



Ancient royal tombs

These ancient stone pyramids, called langi, are royal burial tombs and date from 1450 onwards when the Tuʻi Tonga capital was located here. This largest one is named Paepae o Teleʻa.



Langi sites

There are more than 30 stone langi and mounds in the area of Mu'a and Lapaha, some taken over as burial grounds for commoners. Highly decorated and well-maintained cemeteries are a common sight all over the island.

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Langi at Mu'a map. Based on a map by Geoffrey Clark.

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