



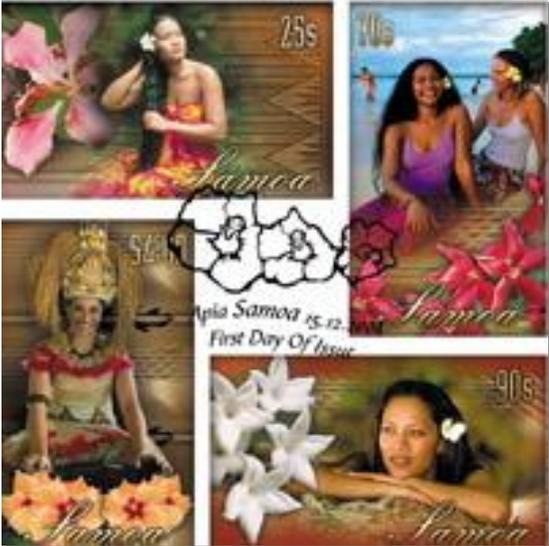
Samoa Beauties

"You lie on a mat in a cool Samoan hut and look out on the white sand under the high palms and a gentle sea, the black line of reef a mile out with moonlight over everything. And then amongst it all are the loveliest people in the world, moving and dancing like gods and goddesses. It is sheer beauty, so pure it is difficult to breathe it in." Robert Louis Stevenson

Samoa is a country of great beauty, which reaches across many facets from its amazing scenery to its rich culture and traditions, from its colourful flora and fauna to its people, its children and its beautiful women. This stamp issue has chosen the women of Samoa to reflect this beauty and show how the importance of women has always been present but is now emerging and becoming more prominent in current life.

In Samoan culture women have always been well respected and involved in civil and religious feasts and kava ceremonies. The latter involves the chosen person "brewing the beverage" which is conducted with much protocol and dignity. This production ceremony is an important part of Samoan life and special costumes signify the importance of this custom (as seen in the \$4.00 stamp).

Samoa, described as the Heart of Polynesia is much more than just tropical islands, Samoa is a very special land of extraordinary beauty. From its Pacific history and fascinating culture, its virgin rain forests, sparkling waterfalls, and sweeping white beaches and palm trees and its fun-loving, friendly people to the magnificent churches, the community fales, and the brightly coloured buses. They all make Samoa what it really is – a country of beauty.



Collectors Notes:

Designer: Karen Odiam, Brisbane, Australia
 Printer: Wyatt & Wilson, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Process: Offset Lithography
 Perforation Gauge: 13.2 x 13.2
 Stamp Size: 42.27mm x 24.89mm, 2 horizontal, 2 vertical
 Paper: 104gsm, Chancellor gummed stamp paper
 Denominations: 25s, 70s, 90s, and T4.00
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