

ZANZIBAR TRAVEL GUIDE



Zanzibar, also known as the Spice Islands, located about 22 miles (35km) off the east coast of Tanzania - East Africa. Zanzibar is an archipelago consisting of the two main islands and 50 other small islands, the main islands are Unguja and Pemba Island.

Zanzibar is famous for its History, Cultures, luxurious beach resorts and tourism activities like deep-sea fishing, diving, snorkeling, sandbanks. Stone Town is the historic heart of Zanzibar's capital city, located on Unguja Island, about 7 km from Zanzibar International Airport.







The town is renowned for its unique architecture, which is a blend of Arab, Indian, European, and African influences.

The buildings are predominantly made of coral stone, giving the town its distinctive appearance. In 2000, Stone Town was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its cultural and historical significance.

This guide is for you if you are planning your next vacation to Zanzibar islands!

FACTS ABOUT ZANZIBAR

Time:

The time zone for Zanzibar, Tanzania is GMT +3

Electricity:

230 volts, 50Hz. Rectangular or round three-pin plugs are used.

Language:

Swahili and English are the official languages. You may find some locals on the beach who may speak French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian.

Communication:

The international country dialing code for Tanzania, as well as Zanzibar, is +255. There is good mobile phone coverage in main tourist areas; Stone Town, Nungwi, Kendwa, Matemwe, Kiwengwa, Uroa/ Pongwe, Michamvi, Bwejuu, Paje, Jambiani, Makunduchi & Kizimkazi.

You can buy a Sim Card at the Airport, it costs \$15.

Money:

The official currency is the Tanzanian Shilling (TZS). The tourism industry prices everything in US Dollars and this is the preferred unit of currency. Money can be exchanged in the Airport, Stone Town, Nungwi, Kiwengwa & Paje beach.







ATMs are also available in those places. Most lodges, some hotels and famous restaurants accept cards. But we recommend you carry some cash for small purchases.

Climate:

The climate is tropical, hot all year round, with a hotter period from December to March, and a relatively cool period from May to August. There are two rainy seasons: one more intense, known as the "long rains" season, from late March to May, with the peak in April, and the other less intense, known as the "short rains" season, between mid-October and early December.

Popular flights:

Most popular international flights to Zanzibar are; Qatar Airways, Fly Dubai, Fly Emirates, Condor, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Lufthansa, Air France, Neos Air, Ethiopian Airlines.

Safety:

"Is Zanzibar safe to travel?" This is a common question that is regularly asked by the travellers who want to visit Zanzibar. The short answer? Yes! Zanzibar, or Tanzania as a whole, is the safest destination in Africa, with more than 1 million tourists visiting the country every year from different parts of the world, UK, Germany, France, Italy, UAE, and so on.

Local customs:

Tanzanians are known to be friendly and generally welcoming, but travellers should be sensitive to local cultural mores. Visitors to Zanzibar should be aware that it is a predominantly Muslim region and visitors should dress modestly and respectfully.

Beachwear is fine on the beach or around a hotel pool, but not acceptable elsewhere. You can buy a local sarong, called a kanga, which can be used to cover shoulders when needed, or otherwise be used as a scarf or towel. Tourists should be especially careful during Ramadan when public drinking, smoking and even eating should be avoided.

Homosexuality is illegal in Tanzania.







Vaccinations:

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is only required for travellers one year of age and older coming from – or who are in airport transit for more than 12 hours within – a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

In addition to standard vaccinations such as MMR and TDP, the CDC and WHO recommend vaccinations for Tanzania, such as Hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and typhoid. Yellow fever and rabies vaccinations are also recommended depending on the traveller's activities. As of January 2023 there are no more COVID-19 restrictions in Tanzania, and vaccinations or PCR-tests are no longer necessary before traveling.

As with all international travel, we always advise you to consult your physician for professional health advice before travelling to Tanzania.

Visa/ Passport requirements:

Most visitors entering Tanzania require a visa. Your visa can be requested online through the official visa website from the Tanzanian government (https://visa.immigration.go.tz/). Passports must contain one unused visa page.

Visitors may obtain a visa on arrival at Zanzibar airport, costing between \$50 and \$100 depending on nationality, payable in cash. All visitors also require proof of sufficient funds and should hold documentation for their return or onward journey. Passports should be valid for at least six months from date of entry.

Those arriving from an infected country must hold a yellow fever vaccination certificate. It is highly recommended that passports have at least six months validity remaining after your intended date of departure from your travel destination.

Note:

There are some countries whose nationals do not require a visa to enter Tanzania. Below is the list of these countries, they may be reviewed from time to time by the Tanzania government.







Antigua & Barbuda, Anguilla, Ashmore & Cartia Islands, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Belize, Brunei, British Virgin Islands, British Indian Ocean Territory, Botswana, Burundi, Cyprus, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Cocos Islands, Cook Islands, Christmas Islands, Dominica (Commonwealth of Dominica), Falkland Islands, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guernsey, Guyana, Heard Island, Hong Kong, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Jersey, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Montserrat, Malaysia, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Macao, Mozambique, Nauru, Niue Island, Norfolk Island, Namibia, Papua new Guinea, Rwanda, Romania, Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, Swaziland, Solomon Island, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vicent, St. Helena, South Africa, South Sudan, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

There are some countries which their nationals cannot obtain a visa on arrival. These countries fall under the so-called Referral Visa. Below is the list of these countries, they may be reviewed from time to time by the Tanzania government.

Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Chad, Djibouti, Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan Republic, Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan), Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Somali land, Syria, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Yemen

Best Day Tours & Activities:

To check more things, please visit, **zanzibarworld.com/tours**

Full day - Blue Safari trip:









This is a full-day excursion to explore marine life in the Menai bay area. The tour includes sailing, Sandbank relaxing and snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters to view the vibrant coral reefs and a variety of fish and other marine life. Try fresh Seafood BBQ lunch with mouth watering tropical fruits.







Full day - Spice Farm, Prison Island & Stone Town:









This is the full day combined experiences trip; On the same day, you will visit Spice Farms, Prison Island & Stone Town. This is more cost effective than visiting each attraction on separate days. The Driver will come to pick you up from the Hotel in the morning and you will be back during the sunset.

Half day - Mnemba Dolphins & Snorkeling:









Mnemba Dolphins & Snorkeling Tour is an exciting trip that we designed for your best holiday experience in the paradise islands of Zanzibar. In this tour, you will start with swimming with wild dolphins, and then to Snorkeling in the shallow water near Mnemba Island.

Half day - Jozani Forest Tour:









Don't miss this half day trip to Discover Jozani Chwaka bay National park or simply known as Jozani Forest. The park is home to the red colobus monkey, which is a species found only in Zanzibar islands. You will visit mangrove forests and spot other various species of birds, including the mangrove kingfisher.







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Best Restaurants:

1. The Rock Restaurant

Location 🌋	Reviewed 5/5	Meals (Special diets
Michamvi	4 Stars	Lunch, Dinner, Brunch, Late Night	Vegetarian Friendly, Vegan Options

2. Fisherman's Seafood & Grill

Location 🍱	Reviewed 5/5	Meals 🚫	Special diets
Nungwi	5 Stars	Lunch, Dinner, Brunch, Drinks	Vegetarian Friendly, Vegan Options, Gluten Free Options

3. Cape Town Fish Market Restaurant

Location 🎏	Reviewed 5/5	Meals 🔘	Special diets
Stone Town	4 Stars	Lunch, Dinner, Drinks	Vegetarian Options

4. Lukman Local Restaurant (Local cuisines)

Location 🌋	Reviewed 5/5	Meals 🍽	Special diets
Stone Town	4 Stars	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.	Vegetarian Friendly, Vegan Options, Halal.

5. Emerson Spice Tea House Restaurant

Location 🌋	Reviewed 5/5	Meals ¦○{	Special diets
Stone Town	4.5 Stars	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.	Vegetarian Friendly, Vegan Options, Halal.







Best Beaches to check out:

- Kendwa beach
- ❖ Nungwi beach
- ❖ Kiwengwa Beach
- Paje beach
- Jambiani beach
- Michamvi Kae Beach
- Matemwe beach
- Nakupenda Sandbank

Important Swahili words:

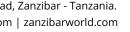
5 swahili words to help you out.

Swahili	English
Jambo	Hello/ How are you
Asante	Thank you
Hakuna Matata	No problem/ No worries
Karibu	Welcome/ You are welcome
Kwaheri	Bye/ See you

Things to pack for Zanzibar:

These are the basic things.

Sun protection items	Clothings	Electronics
Sunscreen	Light, breathable clothing	Camera or smartphone
Hat	Swimwear	Power bank
Sunglasses	Sarongs or cover-ups	Waterproof phone case
	Flip-flops	Travel adapter: Type D & G







Where to start planning your vacation?

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