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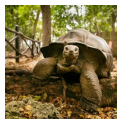
Hakuna matata is Swahili for "no worries", and this is exactly the spirit that fills the atmosphere of Zanzibar —the Spice Island of Tanzania. A heavenly world sprinkled with charming colonial buildings, white sandy beaches, colourful markets, and flavours of exotic cuisines from all over the world.

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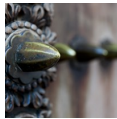
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Whether it's the mainland or the lesser-known islands of the archipelago, there is plenty of things in Tanzania to explore.

Dar es Salaam



Most visitors transfer to Zanzibar without even paying a visit to the metropolis on Tanzania's Indian Ocean coast.

However, Dar es Salaam — arguably the epicentre of Swahili culture — is well worth a visit. The multicultural and diverse city of 4 million is known for its beaches, seafood and music. Sights include the National Museum, the Village Museum, the Kivukoni Fish Market, and the city's very own marine reserve on Bongoyo island.

Photo: E X P L O R E R/Shutterstock.com

Internet:

www.tanzaniatourism.go.tz/en/destination/dar-es-salaam-city

Mount Kilimanjaro



Tanzania is also home to Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain rising 5,895 metres above sea level, with three volcanic peaks. There are

several operators to help you organise a tour through one of the plenty trekking routes of Kilimanjaro National Park.

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More Info: Hikes to Mount Kilimanjaro usually begin from Moshi or Arusha

Mnemba Island



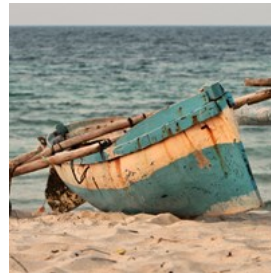
This tiny island is barely one kilometre long, but has an extensive reef which makes it a top snorkelling spot in Zanzibar. The island has

an exclusive lodge which only accommodates 24 guests at a time, but day trips are also available for anyone who is looking to spot some dolphins or green turtles.

Photo: Pearl-diver/Shutterstock.com

More Info: 2 km northeast off the main (Unguja) island

Pemba Island



Pemba is a small gem of the Zanzibari archipelago north of the main island, with incredible marine life and small farming villages. Lands are rich in

cloves, coconut, and cassava, and tides allow for some great diving here. At times, the tides are so low they make the island inaccessible by dhows — the vessels used by locals.

Photo: Jaco van Rensburg/Shutterstock.com

More Info: Domestic flights are available from Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam. The flights take about 30 minutes (Auric Air, Coastal Aviation, ZanAir)

Mafia Island



The name has Arabic origins and means archipelago, referring to the group of islands Mafia is made up of. The area was under German

control in the late 1800s, but its early history dates back to as early as the 8th century. Apart from ancient landmarks, the place is home to the first marine park of Tanzania — Mafia Island Marine Park. With coral reefs and wildlife such as whale sharks and sea turtles, it is a true snorkelling paradise. Home to the famous Ras Kisimani and Utende beaches.

Photo: Kjersti Joergensen/Shutterstock.com

More Info: Accessible by a 30-minute flight from Dar es Salaam (Auric Air, Coastal Aviation)

Balloon Safari in Serengeti Park



If your visit to Zanzibar is part of an extensive Tanzanian trip, Serengeti National Park is probably on your list as well. If you're looking for a

unique experience, a balloon safari will probably give you the best views over what is one of the largest wildebeest and zebra migrations in the world.

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Address: Seronera, Nduu, Kirawira

Phone: +255 754 688 806

Internet: www.balloonsafaris.com

Email: bookings@balloonsafaris.co.tz

THE ISLANDS



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The lush tropical forests and pristine beaches spread across what is officially called the semi-autonomous region of Zanzibar, made up of Unguja and Pemba islands. Latham Island, also called Fungu Kizimkazi, is very small and uninhabited. Mafia Island is home to about 46 thousand people and countless species of wild animals. Each island is surrounded by many smaller islands, most of them unsettled.

Like mainland Tanzania, Zanzibar is an important centre of Swahili culture, and at the same time the meeting point of several ethnic influences. Following the Portuguese who arrived here in 1498, the island was heavily shaped by the Arabs during the Omani rule until the 18th century. The British empire, another addition to this eclectic mix of cultures, was also an important turning point that brought relief with the abolition of slavery.

Besides slave trade, the island's strategic position also gave way to the rise of relevant commercial activity, and while the new era has brought the end of colonial conflicts (the region was granted independence in 1963), Zanzibar remains an important market for cloves, seaweed, and spices, all sold around the coral stone landmarks of Stone Town. For this reason, the Zanzibar Archipelago is also known as the

Spice Islands.

DO & SEE



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Discover Zanzibar's eventful colonial past, and immerse yourself into the colourful marine world embracing the island.

House of Wonders (being restored)



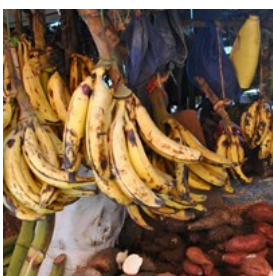
One of the most important landmark buildings in Stone Town, the House of Wonders had been closed due to disrepair, with large sections collapsing in 2012, 2015 and 2020. The former palace and museum used to showcase European and Omani influence not only in appearance, but also through the various exhibitions.

Photo: Natalya Ovchinnikova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Beit al-Ajaib, Mizingani Road, Zanzibar Town

Opening hours: Closed

Darajani Market



If you are looking to get the most of local vibe on the island, head to Darajani Market: there's nothing you will not find here — intense flavours, fresh seafood, colourful souvenirs, and even

electronic gadgets. The main structure of the market was built back in 1904.

Photo: Mattia Tomasi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Market Street, Zanzibar Town

More Info: Also known as Estella Market and informally as Marikiti Kuu (Swahili for Main Market))

Old Fort



Built after the Portuguese defeat in 1698, this fort was a key structure for the Omani Arabs during the rule of the Sultanate. It served as a prison and garrison in that era, and today it functions as a visitor centre with an amphitheatre, holding various cultural events every year.

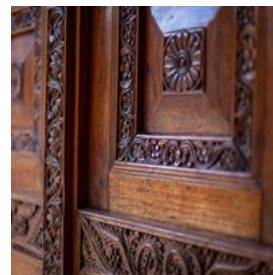
Photo: Pearl-diver/Shutterstock.com

Address: Boma la Kale la Zanzibar, Stone Town

Phone: +255 24 223 8516

More Info: Also known as the Arab Fort

Princess Salme Museum



This compact museum is dedicated to the eventful life of Princess Sayyida Salme. The Sultan's youngest daughter fled from Zanzibar in 1866, and later wrote the "Memoirs of an Arabian Princess from Zanzibar". Join a guided tour to learn some interesting details about her life.

Photo: margo_1778/Shutterstock.com

Address: Emerson, Hurumzi Street, Stone Town

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Internet: www.facebook.com/people/Princess-Salme-Museum-at-Emerson-on-Hurumzi/100057452049944/

Old Dispensary

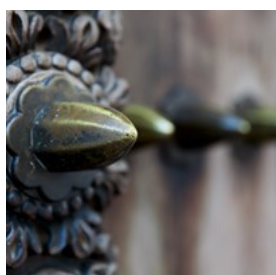


Originally built by Indian merchant Tharia Topan to be a hospital, the building eventually functioned as a dispensary during the 20th century. Today, it is one of the most prominent landmarks on the waterfront, housing a museum and an Ethiopian restaurant — the Abyssinian's Steakhouse. Feel free to explore the interior with a covered courtyard and ornately carved bridges connecting the floors.

Photo: Public Domain/Wikimedia

Address: Ithnashiri Dispensary, Malindi Road, Zanzibar Town

The Doors of Zanzibar



There are hundreds of doors in Stone Town, all unique and with a different story to guide you through the island's long colonial history.

Arabic doors are ornamented with the symbols of the Quran, Swahili doors stand out in their elegant simplicity, while Indian doors are equipped with a brass knob, with the original purpose of protecting doors from elephants back in India. Pick your favourite!

Photo: Gil.K/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stone Town

Sultan's Palace — People's Palace Museum



This impressive waterfront building adjacent to the House of Wonders was the residence of the Sultan's family in the 19th century, and today it houses a museum about the

sultanate showcased through the lives of prominent rulers such as Sultan Khalifa bin Harub, and princess Sayyida Salme.

Photo: Gimas/Shutterstock.com

Address: Al Alam Palace, Mizingani Road, Zanzibar Town

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-6pm, Sun closed

Phone: +254 723 417 410

Spice Tour



Since the arrival of the Portuguese in the 16th century, Zanzibar has been a leading exporter of spices such as clove, nutmeg and lemongrass.

A visit to an original shamba (spice farm) will give you insight into Zanzibar's spice culture. Tours usually include fruit tasting, as well as the opportunity to stock up on your favourite spices.

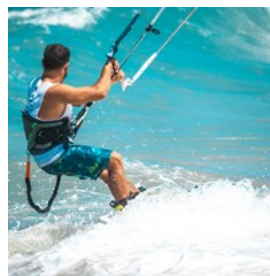
Photo: Ciprian23/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Fort, Stone Town

Internet:

www.paradisetoursandsafaris.com/Day-Tours/Spice-Tour.php

Kitesurfing



Move off those well-stocked fish platters with some kitesurfing lessons: Zanzibar is a top-notch waveriders' paradise.

Photo: mcherevan/Shutterstock.com

Phone: +255 777 165 656

Internet: www.zanarchipelago.com

Prison Island



Prison Island is a peaceful haven just 30 minutes away from the ever-bustling city centre. Once an important site of 19th-century slave trade — the island was used as a prison for rebellious slaves in 1860s. The island also functioned as a coral mine, but today it serves as home to adorable giant Aldabra tortoises.

Photo: danm12/Shutterstock.com

Address: Changuu Island

More Info: Boats depart from near Forodhani Gardens

Mercury House



A small museum with a photography collection paying homage to the most famous person ever born on this island, Farrokh Bulsara, better known as Freddie Mercury.

Photo: Adam Jones/cc by-sa 2.0/Wikimedia (expanded)(image cropped)

Address: Kenyatta Road, Zanzibar Town

Christ Church Cathedral



Owing to its strategic position, Zanzibar was a long-dreaded slave market site throughout the 19th century. This Anglican cathedral, neighbouring the popular Darajani Market, was built in the late 19th century to mark the end of slavery on the island.

Photo: Mike/cc by-sa 2.0/Wikimedia (cropped)(image cropped)

Address: Stone Town

Malindi Mosque

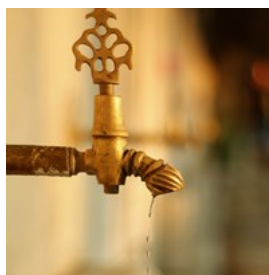


Islam is still the largest religion in Zanzibar, and there are over 50 mosques adorning the island's skyline. Located in the neighbourhood of the same name, this 15-century mosque is one of the oldest landmarks of the rich Arabic heritage.

Photo: Lucy Mbungu/cc by-sa 4.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Malindi, Zanzibar Town

Hamamni Persian Baths



Although the public baths were in use until 1920 and are now open for a short visit only, it's worth stopping by to absorb some of the island's Middle Eastern heritage.

Photo: Mustafa Elmas/Shutterstock.com

Address: Soko Ya Mohogo, Near Maru Maru Hotel, Zanzibar

Opening hours: 9.00-18.00 daily

Phone: +255 778 417 000

More Info: The name Hamamni is also used to describe the neighbourhood where the baths are located

Mnarani Marine Turtle Conservation Pond



An NGO rescue centre dedicated to protecting the local Hawksbill turtle population, which is heavily hunted for the attractive shells. They're a friendly local community who does not only give shelter to baby turtles in threat, but also holds educational classes for anyone interested.

Photo: Andrey Armyagov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nungwi village

Phone: +255 773 204 320

Jozani Forest



Zanzibar's only national park represents the island's diverse indigenous flora and fauna, such as the emblematic red colobus.

The 50-square km reserve also includes Chwaka Bay with its extensive sea grass beds, and neighbours on the Zala reptile park as well as the Butterfly Centre. Join a tour at the entrance, and learn about the mythical Zanzibar leopard!

Photo: Hasin Shakur/hasin@ask.or.tz/Wikimedia

Address: Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park

Public Transport: Daladala 3240, 309 and 310

BEACHES



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Unwind as you bury your toes in the warm white sand, or go active and try snorkelling or kite-surfing at one of Zanzibar's pristine beaches.

Nungwi Beach



If it's the paradisiacal white sandy beach you came to Zanzibar for, look no further than Nungwi. One of the island's most pristine

beaches offers vibrant social life and seclusion at the same time: no wonder it has been getting a

lot of international acclaim.

Photo: Roberto Binetti/Shutterstock.com

Address: About 56 km (35 miles) north of Zanzibar Town on the Nungwi Peninsula

Kendwa Beach

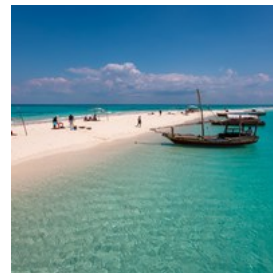


A few kilometres away from northern Nungwi, Kendwa is a true gem for islanders and tourists alike, with a vibrant nightlife during the

monthly Full Moon parties, and heaven-like unspoilt beaches if you head just a bit further south.

Photo: Carlo 85/Shutterstock.com

Nakupenda Beach



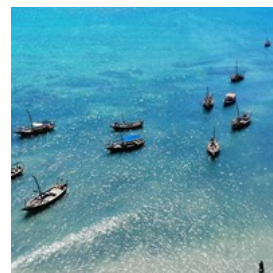
A visit to this tiny white sandbank is the best way to finish your trip to Prison Island. Go snorkelling or simply admire the idyllic

ambience. Hint: the name of the beach is also useful if you want to get closer to an attractive Zanzibari ("nakupenda" means "I love you" in Swahili).

Photo: Obladatel/Shutterstock.com

More Info: Recommended in a day trip with Prison Island (Changu Island)

Menai Bay



This secluded southern bay is the largest marine conservation area of Unguja. Tours on traditional dhows are organised regularly to

give visitors the chance to spot (and even swim

with) some humpback dolphins. The shallow waters too have plenty of marine life for you to discover.

Photo: BBP76000/Shutterstock.com

Address: The villages of Fumba (with Safari Blue tour) or Kizimkazi

Internet: www.safariblue.net

More Info: The most popular tour to Menai Bay has been running since 1995 and is known as the Safari Blue

Kizimkazi Beach



The magical Kizimkazi Beach on Menai Bay experiences significant tide changes: at low tide, the beach, the reef and tide pools are exposed for you to explore. The dramatic seascape hides exotic marine life. Another popular reason to visit Kizimkazi Beach is to see bottlenose and Indo-Pacific dolphins that feed in the bay.

While there, check out the oldest East African Shirazi Dimbai mosque (dated 1107) and spend some time gazing at the star-filled night skies with close to no light pollution.

Photo: O.Mustafin/Public Domain/Wikimedia(image cropped)

Paje Beach



The beach is a buzzing stretch of the otherwise sleepy fishing village of Paje, sought after for its excellent opportunities for kite-surfing. Visitors are very welcome to join the fun football games — a major pastime for the locals.

Photo: Matej Kastelic/Shutterstock.com

Jambiani Village



Southeast of Jozani forest, Jambiani is a tranquil village renowned for its white unspoilt beach and seaweed plants, where a remarkable quantity is farmed of what is Zanzibar's key export.

Photo: Marius Dobilas/Shutterstock.com

Address: East of Muyuni Forest

East Coast — Bwejuu, Dongwe & Pingwe Beaches



The southeastern beaches of Bwejuu, Dongwe and Pingwe are a true tropical postcard paradise, except during Christmas when it is affected by seaweed cover. The area is not too developed, so you'll have ample opportunity to disconnect and relax.

Bwejuu Beach is considered one of Zanzibar's finest beaches with a serene, laid-back village vibe. You can find moments of solitude on this long sandy stretch. However, Bwejuu Beach is conveniently located close to the highly trafficked tourist spots.

Dongwe Beach is another beautiful white sand beach lined with gorgeous palm trees. You can spend a lazy day in one of the cosy beach huts, swim, go paddleboarding or kayaking in the mangroves. When the tide is low, try snorkelling to see shells and small marine animals.

The white sand of Pingwe Beach is close to the spice farm that grows ginger, chilli, vanilla and lemongrass. Many guided tours will give you opportunity to explore the many bars and

restaurants here.

Photo: Naumov Andrei/cc by-sa 4.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)
More Info: Pingwe is home to the famous The Rock restaurant

Pongwe Beach

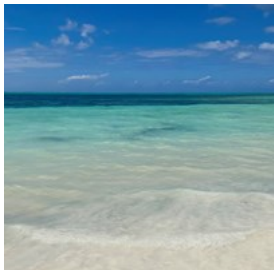


The secluded and serene Pongwe Beach is perfect for a romantic getaway. The beach is rather remote and doesn't have excessively developed

tourist infrastructure, so make sure to book your stay in advance. Spend your days relaxing and reading books, meditating, napping in a hammock or taking long walks. Dhow sailing is a bit attraction here, as well.

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Kiwengwa Beach



Kiwengwa is the best fit for all-inclusive resort lovers. The beach is great for families with children and you get relatively few "beach boys". Quadricycle

tours, Kiwengwa Pongwe forest hikes and culinary tours are only some of the activities available here.

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DINING



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Nothing represents Zanzibar's rich cultural heritage better than its cuisine: from mishkaki, the East African beef to the octopus curry and chapatis inspired by India — there are plenty of flavours to spoil you throughout your stay.

Lukmaan Restaurant



An award-winning restaurant conquering tourists and locals as well: there is hardly any better place on the island to get a taste of Zanzibari cuisine. Try the octopus curry, and freshen up with a delicious fruit smoothie!

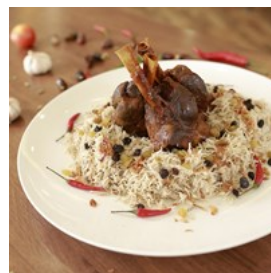
Photo: kan_khampanya/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Mkunazini Baobab tree, New Mkunazini Road, Zanzibar

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm

Phone: +255 778 939 710

The Passing Show



Another staple in the Zanzibari food scene, the Passing Show is most acclaimed for its biryani and rice pilau dishes, served around the clock.

Their tamarind juice is a must try.

Photo: Muhammad Shairazi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Malawi Road, Stone Town

Opening hours: Daily 6am-10:30pm

Phone: +255 676 414 819

Al-Jabry



This is one of those restaurants that don't need an intricate design concept to attract visitors—the rich local flavours will do the job. The best place to try boko-boko, a porridge soup made of meat, usually beef.

Photo: Stanislaw Sadokhin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tharia Street, Zanzibar Town

Phone: +255 772 766 425

Internet: www.facebook.com/aljabryrestaurant

The Rock — Michamvi



A restaurant outstanding in every aspect: not only for its location on top of a rock, but for the great care fresh local ingredients are selected

and prepared with, to serve guests with fine Tanzanian dishes. Tempura is popular as a starter, and you can't go wrong with the lobster special or the pasta dishes with the flavours of the sea.

Photo: Aleksandar Todorovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Michamvi, Pingwe Beach (Chaka Bay)

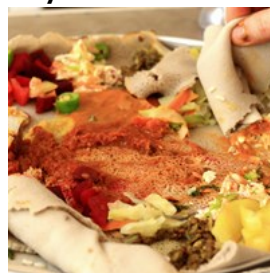
Phone: +255 776 591 360

Internet: www.therockrestaurantzanzibar.com

Email: booking@therockrestaurantzanzibar.com

More Info: Pre-booking necessary

Abyssinian Maritim



Try a stew platter served on injera (flatbread) and wash it down with a fresh smoothie, or join a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony, all this in a charming Africa-inspired setting.

Photo: rweisswald/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vuga Roundabout, Kenyatta Road, Zanzibar Town

Opening hours: Wed-Mon noon-3pm / 6pm-10pm

Phone: +255 772 940 556

Email: abyssinian.maritim@gmail.com

Secret Garden & Tea House



Both venues belong to Emerson Spice and offer an exclusive dining experience in the heart of Stone Town. At Tea House, demand is high for the five-course rooftop dinners and the "Sundowner" drinks, while Secret Garden is famed for its Zanzibar-inspired à la carte lunch, served in a hidden romantic ruin garden.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tharia Street, Stone Town

Opening hours: Daily. Lunch noon-4pm, dinner 6pm-10pm

Phone: +255 774 483 483

Internet: www.emersonzanzibar.com/restaurants/emerson-spice-secret-garden

Email: es.reception@emersonzanzibar.com

6 Degrees South Grill & Wine Bar



Whether it's the catch of the day, a beef barbecue (mishkaki), or something exotic like the coconut-dusted octopus, this restaurant has an extensive menu presenting you the rich flavours

of Spice Island. Happy hour specials are from 7 pm to 9 pm daily. Enjoy the view from the rooftop bar!

Photo: zkruger/Shutterstock.com
Address: Shangani Waterfront, Stone Town
Opening hours: Daily 10am-midnight
Phone: +255 62 064 4611
Internet: www.6degreessouth.co.tz
Email: info@6degreessouth.co.tz

Travellers Cafe



A seafront eatery serving hungry customers around the clock, from fresh morning coffee to hearty burgers and curry lunch meals, as well as dinners with a golden sunset view.

Photo: Anna-2118/Shutterstock.com
Address: Shangani Waterfront, Stone Town
Phone: +255 774 506 618

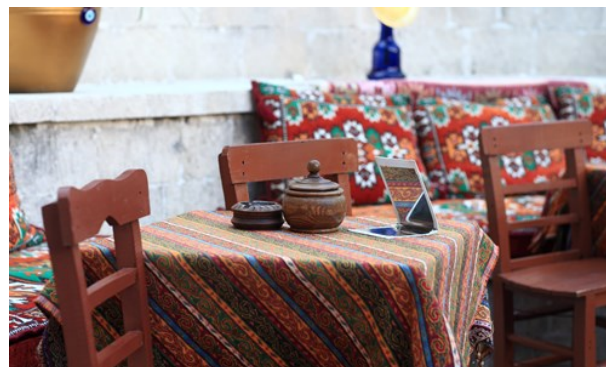
Chef's Baking Shop – Nungwi



Don't expect regular fish or chicken at Chef's: meals are spiced up with curry sauce or coconut gravy, and vegetable sides are just as appetising as the main dish that caught your attention.

Photo: Mila Atkovska/Shutterstock.com
Address: Nungwi Supermarket, Zanzibar, Tanzania
Opening hours: Daily 7am-10:30pm
Phone: +255 784 461 135

CAFES



Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com

The hidden cafes in Stone Town are perfect for people-watching spots or a friendly chat with locals, made complete with a steaming cup of Tanzanian Arabica.

Coffee has been a customary drink in Zanzibar ever since the arrival of Arab traders. Many locals will receive guests on their doorstep and share a pot of coffee together. Since Zanzibar is also known as the spice island, the fragrant cup is frequently spiced with cinnamon and cardamom, and served with plenty of milk and sugar.

If you prefer your coffee unspiced and unsweetened, you'll find that the flavour of Tanzanian Arabica is bright and vibrant, with refreshing winy acidity.

Stone Town Cafe



Part of a cosy B&B, this place will make you feel at home even if you only drop in for a quick coffee or meal. Their quesadillas and avocado toast never disappoint.

Photo: furkanfemir/Pexels
Address: Kenyatta Road, Zanzibar Town

Phone: +255 778 373 737

Zanzibar Coffee House



A quaint cafe with an extensive coffee list including everything from the classics to iced and bulletproof coffee, to be had with sandwiches, a light lunch, or freshly baked scones and brownies, in a setting reminiscent of colonial times.

Photo: VDB Photos/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1563, 64 Mkunazini Street, Zanzibar

Phone: +255 242 239 219

Internet: www.instagram.com/zanzibarcoffeeshouse

Email: zanzibarcoffeeshouse@gmail.com

Jaw's Corner



Jaw's Corner is a unique square where men gather in the early morning to socialise and bond over cups of black Zanzibar coffee. There are certain things in life that don't need any sweetening: the Zanzibari coffee, or these few lines about Jaw's Corner. Just grab a cup, and listen to the stories of locals.

Photo: Martchan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stone Town

More Info: Close to the St Josephs Cathedral

Cafe Africa Shops



An eclectic small cafe you'll probably accidentally come across after getting lost in the buzzing alleyways of Stone Town. Stop by for a coffee and browse the adorable handmade

souvenirs!

Photo: id-art/Shutterstock.com

Address: Soko Muhogo Street, Zanzibar Town

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-8am, Sun closed

Phone: +255 628 223 094

Zenji Cafe



A cosy place to have a cup of tea, milkshake, or try Tanzanian coffee and Zenji's famous chocolate brownie. Fancy something more?

Breakfast is served all day long, and sandwiches, pasta and pizza are available for takeaway, too.

Photo: Themalni/Shutterstock.com

Address: Zenji Hotel, Malawi Road, Zanzibar Town

Phone: +255 776 705 592

Internet: www.zenjihotel.com

Email: info@zenjihotel.com

Mr Kahawa



A vibrant beach-side lodge and cafe with fresh coffee and healthy munchies, daily three-course menu, a craft shop on site, and a

laid-back atmosphere that will make you want to extend your stay in Paje.

Photo: Denis Shevyakov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Paje Beach

Phone: +255 628 240 713

Internet: www.mrkahawa.com/restaurant-coffee

Email: info@mrkahawa.com

Puzzle Coffee Shop



A flagship cafe in Zanzibar offering premium Brazilian coffee and treats like the famous cheese bread, plus workshops for true lovers of caffeine.

Photo: Natalia Klenova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shangani 74, Stone Town

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun closed

Phone: +255 714 699 117

Internet: www.puzzlecoffeeshop.com

Email: puzzle@puzzlecoffeeshop.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Nungwi is known to have the most vibrant nightlife on the entire island, while in Stone Town you can enjoy cocktails with unforgettable sunsets. You can also party on the beach in Paje or Jambiani.

The fun starts early in Zanzibar: as soon as the sun starts going down, the party lights and the music are turned on and the bars begin to fill up.

Tatu



"Tatu" is Swahili for three, referring the three floors this place has to entertain its visitors: a buzzing bar on the first, a pub with affordable food on the second, and a lounge on the third floor overlooking the sea.

Photo: Ketut Subiyanto/Pexels

Address: Shangani Street, Stone Town

Phone: +255 717 924 936

More Info: Across the street from Shangani Gardens

Kendwa Rocks (Nungwi)



There's a lot more to Kendwa than an exclusive hotel-restaurant: it is rumoured to throw some of the best parties in entire Zanzibar. Their monthly Full Moon Parties with grills and acrobat shows are the most talked about events on the island!

Photo: Nikolay_Voronin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kendwa Rocks Beach Hotel, Nungwi

Phone: +255 774 415 475

Internet: www.kendwarocks.com

Email: frontofficemanager@kendwarocks.com

More Info: Book tickets for Full Moon Parties in advance

Sunset Bar at the Africa House



At every sunset, the rooftop bar of the Africa House Hotel fills up with the loud chatter tourists, taking in the golden view over a refreshing cocktail and some crispy samosas.

Photo: vm2002/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shangani Street, Stone Town

Phone: +255 777 360 982
Internet: www.instagram.com/africahousesunset
More Info: Across the street from Shangani Gardens

Rooftops Bar at Z Hotel (Nungwi)



With its idyllic location, happy hours, and refreshing colourful cocktails, Rooftops is the number one place to watch the sunset in entire Nungwi.

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Address: Nungwi
Phone: +255 774 266 266
Internet: www.thezhotel.com

Mercury's Bar



Another tribute to the music legend born on this island, Mercury's bar plays live music every weekend, but also welcomes visitors with special cocktails and freshly caught fish throughout the whole week.

Photo: [N8Allen/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/artist/N8Allen)
Address: Mizingani Road, Zanzibar Town
Phone: +255 777 413 081

B4 Beach Club (Paje)



A laid-back beach bar priding itself on being the first location dedicated to electronic music in East Africa. They most probably prepare the best burgers you'll ever have on the beaches of Zanzibar! Additionally, regular visitors are given a discount on a kite-surfing course. Events are organised weekly.

Photo: [seyomedo/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/artist/seyomedo)
Address: Beach Paje
Phone: +255 778 672 715
Internet: www.b4beach.club
Email: contact@b4beach.club

Coccobello (Nungwi)



One of the hottest nightspots of Nungwi with live entertainment every night of the week. Food is also served. Wednesday and Sunday

nights are the most happening, when the party doesn't stop until 5am. No haggling — just dancing, drinks and a great time.

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Address: Nungwi
Phone: +255 773 515 752

SHOPPING



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Once you've soaked up the smells and colours of Zanzibar, don't forget to take them home with you. Stock up on some cinnamon and turmeric, and haggle a bit over the beloved tingatinga paintings.

Darajani Market



If you are looking to get the most of local vibe on the island, head to Darajani Market: there's nothing you will not find here — intense flavours, fresh seafood, colourful souvenirs, and even electronic gadgets. The main structure of the market was built back in 1904.

Photo: Mattia Tomasi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Market Street, Zanzibar Town

More Info: Also known as Estella Market and informally as Marikiti Kuu (Swahili for Main Market))

Aromas of Zanzibar



Unique souvenirs made with great local care, from recycled materials and with a sense of social responsibility.

Photo: Sergey Logrus/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gizenga Street, Stone Town

Phone: +255 784 200 242

Zanzibar Curio Shop



Souvenir stalls are found easily everywhere in Stone Town, but visit the Curio Shop if you are on the lookout for some really exciting finds. It's a huge shop with every souvenir and gift item imaginable: clothing, keychains, bags from local artists reflecting the artworks of Zanzibar, new and antique treasures.

Photo: In Green/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hurumzi Street, Zanzibar Town

Phone: +255 777 411 501

Memories of Zanzibar



The largest souvenir shop in Zanzibar, this is where you can do all the souvenir shopping under one roof, across two floors.

Photo: margo1778/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kenyatta Road, Shangani, Stone Town

Phone: +255 24 223 9376

Email: memories@zanlink.com

Fahari



An internationally acclaimed company with a wide range of fabrics showcasing Zanzibar's rich Indian and African cultural heritage, made with the use of unique materials like oyster shells and palm leaves.

Photo: safakcakil/Shutterstock.com

Address: 62 Kenyatta Road, Stone Town

Phone: +255 77 266 1065

Internet: www.fahari-zanzibar.com

Email: info@fahari-zanzibar.com

Surti & Son's



This tiny shop has been providing locals and visitors with premium quality leather products like sandals and bags for several decades now.

Photo: Pierre-Yves Babelon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gizenga Street, Stone Town

Phone: +255 777 472 742

Internet: www.surtiandsons.wordpress.com

The Coins Shop



A local craftsman company selling uniquely designed coin jewellery. Find the medal that best fits you, or show them the drawing of your favourite symbol! They also ship worldwide.

Photo: pixinoo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Soko Muhogo Street, Stone Town

Opening hours: Daily 10am–6pm

Phone: +255 658 195 972

Internet: www.thecoinsshop.com

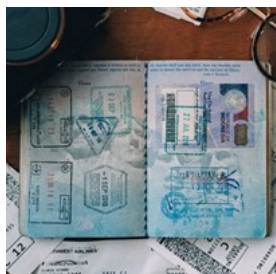
Email: info@thecoinsshop.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Visitors from any country not listed below may enter Tanzania visa-free or get a visa on arrival (USD 50–100) for 90 days, provided they have a passport with at least six months of validity upon arrival.

A pre-arranged visa is necessary for citizens of the following countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Chad, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea,

Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Yemen. To find out what applies for your country, contact your embassy or visit the website below.

Photo: ConvertKit/unsplash

Internet: www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_Tanzania

Best Time to Visit



The most popular time to travel to Zanzibar is during the dry season, from July to September.

The archipelago's tropical climate is characterised

by stable temperatures throughout the year, but the amount of rainfall varies considerably. The most precipitation is recorded between March and May, and to a lesser extent around November and December. Similar weather patterns prevail in mainland Tanzania.

The temperatures usually stay between 21°C (70°F) and 33°C (91°F). It can be somewhat warmer under the influence of the seasonal northeast monsoon winds that blow day and night during the Zanzibar summer (November to March). The southwest monsoon winds blow in the Zanzibar winter (June to mid October) and bring slightly cooler temperatures.

Photo: Raissa Lara Lütolf (-Fasel)/unsplash

Internet:

www.go2africa.com/destinations/zanzibar/when-to-go

Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (ZNZ)



Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (ZNZ) is located 7 km south of Zanzibar City, and serves several international airlines

including Qatar, Oman Air and Ethiopian Airlines. However, most visitors fly into Dar es Salaam Airport (DAR), and take the ferry to Zanzibar, which takes ca. 1 hour 40 minutes (Kilimanjaro Fast Ferries, link below). Domestic flights between DAR and ZNZ are also available, and take 15 minutes.

Photo: Mariola Grobelska/unsplash

Phone: +255 24 223 1336

Internet: www.zaa.go.tz

Email: info@zaa.go.tz

More Info: Previously known as Kisauni Airport and Zanzibar International Airport

Public Transport



Dala dalas — the minibus share taxis used for public transportation — are a cheap but not the fastest way to travel on the island, and you may

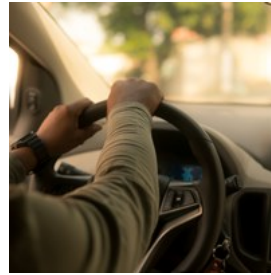
not be allowed to board if you have bulky luggage with you. Darajani Bus Station is found on Creek Road.

Photo: Michael Schultze/unsplash

Internet: www.thezanzibus.com/transport-options

More Info: The term "dala dala" originates from the English word "dollar". The busses are also known as "thumni"

Zanzitaxi



Contact any of the providers below for a lift from/to the airport, or within the island. It is recommended to agree on the price beforehand.

Photo: Jackson David/unsplash

Phone: +255 773 104 273

Internet: www.zanzitaxi.com

Email: info@zanzitaxi.com

Ztrans Taxi



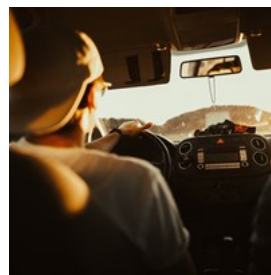
It is recommended to agree on the price beforehand.

Photo: Gustavo/unsplash

Phone: + 255 777 041 191

Internet: www.ztrans.co.tz

Eddie Taxi Driver (Paje)



Eddie is a reliable taxi driver and tourist guide who works inn Paje area. He can pick you up from the airport and organised excursions in the whole island. Cars are comfortable, with AC and wifi.

Photo: Tobi/pexels

Phone: +255 773 864 807

Internet: www.instagram.com/eddie_taxi_driver_zanzibar

Ibra Taxi Driver (Paje)



Ibra is one of the leading taxi and tourism chauffeurs in Zanzibar. He's always on time, speaks great English and doesn't overcharge.

Photo: Jonathan Robles/pexels
Phone: +255 659 670 131

Post Office

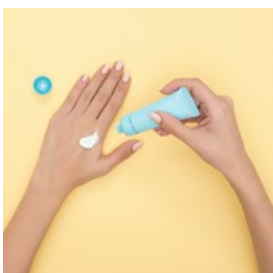


Postal services are provided by Tanzania Posts Corporation. The gorgeous Shangani Post Office, also known as the Old Post Office, was

designed by the British architect J.H. Sinclair in the Saracenic style. The building was inaugurated in 1906 and served as Zanzibar's main office until the end of the Sultanate of Zanzibar in 1964. The two-story building with a ground-level colonnade is a tourist attraction in itself. Send a postcard to your friends back home while you're there!

Photo: Jarod Burns/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Shangani Post Office, Kenyatta Road, Zanzibar
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-1pm / 2pm-4:30pm; Fri 8am-noon / 2pm-5pm, Sat 9am-noon, Sun closed
Phone: +255 24 223 0106
Internet: www.posta.co.tz
Email: zanzibar@posta.co.tz

Pharmacy



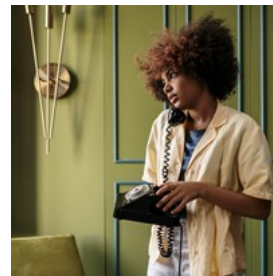
The biggest pharmacy is Shamshu & Sons Pharmacy (details below). Further addresses are Mwembeladu Pharmacy (near Felix Mounie

Road), Royal Pharmacy (Nyerere Road south of

Stone Town). The pharmacy in Nungwi is Izmir Pharmacy.

Photo: Moose Photos/pexels
Address: Shamshu and Sons Pharmacy, Market Street, Zanzibar Town
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 9am-2pm
Phone: +255 715 411 480

Telephone



Dial code for Tanzania: +255
Area code for Dar es Salaam: 22
Zanzibar: 24

Photo: cottonbro/pexels

Electricity



In Tanzania, the local current is 220-240V 50Hz. The sockets accept type D plugs — the three-pronged plugs with round pins common in Britain until 1940s. Power cuts and surges are becoming less common, but may still happen. It is best practice to unplug your devices when you are not using them. Also consider using a power adapter with a breaker for your more delicate electronics.

Photo: Steve Johnson/unsplash

Population

1.3 million (2012 census)
Unguja (main island) around 0.9 million

Currency

Tanzanian shilling (shilingi), 1 TSh (or TZS) = 100 cents

Opening hours

Business hours are usually from 9 am to 5 pm. Businesses and government offices (excluding shops) close around noon on Fridays.

Newspapers

The Citizen – www.thecitizen.co.tz
Dailynews – www.dailynews.co.tz
Event Calendar – www.wearezanzibar.com/party-calendar

Emergency numbers

112

Tourist information

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+255 24 223 3485
www.zanzibartourism.go.tz
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