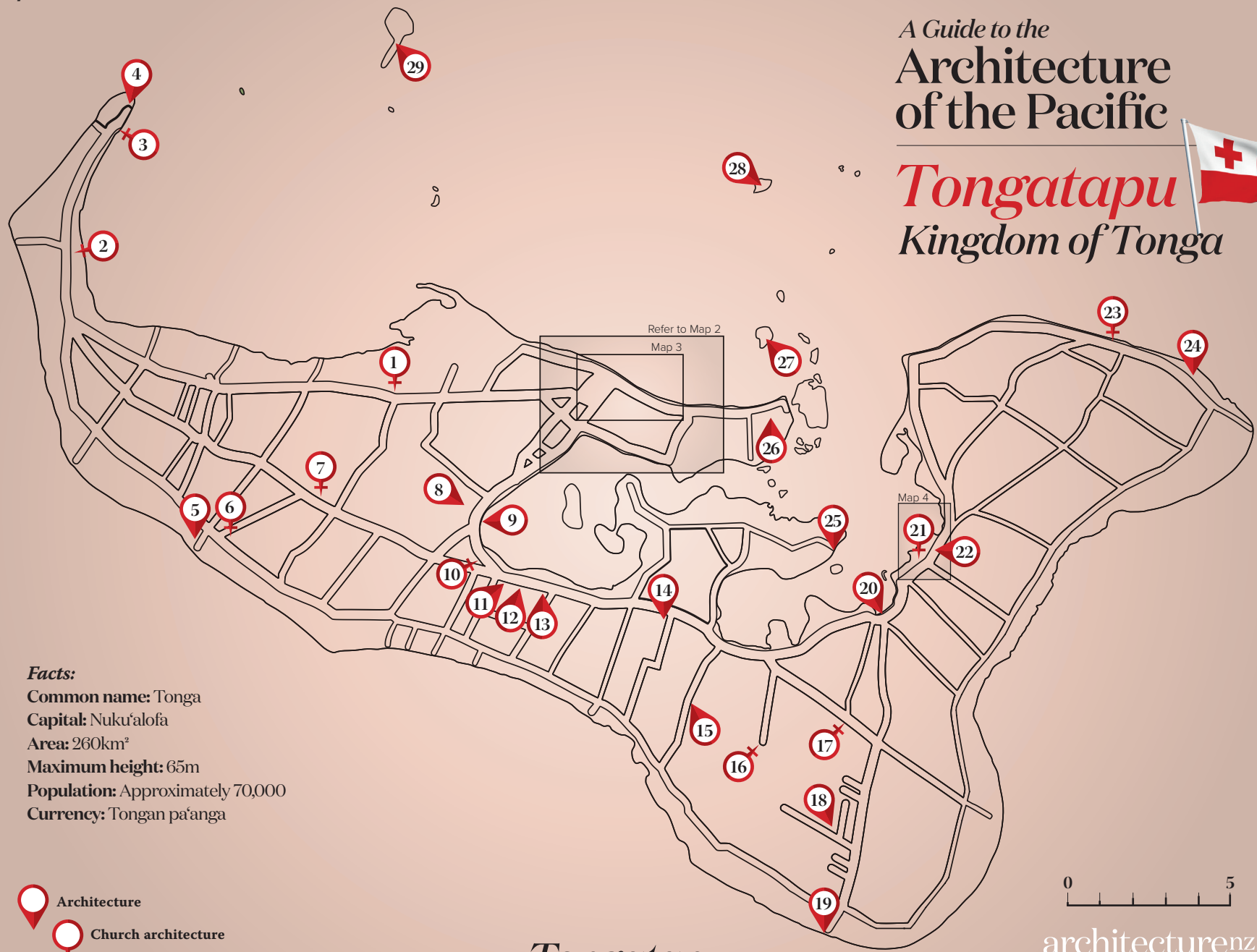


Map 1

A Guide to the
Architecture
of the Pacific

Tongatapu
Kingdom of Tonga



Facts:

Common name: Tonga
Capital: Nuku'alofa
Area: 260km²
Maximum height: 65m
Population: Approximately 70,000
Currency: Tongan pa'anga

- Architecture
- Church architecture
- Other churches

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1
Chapel at Sia'atoutai Theological College, Sia'atoutai. The interior is the oldest-surviving chapel in Tonga, the fale Saione (Zion), built in 1865 in Nuku'alofa and relocated here in 1930. **A MUST-SEE**



2
Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, Kolovai. Built in 1976 and one of several small churches of the period adapting the fale form to contemporary church use. **A MUST-SEE**



3
Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, Ha'atafu. Almost post-modern in the use of a broken gable and a Bible design for the façade.



5
Bell Tower. A tour de force of concrete engineering, located on the road to the Mapu 'a Vaea blowholes on the windward southern coast.



6
Church of the Sacred Heart (Catholic), Houma. A classical church designed and built in 1940 by Father George Callet, involved in the construction of many mid-century churches.



7
Nuku'alofa Tonga Temple and High School, Liahona. This Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Temple was built in 1983, designed by Emil Fetzter in a style similar to other temples around the world.



10
Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, Ha'ateiho. Designed and built in the early 1970s by a Danish man known only as Tavi.



12
'Atele National Indoor Stadium, Lotoha'apai. Designed by Jaimi Associates, responsible for much commercial architecture of the period around the South Pacific. Completed in 1994.



13
University of the South Pacific, Lotoha'apai. Rounds Lee & Partners, from which Jaimi Associates evolved, were both involved in this lovely village-style complex, completed in the early 1990s. **A MUST-SEE**



16
Moulton Memorial Chapel, Tupou College, Toloa. Lloyd Evans (South Pacific Architecture Network), with George Moala, designed this very large fale, with a marvellous glulam structure, in 1986. **A MUST-SEE**



17
Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, Pelehake. This 1986 church by George Moala takes the form of a fale, supported by a customary lashed-pole structure. **A MUST-SEE**



21
St Michael's Church (Catholic), Lapaha. The 1894 stone church was demolished after the 2006 earthquake and rebuilt in 2008 with a tower reminiscent of the original but with a fale-style body.



22
Langi, Mu'a. Known as langi, these ancient pyramidal royal tombs are located at the old capital. See map 4 for details. **A MUST-SEE**



23
St Joseph's Church (Catholic), Kolonga. Another recent church that incorporates a contemporary version of the fale in its design.



24
Ha'amonga 'a Maui and Maka Fa'akinanga, between Niutoua and Kolonga. The trilithon, dating from c. 1200, is constructed from large slabs of coral limestone. **A MUST-SEE**

Also worth a visit:

4. Abel Tasman Landing Place/Christianity Landing Place. **8.** The Villa Royal Residence. **9.** Tufumähina Royal Residence. **11.** Kolisi Tonga 'Atele (Tonga College), Ha'ateiho. **14.** Mata'o e La'a Solar Facility, Vaini (2015). **15.** Royal Residence. **18.** Fua'amotu International Airport (1940s + alterations). **19.** Fua'amotu Royal Residence. **20.** Ancient Lapita settlement and Captain Cook's Landing Place. **25.** Kauvai Royal Residence. **26.** Ancient Sia complex of mounds, Popua. **27.** Pangaimotu Island and Resort. **28.** Fafa Island and Resort. **29.** 'Atata Island and Resort.