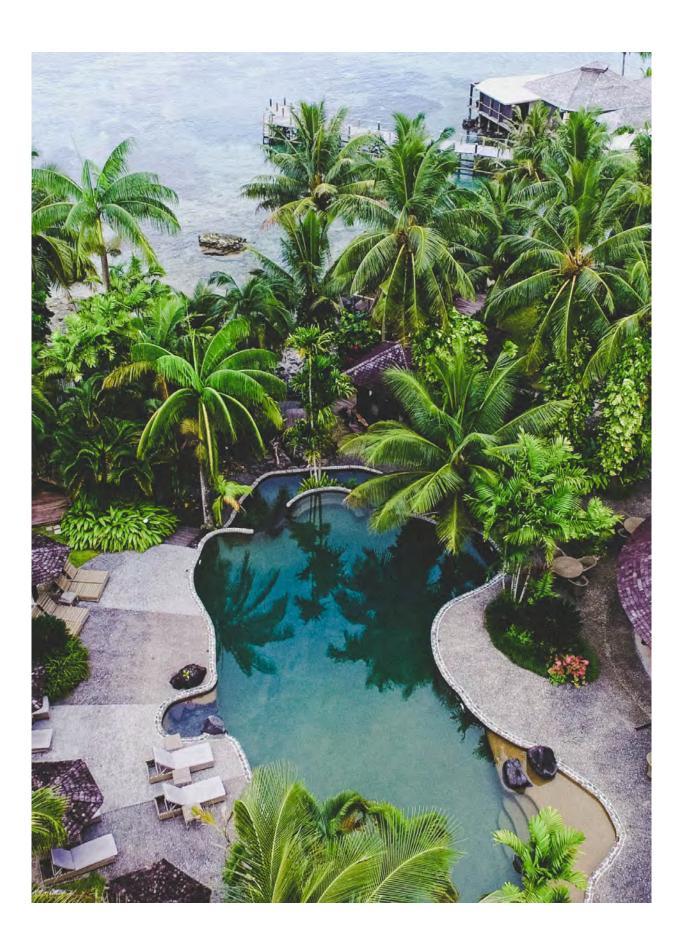
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OUR STORY

We are Signature Samoa, a locally owned experience provider that focuses on the creation of bespoke itineraries for discerning travellers from near and far. As ground experts, we specialise in designing quality excursions that explore the hidden treasures of our untouched islands. But we are more.

We are a community based, culturally focused and environmentally conscious organization that endeavours to create, enable and inspire meaningful moments for each of our customers and varying stakeholders.

OUR MISSION

Our dedicated and passionate Signature Samoa family are forever seeking special means to share with you, our hope to be friends, the best our islands have to offer. We therefore make it our mission to delight our customers and along the way, bring joy to the precious communities that make our island home so unique.



ONLY IN SAMOA. JUST FOR YOU







Our custom crafted experiences present you with truly unique opportunities to take on our beautiful islands. Explore as much or as little as you want, either way, the choice is yours.

COOKING WITH CULTURE

Sunrise Supply Hunt: Spend the morning exploring a local plantation and Oceanside Village markets to gather fresh, local ingredients needed to create your very own Sustainable Farm & Ocean to Plate menu. Learn about the treasured harvesting techniques of old Samoa and discover the age old secrets of sourcing local produce on a remote island.

Intermission: Slow things down with a visit to our favourite natural wonder, "Vai o le Maile" – fresh water emerging in the midst of the salty lagoon for a midday dip. Take a leap off the pier, snorkel the marine life or simply relax and watch the fresh water emerge from the lava tubes of this picture perfect spot.

Sunset Cooking Class: Let your uniquely Samoan experience continue in an exquisite waterfront venue where a host of local chefs will help you prepare authentic Samoan cuisine using your locally sourced ingredients. Top the day off with a toast to stunning sunsets as you sit back to enjoy the fruits of your labour in a private overwater setting.







Village plantation, markets, fresh water swimming hole and waterfront cooking class

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Return transfers, private chef and venue, food & non-alcoholic drink, entry fees, use of non-motorised water sports equipment.

WHAT TO BRING

Water, sunblock, hat, insect repellent, towel, togs, enclosed shoes and camera.

DAYS OF OPERATION Monday through to Saturday

LENGTH OF EXPERIENCE Full Day (Approx 5-6 Hours) Pickup (normally by 9:00am) and return (normally by 3:30pm)

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

This experience is suitable for mature families/groups & couples. Disability access is achievable.

Note: Kids' Club services are available at an additional charge.

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Three fully air-conditioned vans. Additional vehicles are available upon request.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Two 18 seater vans and one 12 seater van. Larger vehicles are available upon request.

TOILET STOPS AVAILABLE

Onsite near swimming hole and cooking class facility.

TRANSLATORS

At additional cost translator guides are available: German, Italian, Chinese, Spanish, and Japanese. Available for group bookings only.

PASSENGER REQUIREMENT

Full experience is available for medium-large sized groups (4+ people) at stated price. Smaller group pricing available upon request. THE DETAILS

COSTS FROM \$126+USD** p/person 14 guest min

Children under the age 8 are not recommended for this experience. Children between the ages of 8-11 can enjoy this experience at 1/2 price

*Disclaimer: Gas ovens and cooking utensils can be hazardous for younger members of the family. We do ask you to take responsibility of your little loved ones.

FA'A SAMOA

Journey with us into the village of **Poutasi** and discover the Fa'a Samoa ('The Samoan way of life') like never before. Home to Tuatagaloa, the high chief of Samoa's largest and oldest district, this ancient community presents a unique look in on the island's longest standing rituals.

Begin your cultural adventure with a village bus ride to Poutasi and enjoy a local past time with a view. Dubbed as the 'Road to Heaven', this volcanic route offers a unique look in on the picturesque mountain ranges, villages and beautiful people of Samoa, with island tunes to match.

Do as villagers do and stroll through the Malae ('fields') and feast your senses on the sights, smells and sounds that encompass village life, before experiencing a customary welcome in the high chiefs Fale Fono ('meeting house'). Here the district's master of ceremonies will journey you through the art of '*Kava*' drinking and its significance to Samoan culture (Virgin kavas available for younger members of the family).

Delve deeper into island history and explore the ancient art of *fire knife dancing* before trying your hand at the traditional games of Taulafoga (coconut boules) and Tagati'a (Javelin).

Continue your cultural adventure with a leisurely stroll to '*Poutasi Arts Centre*.' Co-founded by Fatu Feu'u, Samoa's and the Pacific's most celebrated artist. This creative space will have you engaging the Pacific's most celebrated artist, this creative space will have you engaging in traditional tapa printing and fine mat weaving with the smiley ladies of the nu'u ('village'). Take yours home as a keepsake or donate it to the workshop where sale proceeds help with the development of village based projects.

Next, discover the secrets of Samoan food prep with an '*Umu*' (ground oven) cooking demonstration, before delighting your taste buds to some real island food. End your day with a visit to the village Ceremonial Fale ('house'), where you will be treated to a celebratory farewell, complete with cultural singing, dancing and the exhilarating fire-knife show, by the men, women and children of this sacred land.

Immerse yourself in all Samoa has to offer and connect with those around you to truly experience the island we call home.





Kava ceremony, Coconut demonstration, traditional Samoan game, fire-knife and arts & crafts lesson, ground oven demo, cultural performance by the local community.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Return transfers, entry fees, customary feast (food & non-alcoholic drink) & performance, village donations.

WHAT TO BRING

Water, sunblock, hat, insect repellent, towel, togs, enclosed shoes and camera.

DAYS OF OPERATION Monday through to Saturday.

LENGTH OF EXPERIENCE

Full Day (Approx 4-6 Hours) Pickup (normally by 9:00am) and return (normally by 3:30pm)

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

This experience is suitable for all ages, shapes and sizes. Disability access is achievable. Your private village hosts will ensure the experience is tailored to your needs as a group.

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Two open air buses or three fully air-conditioned vans. Additional vehicles are available upon request.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Two 20 seater buses or two 18 seater vans and one 12 seater van. Larger vehicles are available upon request.

TOILET STOPS AVAILABLE

Toilets available on village site.

TRANSLATORS

At additional cost translator guides are available: German, Italian, Chinese, Spanish, and Japanese. Available for group bookings only.

PASSENGER REQUIREMENT

Full experience is available for medium to large-sized groups (4+ persons) at the stated price. Smaller group pricing available upon request. THE DETAILS

COSTS FROM \$162+USD** p/person 14 guest min

Children under the age of 4 can enjoy this experience free of charge. Kids between the ages of 4-11 can do so at 1/2 price.

*Disclaimer: 20-Seater OpenAir Buses only available for groups larger than 15 in size.

<mark>EC</mark>O TREKKING

Venture off the beaten track on a road less travelled and discover the hidden treasures of Samoa. **Ole Pupu'e National Park**, the South Pacific's largest Rainforest Reserve, is home to a host of native trees and wildlife, unfrequented fresh water pools and Oceanside lava cliffs that stretch for as far as the eye can see.

Kick start this unique exploration with a medicinal plant discovery trek across the volcanic fields led by your very own Samoan treasure hunters. Explore the wonders of the coastline as you search for the hidden caves of Togitogiga whilst making your way to the home of **blow holes**, a display of waterworks in pure form.

This magnificent show of nature's force will have you exhilarated and ready to hike to the *Giant 'Ma' Trees* that have rested in the heart of Ole Pupu'e rainforest for thousands of years. Marvel at the wall-like buttress roots that fan out meters either side or simply take a moment to revel in the delights of the local birdlife before working your way across to Samoa's only **Carbon Offsetting Site**. Here you will be given the opportunity plant a host of native trees to help realize our hopes for a Carbon Neutral Samoa.

Reward your environmentally friendly efforts with lunch and a dip in the healing pools of Togitogiga waterfall and allow the sheer beauty of this spot to rejuvenate your senses.

Be at one with nature with this unique excursion and ensure you leave the islands we love with more than just a tan.







Coastal lava walk, Giant Ma Tree trek & Bird spotting, Native tree planting and Togitogiga waterfall

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Return transfers, private bush guides, entry fees, food & non-alcoholic drinks, a donation to the SCS's Carbon Offsetting Project.

WHAT TO BRING

Water, Sunblock, hat, Insect repellent, towel, togs, walking shoes & camera.

DAYS OF OPERATION

Monday through to Saturday

LENGTH OF EXPERIENCE

Half Day (Approx 3-5 Hours) Pickup (normally by 9:00am) and return (normally by 2:30pm)

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

This experience is suitable for active families/groups & couples. Disability access is not achievable.

Note: Kids' Club services are available for an additional charge.

Support crews on hand to accompany members wishing to only experience the less strenuous & easily accessible portions of the journey (i.e. tree planting and swimming).

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Three fully air-conditioned vans. Additional vehicles are available upon request.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Two 18 seater vans and one 12 seater van. Larger vehicles are available upon request.

TOILET STOPS AVAILABLE

Bathrooms available at SCS Carbon offsetting site and waterfall.

TRANSLATORS

At additional cost translator guides are available: German, Italian, Chinese, Spanish & Japanese. Available for group bookings only.

PASSENGER REQUIREMENT

Full experience is available for medium-large sized groups (4+ people) at stated price. Smaller group pricing available upon request.



COSTS FROM \$118+USD** p/person 14 guest min

Children under the age of 5 are not recommended for this experience. Children between the ages of 5-11 can enjoy this experience at 1/2 price.

*Disclaimer: Although tracks are reasonably maintained, walking across varying terrain in the hot sun can prove hazardous for younger members and/or those with low levels of fitness. We do ask you to take responsibility for yourselves and loved ones.

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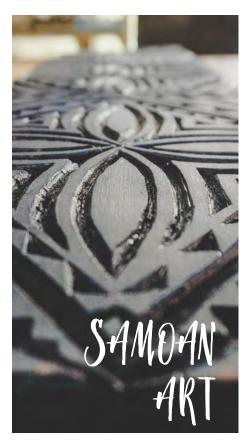
Take a trip to Samoa's creative hubs and experience island artistry through the eyes of our very best creators. Begin your artistic pursuit with a drive through the villages that have impelled a generation of artists. Take a moment to soak up the sights, smells and sounds of village living before calling into the home of **ancient Samoan Tattooing** (Ta Tatau).

Wet your creative pallet with a viewing of this Samoan ritual conducted by the Sa Su'a Suluape clan, one of only two master tattooist families bestowed the right to Ta Tatau. Bear witness to this rite of passage and take with you the secrets of Samoan tattoo as a keepsake.

Continue your jouney with a drive through the 'Afiamalu Pass' in search of Samoa's best kept galleries. *Tiapapata* Art Gallery offers an array of one off art pieces displayed in a ridge side museum overlooking the magnificent mountain ranges and coastlines of Upolu Island. A collectors dream, this bohemian exhibition space will have you ready to create your very own art at the **Poutasi Village Arts Centre**, located along the water's edge. Co-founded by globally renowned and award winning artist Fatu Feu'u and home to up and coming local talents, this precious workshop will have you engaged with some of Samoa's most celebrated crafts.

Let your artistic juices flow free with a tour through this vast space before engaging in a sculpting/wood carving class. Take your creation home as a keepsake or gift your piece to the village school in a special ceremony that sees the children of the **Ukulele club** perform an item to bid you farewell.

With fun in mind, this retreat endeavours to unleash your creative panache through a uniquely Samoan ala (rite of passage).





Ancient Samoan tattooing (Ta Tatau) demonstration, Tiapapata Art Gallery visit and Fatu Feu'u Art class

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Return transfers, entry fees, food & non-alcoholic drinks, private art class and instructor, and village donations.

WHAT TO BRING

Water, sunblock, hat, insect repellent, comfortable shoes & camera.

DAYS OF OPERATION

Monday through to Saturday.

LENGTH OF EXPERIENCE

Full Day (Approx 4-6 Hours) Pickup (normally by 9:00am) and return (normally by 3:30pm)

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

This experience is suitable for all ages, shapes and sizes. Disability access is achievable. Your private hosts will ensure the experience is tailored to your needs as a group.

Note: Kids' art classes are replaced with tapa and screen printing for safety.

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Three fully air-conditioned vans. Additional vehicles are available upon request.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Two 18 seater vans and one 12 seater van. Larger vehicles are available upon request.

TOILET STOPS AVAILABLE

Available at Tiapapata Museum and Poutasi Arts Centre.

TRANSLATORS

At additional cost translator guides are available: German, Italian, Chinese, Spanish, and Japanese. Available for group bookings only.

PASSENGER REQUIREMENT

Full experience is available for medium - larger groups (4+ people) at the given price. Smaller group pricing available upon request.



COSTS FROM \$141+USD** p/person 14 guest min

Children under the age of 3 can enjoy this experience free of charge. Kids between the ages of 3-11 can do so at 1/2 price.

*Disclaimer: Tattoing sessions are schedule dependent.

HOOK AND COOK

Head out on a nautical adventure with our experienced Captain Ian and local Skipper Tautua, aboard the 35ft Catamaran 'Fish the Dream.' Cast your line along the South Coast of Upolu, fishing as you make your way to the uninhabited **Nu'ussafee Island**.

Catch in tow, allow our chefs to prepare and cook your meal over an open fire along the islands white sandy beaches as you lul about at your heart's content. Relax under the coconut trees or swim and snorkel Samoa's most stunning marine life before enjoying the freshest fish your own private island has to offer.

Learn a thing or two about ancient fishing techniques and island survival before venturing across to the Stunning Aganoa Bay. Snorkel the wonders of this secluded cove or marvel at the protruding lava cliffs of Togitogiga as you make your way across the South Coast of Upolu Island.

Dock in at the **Ava I Toga** waterfront bar and call an end to the day with a toast to beautiful sunsets and island living before heading home with your prized catch for the day.







Game fishing, Nu'usafe'e island, and Aganoa Bay

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Return transfers, fishing & snorkelling fees, food, beer/wine and non-alcoholic drinks, cooking and island access fees, and use of water sports equipment.

WHAT TO BRING

Water, sunblock, hat, insect repellent, towel, togs, reef shoes and camera.

DAYS OF OPERATION

Monday through to Saturday

LENGTH OF EXPERIENCE

Full Day (Approx 6-8 Hours) Pickup (normally by 9:00am) and return (normally by 5:30pm)

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

This experience is suitable for mature families (children over 8 years old)/groups and couples. Disability access is not available.

Note: Kids' Club services are available for an additional charge.

Overwater spa sessions are also available near boating dock for group members who would prefer a day of pampering and relaxation. group members who would prefer a day of pampering and relaxation.

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Three fully air-conditioned vans. Additional vehicles are available upon request.

Two game fishing catamarans.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Two 18 seater vans and one 12 seater van. One ten seater boat and one seven seater boat. Larger vehicles and additional boats are available upon request.

TOILET STOPS AVAILABLE

Bathroom on 10 seater catamaran.

TRANSLATORS

At additional cost translator guides are available: German, Italian, Chinese, Spanish, and Japanese. Available for group bookings only.

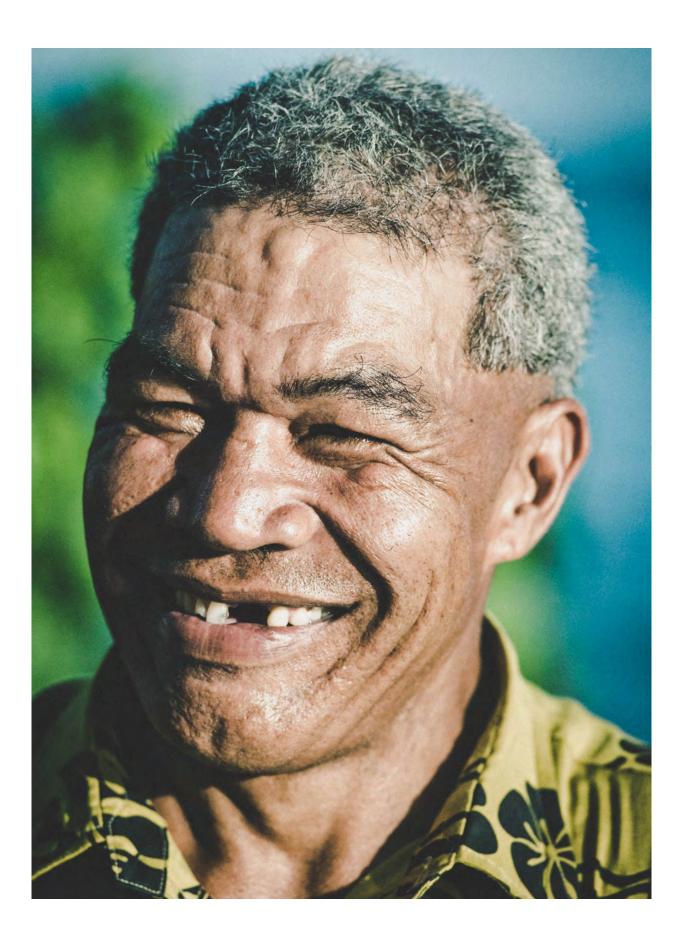
PASSENGER REQUIREMENT

Full experience is available to medium to larger-sized groups (6+ persons) at stated price. Private charter pricing (< 6 persons) is available upon request. THE DETAILS

COSTS FROM $310 + USD^{**}$ p/person | 6 guest min

Children under the age of 8 are not recommended for this experience. Children between the ages of 8-11 can enjoy this experience at 1/2 price.

*Disclaimer: Catching fish is dependent on weather, tide & wind conditions. Fishing in open water can be unpleasant for younger members of the family. We do ask you to take responsibility for your loved ones.



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GENERAL TERMS

Minor variations to tour itineraries may occur with little notice due to seasonal variability. We apologise in advance if the specifications outlined are not available on your confirmed tour date(s).

OFFSITE GUESTS:

PAYMENT POLICY

~ **50% deposit** is required to confirm all bookings made more than 30 days before confirmed tour date

~ **50% balance** is payable 30 days before confirmed tour date

~ **100% payment** is required to confirm all bookings made within 30 days of confirmed tour date (non-refundable)

CANCELLATION POLICY

~ A **50% charge** of the total amount will incur for cancellations made between 45-30 days before tour

~ **No refunds** issued for cancellations made less than 30 days of confirmed tour date and/or for no shows

~ Cancellations received in writing more than 45 days before confirmed tour date will be reimbursed the full amount minus **10% bank fees**

~ Cancellation due to Inclement Weather – No charge to guests & if possible, an alternative tour date will be scheduled

SINALEI GUESTS:

PAYMENT POLICY ~ Written confirmation of Tour Agreement signed & returned

~ **100% payment** charged to each guests room (as necessary) at time of check in

CANCELLATION POLICY

~ **25% charge** will incur for cancellations made between 14-7 days before confirmed tour date

~ **50% charge** will incur for cancellations received less than 7 days before confirmed tour date

~ **100% charge** will incur for "no shows"

~ Cancellations received in writing 15 days or more before confirmed tour date will be reimbursed the full amount minus **10% bank fees**

~ Cancellation due to Inclement Weather – No charge to guests & if possible, an alternative tour date will be scheduled

FINER DETAILS

**TERMS

**Tour minimum numbers are specific to adult guests (12+ YO) only. **Child (<12 YO) & disability attendance is subject to adequate safety requirements. **For Premium Samoan Experiences please book no less than 5 days our from your preferred tour date(s). **Prices are in NZ dollars, excludes 15% GST & are subject to fluctuation due to seasonal variability. **Credit card payments are accepted. Standard 4% bank charge applies.



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