The Kingdom of Tonga

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Maps of Tonga.

Nuku’Alofa is the capital of Tonga.

The country Tonga, is also known as 'The Kingdom of Tonga.' Tonga has also become known as 'The Friendly Islands.' In many languages 'Tonga' means south.

More than two-thirds of the population of the Kingdom of Tonga live on its main island, Tongatapu.

There are three main islands that help make up Tonga and they are Ha’apai, Tongatapu and Vava’u.
Facts about Tonga

X The Official languages of Tonga are Tongan and English.
X Tonga is an island just past New Zealand.
X There are more than 150 islands around and in The Kingdom of Tonga.
X The two major industries in Tonga are fishing and tourism.
X A total of 48 islands make up The Kingdom of Tonga.

X The climate in Tonga is tropical and the temperature normally ranges from 20°C to 30°C.
X The first people to arrive in The Kingdom of Tonga were the Polynesians and they arrived around 3,000 years ago.

The Main Public Holidays in the Kingdom of Tonga

1 Jan – New Year’s Day
2 Apr – Good Friday
5 Apr – Easter Monday
25 Apr – ANZAC Day
12 Jul – Birthday of the Heir to the Crown of Tonga
1 Aug – Official Birthday of the King of Tonga
4 Nov – Constitution Day
25 Dec – Christmas Day
26 Dec – Boxing Day.

This is the flag of The Kingdom of Tonga. The white on the flag means peace and honesty. And the red on the flag means bravery and strength.
The Kingdom of Tonga export many items. Many of the items are mostly fruit and vegetables then there are items such as vanilla, kava and coconut oil. The Kingdom of Tonga also get imports from many different countries. Many of the imports include fuels, minerals, chemicals, food products and machinery.

In the Kingdom of Tonga there is a very low poverty rate and high standards in education and health. Employment opportunities are still limited.

The main currency used all over The Kingdom of Tonga is pa'anga.
There have been quite a few different issues in The Kingdom of Tonga such as acid rain, deforestation, endangered species and many more.

Acid rain damages everything over a period of time because it makes the living things in the environment die. Acid rain affects the life in the water as well as the life on land. As well, acid rain there is also acid snow, acid fog, acid gas and acid dust.

Deforestation is the permanent clearing of forests and woodlands.

Endangered species is when certain species of animals are all nearly gone from being killed or dying out.
People
In the Kingdom of Tonga, the Tongans mostly wear dresses. Tongan men wear a tupenu which is a piece of cloth that wraps around the body kind of like a skirt. Women wear a ta'ovala which is another type of tupenu. The shirts they wear always normally have collars.

Women wear dresses or skirts and shirts. Pants are not very popular, but are not allowed to be worn work. On many occasions women wearing pants will also have a wrap around skirt.

Jeans are becoming more and more popular, mainly in the city, and only worn by the younger people and younger generation.

To work men will wear a button up shirt but a t-shirt is appropriate. Some men are starting to wear pants or shorts in public and they are becoming more and more popular!