

EXCURSIONS IN ZANZIBAR

(Private, with a professional guide)

The cost varies based on the location of your hotel on an island, price per person, minimum 2 pax

<p>STONE TOWN (ZDT01.1) – half day tour This tour is dedicated to the 130-year history, architecture and development of Stone Town. You will visit Museum of History of Zanzibar, former market of slave trading, House of Wonders built in 1883, old Arabic fort, Palace-Museum, city market and other sights of Zanzibar.</p>	
<p>SPICE TOUR – SPICES, TRADITIONAL MEDICINE AND COSMETICS (ZDT01.2) – half day tour Acquire the know-how of various plants and their purpose in preparation of spices, medicine and cosmetics. Varying with season, you will be offered to taste delicious tropical fruit and the use of a natural lipstick (Henna). Model the national clothing and taste the traditional cuisine.</p>	
<p>ANCIENT FOREST JOZANI (ZDT01.3) – half day tour Exploring forest Jozani - it's an exciting journey through time and space. Visiting this place will bring you back many centuries and you will see how the island of Zanzibar looked at that time: the thick swampy woods, evergreen forests and mangroves. This amazing forest can now boast an incredible diversity of animal and vegetable worlds. Red Colobus - one of the rarest species of monkeys and Sega are the best-known residents of the forest. Some other subspecies can only be seen here, quietly resting or frolicking and playing with each other. The most fortunate travelers may be lucky enough to meet the little deer Sunnis, a chameleon, or even a leopard!</p>	
<p>TURTLE ISLAND (ZDT01.4) – half day tour Prison Island is 20 minutes away from Stone Town by boat and has spectacular coral reefs to enjoy while snorkeling. Giant tortoises shuffle through the trees, with the patience that old age brings you. Originally thought to be from the Comoros Islands and Seychelles, some of these tortoises are said to be over 100 years old. This island is also known as the Prison Island. The actual prison was constructed in 1893, ruins of which you can still see during this tour.</p>	
<p>KIZIMKAZI DOLPHIN (ZDT01.5) – half day tour Situated on the southern point of the island, Kizimkazi fishing village is home to several schools of bottle-nosed dolphins and Humpback dolphins. These magnificent animals are learning to hunt in the rich waters of the bay. You will have the opportunity to encounter with these wonderful representatives of the marine fauna of the island of Zanzibar.</p>	

SWAHILI CULTURAL TOUR (ZDT01.6) – half day tour

There are many elements to the Swahili culture - music and dance, visual arts, traditional games, cuisine, and dhow culture to name a few. A Cultural tour is a great way for visitors to immerse themselves in the local culture and to see how many Zanzibari's live on a day to day basis. On this half day tour, your guide will accompany you to a rural village where you will have the opportunity to see daily activities being undertaken. The Cultural Tour is the ideal excursion for those who want a real insight into the people and life on the Island, and is a great way to support sustainable tourism and the people of Zanzibar.



SLAVE ROUTES OF ZANZIBAR (ZDT01.7) – half day tour

This excursion begins at the Dhow Harbour in Malindi, where slave ships brought their human cargo from Bagamoyo to Zanzibar, moving to the house of Tippu Tip, the notorious Arab slave trader and then on to the Anglican Church, built on the old slave market. A short drive to Mbwani will bring you the ruins formerly a school for freed slave girls, before heading to Livingstone's House and Mangapwani slave caves. Walk through the caves, which stored hundreds of slaves, kept waiting for the monsoons and the arrival of the dhows to be exiled away from home.



SUNSET DHOW CRUISES (ZDT01.8) – 2-hour cruise

Step onto the deck of the dhow, relax and let us sail you away on a magical sunset cruise to end your day. On board our dhow we also have a personal guide who will accompany you on your cruise and give you a tour of Stone Town from the water. The blue green of the sea contrasts against the clear blue sky. The sun sets, changing the sky from shades of pinks and blues to magnificent golden colors, as you sail back towards the glimmering lights of Stone Town in the distance, the wind gently blowing you back to shore.



MADE IN ZANZIBAR (ZDT01.9) – half day tour

A Zanzibar shopping excursion highlighting the best of the island's merchandise. The archipelago is home to many co-operative groups who make a living from the arts and crafts they create. You can buy hand carved furniture by Zanzibar craftsmen, local kanga fabrics, Zanzibar pearls, jewelry, colorful handmade cushion covers, throws, woven baskets and much more. This excursion offers a piece of local culture and the chance to support local arts and crafts, as well as unique souvenirs to take home.



SAFARI BLUE (ZDT01.10) – full day tour, including lunch

Safari Blue dhows are between 8 and 10 m in length, and are equipped with all necessary equipment. Safari Blue starts from the fishing village of Fumba, 30 minutes' drive from Stone Town. The Bay has a number of beautiful uninhabited islands and sandbanks and it is frequented by humpback and bottlenose dolphins. You will have time to see all around the bay, to get acquainted with its inhabitants, and enjoy the fresh sea air, after which you will be asked to stay at one of the sandbanks to explore the underwater world of the Gulf of Menai. After the submarine tour, we visit one of the uninhabited islands where lunch with traditional dishes of fresh fish and seafood will be served. After lunch, we visit a real mangrove forest and the mangrove lagoon, where you get an opportunity to swim among the mangroves. And on the way back we conclude with a view of a beautiful African sunset.



SULTAN PANORAMA (ZDT01.11) – full day tour, including lunch.

The Sultan Panorama Tours is ideal for visitors with little time who want to experience a bit of everything Zanzibar has to offer. It's a full day excursion, starting in Stone Town, covering the history of the sultans, slave trade and invasions that shaped Zanzibar's history. Your guide will give you a broad overview of the island's history and current affairs and you'll pass by many historic sites and visit the Slave Market. A stop at the vibrant Darajani Market helps you to experience city life, with all the hustle and bustle, smells and noise. You'll be driven to a spice farm, and given the opportunity to taste seasonal spices and fruits as your guide describes their properties and uses. Throughout the tour, you can sample local delicacies and local staple foods. Your next stop is at a local village for a slice of Zanzibari culture and life. Cooking, weaving, building houses and playing with the children, you'll have chance to see what life is like for Zanzibaris.



MNEMBA ATOLL SNORKELING (ZDT01.14) – full day tour, including lunch.

If you don't dive, there are also some fantastic snorkeling options for you at Mnemba atoll. Mnemba Atoll is a protected oceanic area off northeastern Zanzibar near Matemwe with excellent visibility depths ranging from ten to thirty meters. It includes the small triangular island of Mnemba and a reef area comprising of two by four miles. This breathtaking marine ecosystem is famous for sightings of green turtles and dolphins that like to join you as you snorkel or dive while the seasonal migrating whale sharks and humpback whales announce their presence with an occasional spout of water.



SCUBA DIVING (ZDT01.15) – depends on the dive sites

For most of the year, Zanzibar is home to some of the calmest, clearest oceans imaginable. This combined with a plethora of marine life make it a perfect spot for a Scuba Diving vacation. Visibility is usually in the range of 10-40m depending on the dive site.

Most interesting dive sites are: Pange Reef, Wattabomi, Boribi, Prison Island, Mnemba Island.



DEEP SEA FISHING (ZDT01.16) – full day or half day options

Join us for a day of big game fishing out in the waters of Zanzibar and the Pemba channel. Our deep-sea fishing charter boats are fully rigged and ready to take you out for a fishing experience you will never forget. We fish by trailing a combination of lures, natural dead baits or live bait.

Striped, black and blue marlin can be found on the Zanzibar coastline, as well as acrobatic sailfish and elusive spearfish. Dorado, yellow fin tuna, wahoo, barracuda, king fish all provide endless hours of action packed game fishing out on the ocean. August to October is peak season for tuna, with marlin and sailfish running from November till March, following the pattern of the monsoons. Whatever time of year you visit, you're sure to have a great day out, with a chance of landing a personal best and epic tales of the one that got away.



