

Zanzibar

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Stone Town

This tour takes you through fabled Stone Town where history appears to stand still. With visits to the House of Wonders, the Palace Museum (People's Palace), Dr Livingstone's House and the Arab Fort amongst others, it is a fascinating look at the essence of Zanzibar. You will see Zanzibar's bustling market, winding alleyways, ornately carved and studded doors, two cathedrals and countless mosques!

A trip to the site of Sultan Barghash's harem at Marahubi should also be included and rounds off an insight into Zanzibar's huge history and vibrant culture. Stone Town has some excellent gifts shops with plenty of souvenirs and handicrafts to choose from.



Spice Plantations

The history of Zanzibar would be incomplete without the cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, pepper and many other spices, which brought the Sultans of Oman and the beginnings of the infamous slave trade. They can be seen in the plantations just outside Zanzibar town, and a good tour includes opportunities to dazzle the senses with fresh spices. A detailed description is given about a variety of spices, and their uses in cooking and cosmetics. Visitors will be fascinated by the sheer number of spices produced and their incredible value for many ailments.

This is also the cheapest place to purchase spices and spice oils.



Kizimkazi Mosque & Dolphin Tour

Situated on the southern point of the island, Kizimkazi fishing village is home to several schools of bottle-nosed dolphins, which can often be sighted following a short boat trip from the village. If you are lucky, you may be able to swim quite close to the dolphins which can be a very rewarding experience. Kizimkazi is also the site of a 12th century mosque, the earliest evidence of Islam in East Africa, and is thus worth a visit for both natural and cultural reasons.



Jozani Forest

The Jozani Natural Forest Reserve is located in the central east region of Zanzibar island and is home to the rare Red Colobus Monkey, which is endemic to Zanzibar. These monkeys are full of character, and roam freely.

They can also be seen at very close quarters just outside the reserve's perimeter and are incredibly photogenic.

Jozani is home to other species including Syke's monkey's, small buck and bushpigs.

The elusive Zanzibar leopard (last sighted several years ago) is said to feed here at night -perhaps this is why the reserve is only open during the day! Jozani has an excellent nature trail and the guides are well trained and informative.

Prison Island

Once the site of a gaol for misbehaving slaves, the island lies just off the old stone town. It is fringed with a beautiful coral reef, ideal for snorkelling, and has a lovely white beach for sun-bathing.

It is also home to a family of giant tortoises, imported from the Seychelles in the late 19th century.

This island is ideal for a day-trip with refreshments available throughout the day.

North Coast

Tours to the unspoilt north coast always end up at Ras Nungwi, a sleepy fishing village on the northern tip of Zanzibar island.

It is the dhow building capital of Zanzibar, so you will be able to see the traditional methods of dhow construction in action.

This area of Zanzibar has some fantastic beaches and nearby coral reefs which are ideal for diving and snorkelling. The local villagers have built a turtle sanctuary where injured turtles and other marine animals are nursed back to health before being released back into the warm waters of the Indian Ocean.

BLUE SAFARI (FULL DAY)

This is a full day excursion on locally made traditional sailing dhows finished to the highest standard and fitted with outboard engines, marine VHF radios, gas inflatable life jackets, sunshade, boarding ladders, waterproof bags and first aid kit with DAN oxygen unit.

The clients are collected from their hotel and transferred to the fishing village of Fumba which is an ideal starting point to explore Menai Bay, now designated as a conservation area.

The bay has a number of uninhabited islands and sandbanks and is frequented by humpback and bottlenose dolphins (85% chances).

This tour also includes snorkelling and lunch on a small island or sand bank.

After Lunch there is an opportunity to join an experienced crew and sail on an "Ngalawa" or outrigger canoe made by hand from a single mango tree.

The returning journey will be by sail, if wind permits.

CHUMBE ISLAND CORAL PARK (FULL DAY)

The trip in a motorised boat will take you to the secluded island of Chumbe which manages nature reserve, with forest and Marine nature trails, one kilometre of totally protected and untouched reef, a historic lighthouse (built in 1904) and an old mosque.

The biggest attractions of the island is the peaceful and natural environment. You will journey through the special nature trails passing a tunnel of fascinating indigenous undergrowth, listening to birds and small animals going about their uninterrupted business.

More than 40 species of birds have been identified on the island, including the endangered Roseate Tern.

Snorkelling in the Reef Sanctuary is amazing; an uninterrupted coral garden stretches right from the shallow beach to a drop-off to about 16 metres deep, teeming with thousands of colourful fish belonging to 370 families, which is among the highest diversity found anywhere along the East African Coast.

Turtles and dolphins regularly visit the reef and spiny lobsters peed out of their hostels confident that nobody will hunt for them.

DOLPHIN ADVENTURES (FULL DAY)

This tour will take you to one of the earlier capital of the Island (KIZIMKAZI) where traces of an Old Shirazi settlement (probably a fort) may be seen in an enclosure surrounded by a wall near the seashore.

Near the walled enclosure is an ANCIENT MOSQUE where an inscription records that the mosque was built in A. H. 500 (A. D. 1107) by a Sheikh Seyyid Abi Amran, who appears to have been a local ruler.

Out-side the mosque is a well and graves of Sheriffs (descendants of the Prophet). You will then proceed to a small fishing village where you will be taken for a boat ride (in a motorized local boat) in search dolphins (85% chances).

Lunch will be served at Kizimkazi.