

Tonga The Friendly Islands

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== History == 0a550c176d == References == 0a550c176d It is located within the Ha'apai group in the centre of the country, to northeast of the national capital of Nuku'alofa. It is the administrative centre of the Ha'apai group of islands with Pangai being the administrative capital village. 0a550c176d The dates of the initial settlement of Tonga are still subject to debate; nonetheless, one of the oldest occupied sites is found in the village of Pea on Tongatapu. Radiocarbon dating of a shell found at the site reportedly dates the occupation at 3180 ± 100 BP (Before Present). Some of the oldest sites pertaining to the first occupants of the Tongan Islands are found on Tongatapu which is also where the first Lapita ceramics were found by WC McKern in 1921. Nonetheless, reaching the Tongan islands (without Western navigational tools and techniques) was a remarkable feat accomplished by the Lapita peoples. Not much is known about Tonga before European contact because... 0a550c176d == Context == 0a550c176d == General reference == 0a550c176d

Outline of Tonga The islands are also known as the Friendly Islands because The following outline is provided as an overview of and topical guide to Tonga:. the Pacific Ocean, as well as being the only island nation never to have been formally colonized 0a550c176d

Tu'i Tonga Empire Cook observed and recorded his accounts of the Tu'i Tonga kings during his visits to the Friendly Isles of Tonga. As Samoa's Tui Manu'a maritime empire began The Tu'i Tonga Empire, or Tongan Empire, are descriptions sometimes given to Tongan expansionism and projected hegemony in Oceania which began around 950 CE, reaching its peak during the period 1200–1500 0a550c176d

Tonga is the only surviving monarchy among the island nations of the Pacific Ocean, as well as being the

only island nation never to have been formally colonized. 0a550c176d The terrain of Lifuka Island is exceptionally flat. The highest point on the island reaches 22 metres above sea level. It measures 7.5 kilometres from north to south and 4.8 kilometres from east to west. 0a550c176d

History of Tonga The history of Tonga is recorded since the ninth century BC. Tongatapu was the first island to be settled in Polynesia, when people from the Lapita culture The history of Tonga is recorded since the ninth century BC. Ancient Tongan mythologies recorded by early European explorers report the islands of 'Ata and Tongatapu as the first islands having been hauled to the surface from the deep ocean by Maui. The region is now controlled by the Kingdom of Tonga. Tongatapu was the first island to be settled in Polynesia, when people from the Lapita culture settled there around 3000 years ago. Along with Samoa, Tonga served as a gateway into the rest of Polynesia 0a550c176d

The party was launched in September 2010, and included several sitting People's Representatives who were part of the Human Rights and Democracy Movement. Its objectives upon foundation included government transparency and economic reform. The PTOA failed to win any seats at the 2025 general election, marking the first time the party was left without parliamentary representation. 0a550c176d == Pre-contact == 0a550c176d

Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai It lies about 100 km (62 mi) above an active seismic zone. 5 mi) at its widest extent. As a result of the volcano's eruptive history, the islands existed as a single landmass from 2015 to 2022: they were merged by a volcanic cone in a volcanic eruption in 2014–2015, and were separated again by a more explosive eruption in 2022, which also reduced the islands in size. The only major above-water part of the volcano are the twin uninhabited islands of Hunga Tonga and Hunga Ha'apai, which are respectively part of the northern and western rim of the caldera. It is part of the highly active Kermadec-Tonga subduction zone and its associated volcanic arc, which extends from New Zealand north-northeast to Fiji, and is formed by the subduction of the Pacific Plate under the Indo-Australian Plate. The volcano rises around 2,000 m from the seafloor and has a caldera which on the eve of the 2022 eruption was roughly 150 metres (490 ft) below sea level and 4 kilometres (2. The only major above-water part of the volcano are the twin uninhabited islands of Hunga Tonga and Hunga Ha'apai, which are respectively part of the northern Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai () is a submarine volcano in the South Pacific located about 30 km (19 mi) south of the submarine volcano of Fonuafo'ou and 65 km (40 mi) north of Tongatapu, Tonga's main island. The Hunga Tonga-Hunga 0a550c176d

Democratic Party of the Friendly Islands The Democratic Party of the Friendly Islands (Tongan: Paati Temokalati 'a e 'Otu Motu 'Anga'ofa, PTOA), also referred to as the Democrats, is a political Party of the Friendly Islands (Tongan: Paati Temokalati 'a e 'Otu Motu 'Anga'ofa, PTOA), also referred to as the Democrats, is a political party in Tonga. The party's leader at its foundation was 'Akilisi Pohiva

Three days before his coronation on 1 August 2008, George Tupou V announced that he would relinquish most of his powers and be guided by the Prime Minister of Tonga's recommendations on most matters.

Lifuka trap set by the island's leaders, who were eager to seize the ships. 2 square kilometres. Tofua is where the mutiny on the Bounty occurred Lifuka Island is an island in Tonga. Cook dubbed Tonga 'The Friendly Islands'. It sits approximately 170 kilometres north-east of the capital, Nuku'alofa, and covers an area of 12

Tonga Tonga, officially known as the Kingdom of Tonga, is an island country in Polynesia, part of Oceania. Its total surface area is about 750 km² (290 sq mi), scattered over 700,000 km² (270,000 sq mi) in the southern Pacific Ocean. The country stretches approximately 800 km (500 mi; 430 nmi) north-south. The country has 171 islands, of which 45 are inhabited. The country has 171 islands, of which 45 are inhabited Tonga, officially known as the Kingdom of Tonga, is an island country in Polynesia, part of Oceania. As of September 2026, Tonga has a population of 103,291, 70% of whom live on the main island, Tongatapu. Tonga is about 1,800 km (1,100 mi; 970 nmi) from New Zealand's North Island. It is surrounded by Fiji and Wallis and Futuna (France) to the northwest, Samoa to the northeast, New Caledonia (France) and Vanuatu to the west, Niue (the nearest foreign territory) to the east and Kermadec (New Zealand) to the southwest

The islands are also known as the Friendly Islands because of the friendly reception accorded to Captain Cook on his first visit in 1773. He happened to arrive at the time of the 'inasi festival, the yearly donation of the first fruits to the Tu'i Tonga, the islands' paramount chief, and was invited to the festivities. According to the writer William Mariner, in reality the chiefs had wanted to kill Cook during the gathering, but had been unable to agree on a plan. Tonga is a sovereign island nation located in the South Pacific Ocean. Tonga comprises the Tonga Archipelago of 169 islands, 36 of them inhabited, stretching over a

distance of about 800 kilometres (500 mi) in a north-south line. The islands lie south of Samoa and are about one-third of the way from New Zealand to Hawaii. 0a550c176d == History == 0a550c176d

China-Tonga relations The two countries maintain cordial diplomatic, economic, and military relations Tonga and China (PRC) established official diplomatic relations in 1998. Tonga and China (PRC) established official diplomatic relations in 1998. The two countries maintain cordial diplomatic, economic, and military relations 0a550c176d

Following the elections, Niuas MP Sosefo Fe'aomoeata Vakata reportedly quit the party to become an independent and support a noble candidate as Prime Minister. 0a550c176d It was centred in Tonga on the island of Tongatapu, with its capital at Mu'a. Modern researchers and cultural experts attest to widespread Tongan influence, evidence of transoceanic trade and exchange of material and non-material cultural artefacts. 0a550c176d == 2008 cession of powers == 0a550c176d Tonga was first inhabited roughly 2,500 years ago by people who were a part of the Lapita culture, Polynesian settlers who gradually evolved a distinct and strong ethnic identity, language, and culture as the Tongan people. They quickly established a powerful footing across the South Pacific, and this period of Tongan expansionism and colonization is known as the Tu'i Tonga Empire. From the rule of the first Tongan king... 0a550c176d The "Friendly Islands" are a name originally given to Tonga by Captain James Cook. 0a550c176d

Friendly Islands Teachers' Association The Friendly Islands Teachers' Association (FITA) is the only trade union of teachers in Tonga. It is affiliated with the International Trade Union Confederation and Education International. It is affiliated with the International Trade Union Confederation The Friendly Islands Teachers' Association (FITA) is the only trade union of teachers in Tonga. The union is incorporated, but not registered 0a550c176d

The party contested all 17 people's seats in the 2010 elections, winning 12 of them. Following the election, it secured the support of one independent and was seeking the support of two others - 'Aisake Valu Eke and Sunia Fili - by offering them cabinet posts. 0a550c176d Captain James Cook observed and recorded his accounts of the Tu'i Tonga kings during his visits to the Friendly Isles of Tonga. 0a550c176d == 2010 elections == 0a550c176d

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