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ZANZIBAR FACTS



HISTORY

Zanzibar is an archipelago made up of the two main islands of Unguja (also known as Zanzibar Island) and Pemba, as well as roughly 51 smaller islets. In the United Republic of Tanzania, Zanzibar is a partner state with the mainland.

The name Zanzibar is derived from the Arabic terms 'Zenj', which means black, and 'bar,' which means land, giving in the historic term 'Land of the Black.' Zanzibar absorbed people from all over the world, including the Orient, Iberia, Assyria, and India. Pemba is the Archipelago's second biggest island, known to Arab mariners as Al-khudra, or "The Green Island". It is famous for its clove production and its channels offer some of the best diving experiences in East Africa.



GETTING THERE

The principal carrier to Zanzibar is Kenya Airways transit at Nairobi, Ethiopian Airlines transit at Addis Ababa, Oman Air transit to Muscat, onetime Airline direct from Turkish Airways, Eurowings discovery, Lufthansa-Edelweiss Airline, KLM, Qatar and Air France. Other carriers such as Swiss and British Airways stopping over Dar es Salaam, from where you can catch ferry to Zanzibar. There are also a number of regular charter flights from Europe travelling direct to Zanzibar. If your ticket takes you only to Dar es Salaam, local air carrier such as ZanAir, Coastal, Tropical Air, Precision Air provide scheduled flights in small twin-engines to Zanzibar.



VISA PROCEDURES & CUSTOMS

The visitors require a valid passport and visa for the duration of their stay. Visa can have obtained from Tanzania Diplomatic Mission or alternatively at the entry points. The rate of visa currently \$50. However, it is advisable to check with your nearest Tanzanian Embassy. High Commission or Consulate prior to your travel for updated information.



POPULATION

Zanzibar consists of a multiracial and multicultural community. It is a society of many faiths and of different origins. Almost the entire population is of mixed races primarily of Arab and African decent and blended with local culture. The current population of Zanzibar according to 2012 census is 1,303,569 inhabitants with an annual growth rate of 4.55%.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Visitors to Zanzibar are no longer required by law to have Yellow Fever vaccination certificate. When you enter the country, please information about inoculations required for the see your local doctor or Travel Clinic for further Malaria is still prevalent in East Africa and so one should also take a malaria prophylaxis. There are many different kinds of medications for Malaria. However, precautions should be taken to avoid being bitten by mosquitos. Apply insect repellent and sleep under mosquito nets at night. Wear long-sleeved shirts and trousers in the evenings.

ZANZIBAR GOVERNMENT



Zanzibar is a part of Tanzania's United Republic, with its own government and president. It has a popularly elected House of Representatives and cabinet ministers for all subjects that are not related to the Union. Zanzibar has been a multiparty democracy since the 1995 election.

GENERAL FACTS



Time Zone: GMT +3
Currency: Tanzanian Shilling (Tsh)
Exchange rate: US\$ 1= 2,300 but it varies from time to time
Official Languages: Swahili & English
Electricity: 220 – 240 VAC, 50Hz
Religion: Predominantly Islam
International Dialing code: +255 plus code number, followed by 9-digit local number

HOSPITALITY & CULTURE



Zanzibar cultures become more diverse in its range, more unique in its expression. Zanzibar is the birthplace of Swahili, a lingua franca forged from global dialects, upon which legends were carried, trade routes opened and a Sultan's empire prospered. It is here that the African culture blended with other cultures mainly Persian, Arabic and Indian to form Swahili culture. Today the romance, vibrantly alive, traditional sailing dhows, carved wooden doors, chests, scent of cloves and the smile of the hospitable people welcome you to Zanzibar.

CLIMATE



The Zanzibar archipelago is a tropical island and its climate is subject to the whims of monsoon winds. The northern monsoon (known as Kaskazi in Swahili) lasts three to four months from April to November. The rainy seasons (Maskika) starts in March or April and lasts in May. June to October is the dry and the temperatures are clement. There are short rains known as vuli. Zanzibar gets about

RELIGION



The majority of Zanzibar residents practice the Islamic faith which reflect also their life style and culture. Mosques are sacred places and usually no entry by non-Muslims. During the holy month of Ramadan Muslims are fasting from dawn to sunset and you may find difficult to find food during the day. However, same specified restaurants are allowed to serve the tourists. There are also Christian churches and Hindu temples which offer regular services on Sunday and on special occasions.





Tabasam Tours is Friendly and energetic Zanzibar based tour operator and destination management company on Indian ocean Island. We aim to provide our client whether they are holiday or business traveler with personal, high-quality service all the way and are confident that we can realize and exceed our clients high level of expectation.

Tabasam Tours put its emphasis on the ability to appeal to a abroad range of visitors with our quality travel packages and custome-madetours. Do not hesitate to contact us with enquires; our Friendly and highly qualified staff is most willing to assist you with your travel To Zanzibar.

Wea are specilized on:

-  — Personalized Meet and greet services at Airport
-  — Airports, Habour and Restaurant privet transfers
-  — Day trip, sightseeing tours and exursions
-  — Accomodation at a range of select hotels and lodges
-  — Weddings,Honeymoons and Air Ticketing
-  — Conferencing and Incentive Travel organizations



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ZANZIBAR STONETOWN



t The Old Stone Town is a World Heritage declared by UNESCO in more than a decade now. In order to protect the town, the government has established Stone Town Conservation and Development Authority (STCDA). Discover and tour the main City market, which opened in 1904, to obtain a full picture of Stone Town's architecture, including its sand and stone antique built buildings with Arab/Indian carved doors with brass studs and carved balconies.

Along the twisting lanes of Stone Town, former palaces and Arab mansions (Sultan's Palace Museum, House of Wonders also known as Beit-el-ajaib built in 1886) hint at a grander age for this port city on Zanzibar's western coast. The old fort, which was built to fend off the Portuguese in the 1700s, today serves as a venue for local performances, a café, and an art gallery. The Anglican Cathedral of Christ, of course, is a must-see which was built by bishop steers in 1873 on the site of the old slave market.



SPICE PLANTATIONS



Zanzibar was one of the world's main spice growers, and the spices and herbs were brought to Zanzibar by Portuguese traders from their possessions in South America and India in the 16th century.

One of the most popular excursions in Zanzibar, the Spice Island, is the Spice Tour. It is a half-day excursion that begins with a drive through the countryside's lush vegetation, followed by walks through several spice plantations such as cloves, cardamom, cinnamon, black pepper, turmeric, vanilla, nutmeg etc. During the tour, you will be able to smell and taste spices, herbs as well as tropical fruits and at the end of the tour you will enjoy a typical Swahili lunch at the farm at the end of the tour, where you will be able to experience the many ways of utilizing spices, and the tour will conclude with a stop to a spice stall selling fresh packed spices.



Weddings & Honeymoons

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BAWE ISLAND AND SANDBANK

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Beautiful corals such as Acropora, Staghorn, Brain corals, and a vast variety of reef fish may be found within a 30-minute motorboat ride surrounding Bawe Island, which has a reef wrapping around it with a maximum depth of 18 meters. Most snorkelers consider it to be the best snorkeling spot in Stonetown.

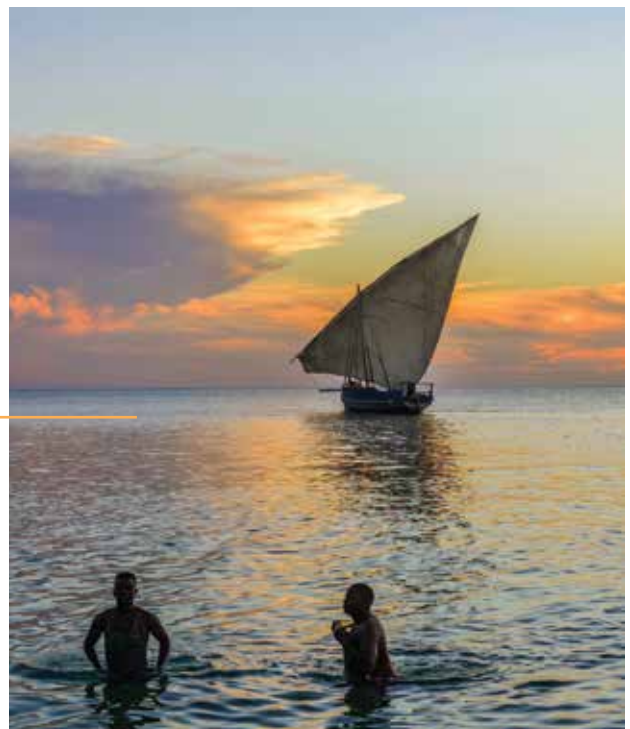
The island was used to anchor the first telegraph wires connecting Zanzibar to Aden, South Africa, and the Seychelles in 1870. If you're looking for complete seclusion and privacy, Bawe Tropical Island is the place to visit. There are 15 private cottages situated around the beachfront, each with amazing panoramic views of the ocean and tastefully painted in light hues to complement the laid-back atmosphere. At low tide, the beach is beautiful, with unusual stone formations.

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Dhow cruising has become very popular in Zanzibar. Whether you would like a romantic moment with your partner or just a fun evening with family or friends. Cruising around the small island on a traditional dhow is an amazing and memorable experience. The best way to experience the glorious Zanzibar sunset, on a traditional wooden dhow with the wind in your sail and a glass of wine in your hand as you cruise along watching the setting sun cast gold and amber hues on the North Zanzibar coast.

The tour allows you to experience the Beauty of the sunset while enjoying the live music on board accompanied by variety of snacks, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages served by our qualified staff. The cruise will definitely give you a romantic sunset viewing with your beloved ones, family and friends from 1700hrs till sunset.

DHOW AND SUNSET CRUISES



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PEMBA FLYING FOX



t The Pemba flying fox has a fascinating foxlike face that is hidden beneath a bright auburn coat. These bats are among the world's largest fruit bats. Their wings can extend over 5.5 feet across, although weighing only 400–650 grams. They live in enormous social colonies that can number up to 850 individuals. Fruit such as figs, breadfruits, and mangos, as well as nectar, pollen, flowers and leaves make up the majority of their diet.

They are a vital spice for dissemination since their digestive system transports fruit and plant seeds to other regions of the island. The conservation of these bats gives local residents a sense of accomplishment and development, as they actively participate in environmental preservation. The economic benefits derived from this little community tourist project have already shown to be quite beneficial.



NGEZI FOREST RESERVE

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The reserve is located on the northwestern tip of Pemba Island and covers 14.4 square kilometers (5.6 square miles). It is the only place in Eastern Africa with such a diverse range of flora kinds.

In sandy-loam soils and Mtifutifu soils, the forest comprises of coral shrubs and thickets, thick grasses and plants. The forest line with closed vegetation stretches up to the beach at Vumawimbi, providing a fantastic tropical experience for visitors to the new tourist facilities.



DEEP SEA FISHING

Z proximity to some of Africa's best deep sea fishing grounds. The water between Unguja and Pemba is a perfect spot for deep fishing. It is fortunate in having superb fishing almost all the year. Fishing in Zanzibar is synonymous as some of the most exhilarating and challenging deep-sea fishing is available. It gets more interesting when the North-East monsoon blows, the billfish arrive in great numbers.

Explore the deep waters of Zanzibar by boat and enjoy fishing, sailing, and resting on the deck, especially from August to November, when you can spot giant yellow fin tuna, big blue marlin, striped and black marlins, and huge schools of Tuna chasing lesser fish.

DIVING IN ZANZIBAR

Z Zanzibar diving and snorkeling is amongst the most spectacular activities in the whole islands with stunning coral gardens and more than 350 fish species recorded. The diverse aquatic life includes turtles and dolphins which are seen frequently as well as occasional sightings of humpback whales and whale sharks.

For both novice and experienced scuba divers, our destinations provide variety and adventure. Dive centers provide fantastic diving at all times of the year, from drift diving to deep diving, fish identification, and thrilling night dives and snorkeling.



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JOZANI FOREST NATIONAL PARK

Jozani Forest is a terrestrial and intertidal protected area dedicated to biodiversity protection that receives funding from access fees, filming levy, research activity, grants, and other sources.

The forest is 35 kilometers south of Zanzibar town, and it takes around 45 minutes to get there from the city center. It is a wetland and forested region of around 1000 hectares. The beauty of the Jozani Forest trip is that the height of the trees and palms is just breathtaking, ensuring that visitors have a wonderful experience. You can see the famous and rare Red Colobus Monkeys, Bushbaby, 50 different species of butterflies, 40 species of birds, and a variety of plants and trees while walking through mangrove swamp boardwalks. The mangrove boardwalk provides travelers with a unique opportunity to view the unique mangrove ecology, which may be quite enjoyable. Apart from other Zanzibar attractions, Jozani Forest is an excellent spot to recharge and is the closest you can go to nature.



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KITE SURFING

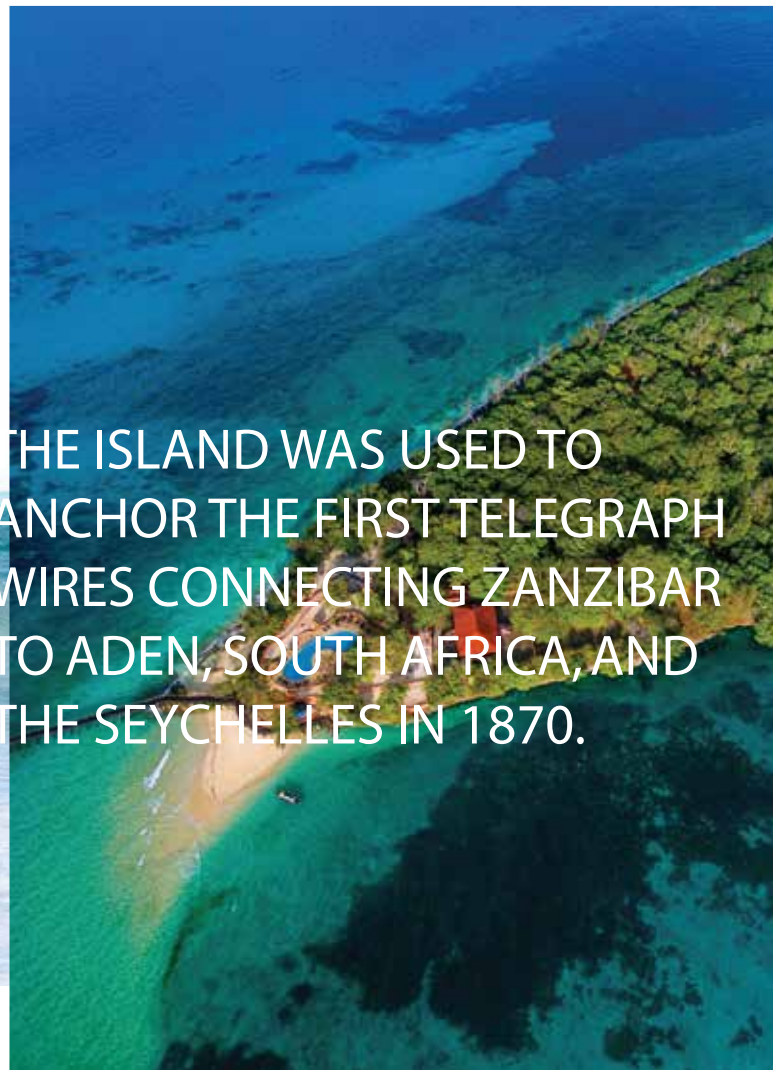


Zanzibar is an ideal location for kite surfing due to its shallow turquoise waters, sandy bottoms and continuous winds. It offers ideal conditions for both novice and seasoned kites. The reef is far out and here for the first part is flat water, perfect for beginners and freestylers. The reef itself gives you amazing waves for the more experienced kite surfer.

Not to mention the stunning white beaches and African villages where the rhythm of life hasn't changed in over fifty years, all set against the whimsical backdrop of the limitless blue Indian Ocean. Zanzibar is a unique place to combine these extreme sports with relaxing and discovering the raw beauty of this relatively untouched island and without forget the friendly, warm and most welcoming local Swahili people.



THE ISLAND WAS USED TO ANCHOR THE FIRST TELEGRAPH WIRES CONNECTING ZANZIBAR TO ADEN, SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE SEYCHELLES IN 1870.



Wildlife Safari Packages



Mahale Mountains National Park
 Day 1: Departure flight from the airport to Mahale Mountains National Park.
 Day 2: Activities: Choose between Private Chimp Trekking, Walking, Boat, Fishing.
 Day 3: Enjoy the last boat trip before departure.
 Day 4: 10h15 Flight back to Zanzibar.

Tanzania Luxury Safari (Lake Manyara, Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater & Tarangire)

Day 1: Tarangire National Park
 Day 2: Lake Manyara National Park
 Day 3 and 4: Serengeti National park
 Day 4: Serengeti National Park
 Day 5: Serengeti National Park
 Day 6: Serengeti National Park – Ngorongoro Crater
 Day 7: Ngorongoro Crater – Arusha – Airport



Serengeti Wildebeest Migration Safari

Day 1: Arrival – Arusha
 Day 2: Serengeti National Park (North)
 Day 3: Serengeti North (Kogatende)
 Day 4: Serengeti North (Kogatende)
 Day 5: Serengeti National Park (Central Seronera)
 Day 6: Serengeti Central (Central Seronera)
 Day 7: Serengeti Central (Central Seronera)
 Day 8: Ngorongoro Crater Tour
 Day 9: Tarangire National Park
 Day 10: Back to Arusha



4 Days Safari (Lake Manyara, Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater)

Day 1: Arusha – Lake Manyara National Park
 Day 2: Lake Manyara – Serengeti Plains
 Day 3: Serengeti Plains – Ngorongoro crater
 Day 4 – Ngorongoro crater – Arusha



Wildlife Safari Packages

5 Days Rwanda Gorilla Trekking

Day 1: Arrival – Parc Nationale Des Volcanoes

Day 2: Gorilla trekking

Day 3 & 4: Hiking the Karisimbi

Day 5: City tour-departure



7 Days Uganda Bird Murchison Falls Park

Day 1: Arrival & Bird through Entebbe

Day 2: Birding to Murchison falls & Hike the top of the falls.

Day 3: Birding in Murchison falls national park.

Day 4: Bird in the northern Sector of Murchison Falls national Park

Day 5: Bird through the Albertine Escarpment

Day 6: Bird the Royal Mile

Day 7: Return to Kampala, birding enroute.



11 Days Zambia Victoria Falls

Day 1-3: South Luangwa National Park

Day 4-5: Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

Day 6-7: Chobe National Park

Day 8-10: Okavango Delta

Day 7: Tour Ends Maun



11 Days Uganda Gorilla Trekking Safari

Day 1: Arrival and transfer to Entebbe

Day 2: Drive to Lake Mburo National Park, evening boat cruise on the Lake

Day 3: Drive to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Day 4: Gorilla Trekking

Day 5: Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park, evening game drive

Day 6: Morning game drive and afternoon boat cruise on Kazinga Channel

Day 7: Drive to Kibale National Park,

Day 8: Morning chimp trekking and Bigodi wetland walk

Day 9: Drive to Murchison Falls National Park

Day 10: Morning game drive and afternoon boat cruise to the bottom of the falls

Day 11: Drive back to Entebbe International airport for your flight out.







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