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TRIP DOSSIER: 6-Day Zanzibar Adventure Revised 30 October 2025

Experience the magic of Zanzibar on this 6-day tropical adventure combining history, culture, and ocean paradise.

Begin your journey in Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where winding alleys, spicescented air, and rich Swahili-Arab culture come alive. Visit a Spice Farm to discover Zanzibar's fragrant cloves, cinnamon, and vanilla before sailing to Prison Island to meet its giant tortoises.

Dive into Zanzibar's turquoise waters with snorkeling at Mnemba Atoll, one of East Africa's most spectacular marine sanctuaries, teeming with colorful reef fish and coral gardens. For thrill-seekers, optional scuba diving offers a closer look at the vibrant underwater world.

Unwind on Zanzibar's world-famous white beaches, then set sail on a romantic sunset dhow cruise, watching the sky

ignite over the Indian Ocean.

NB: While it is our intention to operate the itinerary as printed below, it may be necessary to make changes due to flight schedules, weather conditions, accommodation availability, or other operational factors. Therefore, the order and location of overnight stops may vary.

Starting Point: Abeid Amani Karume International Airport, Zanzibar Town

End Point: Abeid Amani Karume International Airport, Zanzibar Town

Included:

- Transportation
- Accommodation and meals as per itinerary
- Services of English speaking driver/guide
- Mineral water
- All the activities specified in the itinerary inclusive

of applicable entrance fees

Not included:

- International flights
- Optional activities and spa treatments
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal items and beverages not specified
- Visas for countries visited

Brief Day by Day Description

Day 1: Arrival and transfer to hotel

Upon at Abeid arrival Amani Karume International Airport in Zanzibar, you will warmly welcomed by one of our staff to brief you on your safaris and introduce you to the tour guides. (There is also a chance to arrive by boat transfer) They will greet you with a smile, embodying the hospitality of the land of a thousand hills, and transfer you to



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your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Stone Town

Meals: Dinner



Spices

Day 2: Spice Farm and Stone Town Tour

Spice Farm Tour – The Fragrant Heart of Zanzibar

After breakfast set off on a unique spice tour. Step into the aromatic world Zanzibar's famous spice farms, where the island's nickname "The Spice Island" life. comes to Wander through lush plantations filled with cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, cardamom, vanilla, and tropical fruits. Learn how these exotic spices are

grown, harvested, and used local cuisine in and traditional medicine. Enjoy a hands-on experience as guides invite you to smell, touch, and taste the spices fresh from the source — a feast for the senses and a true highlight of any visit to Zanzibar. In the winding alleys of Stone Town, Zanzibar's UNESCO World Heritage treasure. Led by a guide, discover local centuries of history woven Arab. Persian. into its Indian and African influences. Visit landmarks such as the Old Fort. House of Wonders, and the former Slave Market. while learning stories of traders. sultans, and explorers who shaped the island. Along the way, admire carved wooden doors, bustling markets, and the rhythmic life of the town — an unforgettable journey into Zanzibar's vibrant soul.

Accommodation: Stone Town

Meals: Breakfast



Stone Town

Day 3: Safari Blue Adventure

Set off on an unforgettable full-day adventure to the stunning Mnemba Atoll, Zanzibar's most famous marine reserve. Cruise across the turquoise waters on a traditional dhow or speedboat and arrive at this idyllic coral reef paradise, where colourful fish. dolphins and sea turtles glide through crystal-clear waters. Spend the morning snorkelling among vibrant coral gardens, followed by time to relax on a pristine white-sand beach.

A delicious seafood BBQ lunch is served right by the shore — featuring freshly grilled fish, lobster, prawns and tropical fruits. Enjoy



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sun, sea and serenity before your leisurely cruise back along Zanzibar's dazzling coastline — the perfect day of island bliss.

Accommodation: Stone Town

Meals: Breakfast and lunch



Mnemba Island

Day 4: Leisure Day

Morning Stone Town Guided Tour

Afternnon for optionals Or enjoy any of the TRIP optional excursions on offer. (Your guide will be able to assist)

Scuba Diving

Details: Explore Zanzibar's underwater world; equipment and guide included

Cost: \$60-\$120 per dive

Dolphin Tour in Kizimkazi

Duration: 2-3 hours

Details: Boat trip to see wild dolphins and snorkeling

opportunities

Cost: \$50 per person

Sunset Dhow Cruise

Duration: 2 hours

Details: Traditional dhow boat ride with snacks and

drinks

Cost: \$35–\$50 per person

Spa Treatments at Serena Spa

Details: Relaxing massages and wellness

treatments

Cost: \$30-\$80 depending

on service

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5: Prison Island and beach visit

Take a short boat ride from Stone Town to the historic Prison Island, also known Changuu Island. Originally built as a 19thcentury detention centre, the island today is peaceful sanctuary best known for its giant Aldabra tortoises, some over 150 years old. Stroll among these gentle giants, explore the old prison ruins, and enjoy time to swim and snorkel in the island's crystal-clear waters. With its mix of history, wildlife and tropical beauty, Prison Island offers a perfect half-day escape from Stone Town.

Afternoon free to explore on own.

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Accommodation: Zanzibar Serena Hotel

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Meals: Breakfast

Day 6: Departure

Set off for the airport after breakfast.

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Prison Island



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Terms and Conditions

Price Includes:

- Shared accommodation
- Entrance Fees and park fees
- Transfers and activities, as listed
- Professional Guide
- Water
- Meals as listed

Price Excludes:

- Flights
- Unspecified Meals
- All Beverages
- Optional Activities & Entrance Fees
- Visas, travel insurance, tips and personal expenses

Practical Info

- ** Excursions: A qualified local guide will accompany clients on all excursions except where it is necessary to employ a guide from local parks.
- Please feel free to add on to this tour with any of the other possible tours we offer in the area.
- The accommodation specified in the itinerary is a
- guide only and subject to availability. Alternatives will

- be of a similar standard if required.
- The Dollar rate is just an indication of the price at the current exchange rate, it cannot be guaranteed until a confirmed booking is made

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Climate:

Zanzibar enjoys a warm tropical climate year-round, making it an inviting destination in every season. Temperatures average between 25°C and 33°C, with refreshing sea breezes keeping the coast pleasant. The dry seasons — from June to October and December to February — are ideal for beach holidays, diving and exploring. The rainy periods (April-May and November) bring short tropical showers, usually followed by sunshine. Overall, Zanzibar offers perfect conditions for travellers seeking sun, sea and relaxation almost any time of year.

Baggage:

- 1 soft bag (maximum 20kg)
- 1 daypack

Clothing and Footwear:

 Lightweight cotton, long sleeves for sun protection

- Warm layers for cold nights
- Waterproof jacket and raincoat
- Hiking boots and sandals
- Swimwear, sunhat, insect repellent

Equipment:

- Hat for the sun
- Sunglasses, sunscreen
- Binoculars
 - Camera and cover for dust
- Basic first aid, and personal medication
- Malaria Prophylaxis
 Recommended

Visas and Permits:

Zanzibar is part of Tanzania, so the same visa regulations apply.

European travellers (including Dutch, Belgian, German, and most EU citizens) require a visa to enter Tanzania/Zanzibar.

You can obtain a Tourist Visa on arrival at the airport or port of entry, or apply online before travel via the official eVisa website: https://visa.immigration.go.tz

The tourist visa costs USD 50 per person and is valid for up to 90 days for single entry.



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Multiple-entry visas and business visas are also available if needed.

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your entry date and have at least one blank page.

Tip: It's often quicker to apply online in advance, as airport queues for visa on arrival can sometimes be long

Vaccinations & Health Advice: Vaccination requirements & other health advice can change, so please check with a specialized travel clinic for up-to-date information before you depart.

Entry requirement
A certificate of yellow fever
vaccination is required for
travellers aged ≥ 1 year only if
arriving from a country with
risk of yellow fever
transmission.

If coming directly from a "nonyellow-fever risk" country, yellow fever vaccine may not be required.

Recommended vaccinations Yellow fever: Generally not required for travellers arriving directly to Zanzibar from lowrisk countries. However, if your group is coming from, or transiting through, a country with a yellow fever risk, the certificate is required. Local costs: 6 Breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner are included
Meals are indicated as follows:

B- Breakfast L- Lunch D-Dinner

Approximate costs are for guidance only and may vary widely according to location and type of establishment. Coffee/tea

USD\$1.20

Soft drink

USD\$1.10

Medium beer

USD\$2.80

*Reasonable Mid-range tourist class restaurant

Optional excursions:
Some or all the excursions detailed below may be available; others not listed may also be available. Approximate costs per person are given for guidance only and may depend on the number of participants. Your safari guide should be able to assist you in arranging them as well as advise you on any.

For better or worse, tipping is an accepted part of everyday life, and - although it is always at your discretion - you will be expected to tip to reward service. Your tour guide will give you an indication of when and how much is appropriate. This can vary widely, but please allow USD 90 per person for this tour.

Seasonal changes: Although all rooms/chalets in malaria areas that we use are protected with mosquito netting; there will be insects and mosquitoes about. The camps, lodges and resorts are essentially "al fresco" so you should be prepared with insect repellent and appropriate long sleeved/legged clothing. Insects are attracted to light at night and are especially prevalent during the rainy season. Switching the lights off and placing a hurricane lamp a distance from you will remove the problem. The evenings and mornings will be chilly from about June

August: so, it is advisable to take a light sweater or fleece

Currency: Official currency is Tanzanian Shilling (ZS) Other currencies commonly accepted

US Dollars are widely accepted, especially in:

Hotels, resorts, and tourist restaurants

Dive/snorkel operators, safari lodges, and excursion companies and souvenir



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shops and airport transfers accepts USD

However, smaller local shops, markets, and taxis usually prefer Tanzanian shillings. Important to note Newer US Dollar notes only: Many places do not accept notes printed before 2009, and they prefer clean, undamaged \$50 or \$100 bills for the best exchange rate.

Change is often given in shillings, even if you pay in USD.

Euros and GBP can be exchanged, but are not commonly used directly for payment.

ATMs are available in Stone Town and major resorts; they dispense Tanzanian shillings.

NB: Pre-2009-dollar bills are not accepted in most African countries

Airport Tax: This should be included in your air ticket. Please confirm with your air carrier



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Average temperature in Zanzibar

