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NEWSLETTER



## TALOFA LAVA!

This is a first in a series of informational newsletter designed to help you, our va'a aiga, prepare for Worlds 2023, in our very own Beautiful Samoa!

Every month until the opening of Worlds we will provide information on various options for accommodation, transportation and a selection of amenities that we hope are useful as you plan your trip.

This issue features a special message from our Honorable Minister Toeolesulusulu Cedric Schuster, information on ground transportation, key dates to remember and a selection of useful Samoan phrases.

Please feel free to contact us at [events@samoautrigger.com](mailto:events@samoautrigger.com), if you have any specific questions - see you in August!

## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Talofa lava Global Paddlers!

With the IVF World Distance Champs 2023 now only a few short months away, I look forward to welcoming each of you to our shores very soon.

Events like the Worlds 2023 are integral to the development of Samoa as a tourism destination and regional sporting hub, particularly for a sport as intricately linked to our cultural heritage and history as outrigger paddling.

If this will be your first visit to Samoa, we hope it is beyond memorable. If you are a return visitor, we remind you that Samoa will always be your second home. Samoans are widely known as the best hosts in the Pacific, and we relish the opportunity to prove it to all of you in August.

Congratulations to the event organizers and all those involved in planning Worlds 2023. I hope this newsletter is informative and helpful as you plan to join us here in Beautiful Samoa.

Soifua,

Hon. Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster  
Minister for Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment & Samoa Tourism Authority



Lara Collins (IVF President) and Hon. Toeolesulusulu Cedric Schuster revealing the new Worlds 2023 Logo, April 4, 2023, STA Cultural Village, Apia, Samoa. Photo courtesy of SOCA.



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# TRANSPORTATION

## RENTAL CARS

Provided below are three local car rental services who currently have vehicles available, but you'll want to move fast to secure the best deals for your visit. Keep in mind, in Samoa we drive on the right hand side and every overseas driver will require a temporary Samoan licence, which your car rental provider can issue.

### AutoBots Transport Samoa

 [autobotstransport.samoa@gmail.com](mailto:autobotstransport.samoa@gmail.com)

### Rental Car 4 Less SAMOA

 [rentalcar4less@gmail.com](mailto:rentalcar4less@gmail.com)

### USO Rentals

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## TAXI SERVICES

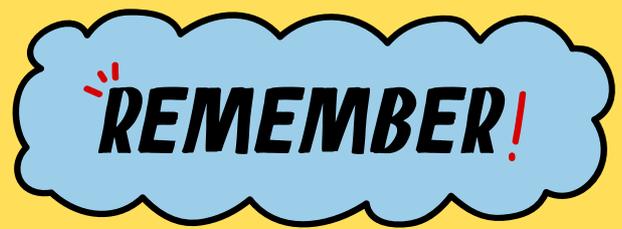
Taxis are very affordable in Samoa and prices are determined by distance. Taxis are not metered and do not post their prices, so we recommend asking the Driver for a quote first. Below are price averages for around Apia and just outside of Apia.

### Apia Town Area

Sedan (4 door car) - \$5  
Van - \$8

### Sub-urban (outside of Apia)

Sedan (4 door car) - \$7- \$10  
Van - \$12 - \$15



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10 May 2023**



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Please make sure to include travel dates and  
number of travellers.*

# SAMOAN WORDS AND PHRASES

Below is a list of commonly-used Samoan words and phrases that will make communicating with locals a bit smoother.

Talofa - Hello  
Tofa Soifua - Good bye  
Taeao Manuia - Good morning  
Fa'amolemole - Please  
Fa'afetai tele lava - Thank you very much  
Ioe - Yes  
Leai - No

Here are a few options for terms and phrases that you might hear, and can use, over the course of Worlds 2023.

Alo lau foe - start paddling  
Fa'amolemole fia inu - I am thirsty please  
Oka se vevela - It's so hot!  
Va'a - boat or canoe  
Galu - wave  
Foe - oar or steering paddle  
Ua timuga lenei aso - it's rainy today



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