



TOURS AND EXCURSIONS FROM STONE TOWN

Zanzibar offers a range of interesting activities. Depending on your choice and interests we have selected a few not to be missed tours and activities in and around Stone Town. Local Zanzibari operators carry out each activity. We offer a selection including, Tours in Stone Town, Tours in Zanzibar, Island and Ocean Tours, Special Tours for children and Vehicle Rental and Transfers.

TOURS IN STONE TOWN

If you would like to find out more about the culture of Zanzibar, the Historical City Tour, Cultural Night Tour and Swahili Cooking are fascinating tours to do. The two different Dhow Sunset Tours take you along the shore of Stone Town during sunset, whereas the special Dhow sunset cruise will end the cruise with a concert, Coffee Ceremony and Dinner on the beach.



Historical City tour

Zanzibar used to be the business centre of East Africa, trading in spices, ivory and slaves. It was ruled by the Portuguese, the Arabs and the English. The old town is a maze of narrow streets with a lot of interesting historical buildings like the Old Fort, the House of Wonders, the Palace, and the former Slave market. Apart from the scooters and mobile phones you may feel that you are taking a walk in the past.

Price: 1 person: \$ 15 - 2 persons: \$ 15 pp - 3+ persons: \$ 11 pp

Included: guide

Excluded: entrance fees (you can visit the places of your own interest)

Time: 9:00 am -12:30 pm (other times can be arranged upon request)

(Note: if you would like to have a guide in your language (French, Italian or German) there is an additional charge of \$ 5.)



Cultural Night Tour

Look beyond the tourist attractions and get a glimpse of real Swahili life. Wander through the winding narrow streets and gaze up at historical buildings. Watch the stunning views & sunset while enjoying a drink or a delicious Swahili meal. Visit Madras's school where you can hear children play music and sing the Koran. (If there is a wedding or another special celebration on the day of your tour it will be included).

Price: 1 person: \$ 90 - 2 persons: \$ 50 pp - 3 persons: \$ 35 pp
4+ persons: \$ 30 pp

Included: transport, tea, dinner, traditional music, guide

Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm (approx.)

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Swahili Cooking Workshop

Learn to prepare a traditional Swahili dish. First visit the local market where you choose fresh ingredients. You will learn to prepare your meal in a local house as well as enjoy your sit-down meal.

Price: 1 person: \$ 55 - 2 persons: \$ 45 pp - 3 persons: \$ 35 pp
4-10 persons: \$ 30 pp

Time: 3:00 pm - end of dinner (approx.)



Dhow Sunset Cruise

Step in a local dhow vessel, relax and sail away on a magical sunset cruise. The dhow leaves Stone town in the late afternoon and takes you along the coast. The bustling sounds of the Stone town crowds grow faint in the distance until it seems as if they are only in memory.

As the dhow sails you will be served sodas, drinking water, and light Zanzibari snacks while you settle down for a relaxing ride. Enjoy the romance while gazing at the warm orange glow of the African sunset.

Price: 1 person: \$ 75 - 2 persons: \$ 50 pp - 3 persons: \$ 35 pp - 4 persons: \$ 30 pp
5+ persons: \$ 25 pp

Included: dhow trip, snacks, drinks, guide

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm (approx.)



Tinga Tinga Painting Lesson in the courtyard and Mtoni palace tour

The excursion will start with a tour of Mtoni Palace and will end in the courtyard, where you will have your private Tinga Tinga painting lesson. A Stone Town artist will teach you the tricks behind this distinctive artistic style from Zanzibar. At the end of the lesson you will understand how to create your own Tinga Tinga artwork. As the afternoon draws to a close you will relax with herbal tea while looking across the Indian Ocean.

Price: \$ 25 pp

Included: Private Tinga Tinga Painting teacher, materials, refreshment and tour around Mtoni Palace

Time: 1.5 hours

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Traditional Taarab, drumming, vocal and dancing

Originating from Egypt, Taarab music has been long been part of Zanzibar culture. Learn to play the violin, guanun, oud, nay, table or Ngoma (drum) depending on your background and interest. You will learn some of the history and theory behind our music, gaining a better understanding for a musical art that is such an integral part of Zanzibar tradition. The day will draw to a close with refreshments served overlooking the Indian Ocean.

Price: \$ 25 pp

Included: Private teacher, refreshment and tour around Mtoni Palace

Time: 1 hour

Note: this lesson can be either done in Stone Town or in the courtyard of Mtoni Palace; the palace of the first sultan of Zanzibar and birthplace of Princess Salme.



Traditional dancing and drumming lessons

The excursion will start with a tour of Mtoni Palace and will end in the courtyard, where you will have a private Ngoma dancing or drumming lesson. Ngoma- translated literally as “drum”- is an ancient form of expression in Zanzibar and Tanzania. Learn to move your hips to the drums and let the music take over. By the end of the lesson you will understand the basic moves and ideas behind Ngoma dancing and drumming. As the afternoon draws to a close you will relax with herbal tea while looking across the Indian Ocean.

Price: \$ 25 pp

Included: Private Ngoma instructor, refreshment and tour around Mtoni Palace

Time: 1 hour



Special Dhow Sunset Cruise, Concert, Coffee Ceremony and Dinner on the Beach

Take a sunset dhow cruise to Mtoni Palace and explore the birthplace of Princess Salme. Taarab music will be performed during coffee ceremony in the courtyard. A 3-course seafood beach dinner under the stars rounds off this unforgettable experience.

Price: \$ 120 pp

Included: Dhow cruise from Stone Town to Mtoni Palace, private guide, entrance fees. Mtoni Palace Tour, private concert in palace, coffee ceremony, 3-course beach dinner

Start: 7:30 pm

Profit will be used for the restoration of the Mtoni Palace

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TOURS IN ZANZIBAR

If you would like to explore the island from Stone Town there are several different possibilities, depending on your choice and budget. We have made a selection of different options: from the 'traditional' spice tour to a more active bicycle tour or a daytrip to Jambiani village in the Northeast of Zanzibar.



Spice Tour

Spices are an important aspect of the Zanzibarian culture. When the Arabs arrived, they started large spice plantations making Zanzibar was the world biggest exporter of cloves at the time.

Smell, taste and learn about Zanzibarian spices and tropical fruits on this half day tour. (The tour ends after lunch.)

Price Spice Tour Sharing: \$ 13 per person

Price Private Spice Tour: 1 person: \$ 70 - 2 persons: \$ 45 pp
3 persons : \$ 35 pp - 4-6 persons: \$ 25 pp - 7+ persons: \$ 15 pp

Included: transport, guide and lunch (not included: drinks)

Time - Short Spice tour: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm (approx.)

Option spice tour in combination with transfer to East /North/South coast: price of transfer plus \$ 10 per person (excl. lunch)

If you have chosen the full day excursion – your tour will continue North through villages & to the slave chamber. Slavery is a black page in the history of Zanzibar. It is interesting to see the caves and realise how the slaves were treated. After your tour, relax on the beach for about an hour before heading back to Stone town.

Price Sharing: \$ 13 per person

Private: 1 person: \$ 70 - 2 persons: \$ 45 pp - 3 persons: \$ 35 pp – 4-6 persons: \$ 25 pp - 7+ persons: \$ 15 pp

Included: transport, guide and lunch (not included: drinks and entrance fee to slave chambers: 1000 Tzs)

Time - long spice tour: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm (approx.)



Bicycle Tour

Get close-up and personal by viewing Zanzibar by bicycle. Take in the sights & smells while greeting friendly locals along the way.

The tour takes you through the outskirts of town into the forest past the highest point of Zanzibar, where you will have a good view of the town, and stop for a Spice tour and lunch. On the way back to Stone town, you will stop to rest and go for a swim at the beach.

Price: 1 person: \$ 70 - 2+ persons: \$ 40 pp

Included: Bicycle, guide, spice tour, lunch, refreshments

Time: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm (approx.)

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Princess Salme Spice Tour

Follow in the footsteps of Princess Salme-daughter of the first Sultan of Zanzibar. You will explore Mtoni Palace, sail on a Dhow to Bububu House for coffee, and tour the Persian baths before getting on a donkey cart to the spice plantation. After a detailed spice tour you will enjoy a local lunch amidst the spices.

Price: \$ 80 pp

Included: all entrance fees and transfers, spice tour, lunch, coffee ceremony, dhow cruise and donkey cart ride, visit Persian baths

Time: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

(Note: Starts at Mtoni Marine - transport to Mtoni Marine is not included in the price)

Profit will be used for the restoration of the Mtoni Palace



Mtoni Palace Tour, private Taarab concert, Coffee Ceremony and seafood beach Dinner

Enjoy a memorable tour around the birthplace of Princess Salme, followed by a traditional Taarab concert and coffee ceremony while the sun sets over the Indian Ocean.

Price: \$ 95 pp

(Note: transport to Mtoni Marine is not included in the price)

Included: Private guide, entrance fees. Mtoni Palace Tour, Private concert in palace, coffee ceremony with Zanzibari sweets, 3-course beach dinner

Start: 6:00 pm

Profit will be used for the restoration of the Mtoni Palace

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Jozani Forest

Jozani Forest is one of Zanzibar's most special attractions. It is a forest is made up of very tall Mahogany trees and a variety of shade-growing plants. Your guide will tell you of the medicinal use of some of those plants. The forest is home to the Zanzibar Red Columbus monkey: they are endemic to Zanzibar! If the monkeys are awake it is a wonderful thing to see them jump from one tree to another. They are not shy, so you can see them from a very short distance. You will also visit the mangrove forest where you will find three kinds of Mangrove trees.

Price sharing: \$ 30 pp (min 3 pax)

Price Private: 1 person: \$ 50 - 2 persons: \$ 35 pp

Included: transport, entrance fee Jozani Forest, guide

Time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Combination of Jozani Forest and Dolphin trip

Price sharing: \$ 50

Price Private: 1 person: \$ 130 pp - 2 persons: \$ 100 pp - 3+ persons: \$ 80 pp

Included: transport, boat trip, lunch, snorkelling gear, entrance Jozani Forest and guide

Time: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm (approx.)



Jambiani Village Tour

This cultural village tour takes you to Jambiani, a fishing village on the East coast of Zanzibar. A guide will tell you about the history of the village and take you to a traditional herbalist, who will show you the local medicines, herbs and their uses.

You will also visit seaweed farms run by women, a local organic plantation on coral stone and women groups who make ropes from coconut husks and handicrafts. A typical Zanzibarian meal is served for lunch. This day trip gives you an opportunity to visit some community projects, talk with local people and participate in their daily life activities.

Price: 1 person: \$ 90 - 2 persons: \$ 65 pp - 3 persons: \$ 55 pp - 4 persons: \$ 50 pp

5 persons: \$ 40 pp - 6 persons: \$ 35 pp - 7+ persons: \$ 30 pp

Included: transfers, guide, entrance fees, lunch

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (approx.)



Day trip with private driver

Enjoy the island at your own pace. We can arrange for a private driver to take you anywhere you want. If you'd like, we can help customize your perfect day.

Feel at peace knowing your room is waiting for you when you come back from your journey.

Price: \$ 140 (maximum 4 people)

Included: car, driver & fuel

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ISLAND AND OCEAN TOURS

The tours selected under this section all include a swim in the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean. From a full day Safari Blue with a beautiful BBQ lunch, to a more exclusive day trip to the rewarded Chumbe Island. Or would you prefer the combination of visiting the giant tortoises of Prison Island with snorkelling? The difference between Safari Blue and Dolphin trip? Safari Blue is a little bit more exclusive although in the high season it can also be a bit crowded. The Dolphin trip attracts a lot of tourists and sometimes it might look like a dolphin hunt.



Snorkelling Trip (Bawe Island)

The best snorkelling near Stone town is next to Bawe Island where you will find unspoilt coral. Travel is by small motorboat. Snacks and refreshments are included as well as snorkelling gear.

Price: 1 person: \$ 60 - 2+ persons: \$ 30 pp - 3+ persons: \$ 30 pp

Included: boat trip, snorkelling gear, refreshments, fruits or snacks

Time: 3 hours (approx.)



Snorkelling Trip at Mnemba Island

Mnemba Island (in the North of Zanzibar) is famous for beautiful snorkelling. You will first travel from Zenji Hotel to Nungwi by private car. From there you will share a motorboat that will take you along the North coast to Mnemba Island where you will have plenty of time to snorkel. Before returning to Nungwi by boat you will enjoy a freshly prepared lunch. At Nungwi your driver will be waiting for you to take you back to town again.

Price: 1 person: \$ 150 - 2 persons: \$ 90 pp - 3+ persons: \$ 80 pp

Included: transfer to and from Zenji Hotel, boat trip, snorkelling gear, refreshments, lunch

Time: 6:30 am - 7 pm



Prison Island

The prison on the island was never functional, but was used as a quarantine station. Prison Island is known for its huge turtles. The turtles were a gift from Seychelles and have been moved to the island for their protection. There is a pleasant small beach on the island where you can relax and there are some good snorkelling spots nearby which you will visit by small motorboat. Snacks and refreshments are included as well as snorkelling gear.

Price: 1 person: \$ 50 - 2 persons: \$ 30 pp - 3 persons: \$ 25 pp

Included: boat trip, snorkelling gear, refreshments, fruits or snacks and entrance fee Prison Island

Time: 3 hours (approx.)

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Daytrip Chumbe Island Coral Park

Chumbe Island is a small privately-owned island a few kilometres off of the coast of Zanzibar known for its ecological innovation and exceptional coral reefs. In 1994, the island and its surrounding waters were declared the Chumbe Island Coral Park, which contains the Chumbe Reef Sanctuary and the Closed Forest Reserve. Profits made from trips to Chumbe island help keep their conservation & education programs thriving.

The island can be reached within a 45min boat ride from Mbweni Beach. It covers 16 hectares of undisturbed forest and is surrounded by a virgin coral reef. The sanctuary has more than 200 species of pristine stone corals, about 400 species of fish, and turtles and dolphins

regularly pass by.

(Note: only a limited number of people are allowed to be on Chumbe Island. Availabilities depend on the amount of people staying in the lodge and can only be known two days in advance.)

Price: \$ 90 (\$ 80 for Tanzanian residents)

Included: boat trip from Mbweni Ruins to Chumbe, lunch and drinks, snorkelling (inclusive snorkelling equipment), guided forest walk and if possible a lodge for day-use.

The prices above don't include the transfer from Zenji Hotel to Mbweni Beach (2 x \$ 10).

Time: 9.00 am - 5:00 pm (approx.)



Safari Blue

This full day excursion starts from Fumba and takes you to the South coast to enjoy a day at sea. You will sail in a dhow and snorkel near some beautiful coral reefs (on Kwale sandbank). Sometimes dolphins are spotted on this tour. After a seafood lunch and a little relaxing on the beach, you will visit the mysterious mangrove forest and Baobab tree.

Price: \$ 70, not including transfer to Fumba.

Transfer to Fumba: (additional): \$ 50 for a car (maximum 4 people)

Included: transport to Fumba and back, dhow trip, snorkelling gear, seafood buffet, fruits, drinks

Time: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm (approx.)

(Note: Safari Blue does not run on Fridays.)

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Dolphin trip

This full day trip takes you to the south of the island to Kizimkazi. Search for dolphins aboard a small motorboat. Once you spot them, the boat will try to get closer to them to give you a chance to swim with the dolphins. After some snorkelling you will go back to shore and have lunch. Then it is time for relaxing on the beach before heading back to Stone town.

Price sharing: \$ 40 pp

Price Private: 1 person: \$ 120 - 2 persons: \$ 90 pp

3+ persons: \$ 70 pp

Included: transport, boat trip, lunch, snorkelling gear

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (approx.)

Combination of Jozani Forest and Dolphin trip

Price sharing: \$ 50

Price Private: 1 person: \$ 130 pp - 2 persons: \$ 100 pp - 3+ persons: \$ 80 pp

Included: transport, boat trip, lunch, snorkelling gear, entrance Jozani Forest and guide

Time: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm (approx.)

Differences between Safari Blue and Dolphin trip

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SPECIAL KIDS STUFF

The selected activities are specially designed for children and give them a chance to explore the Zanzibari Culture on their own pace. Depending on the interests of the child, he/she could join a special painting or music lesson, or a visit to the Spa. All these activities are tailor made, if you would like to receive more information about the prices and possibilities, please don't hesitate to ask us.



Tinga Tinga painting lessons

A private teacher will help children create their very own Tinga Tinga paintings. Throughout the lesson children will be served fresh juice and snacks. At the end of the lesson children will have a masterpiece fit for any sitting room wall!

Price: on request

Included: Private Tinga Tinga painting teacher, refreshment, material

Time: 1 hour



Mrembo Spa Treatment

Children will choose their own Kids Spa Treatment from the Mrembo menu. Before they receive the treatment they will help prepare it, giving them opportunity to learn about why certain plants and oils are so good for our bodies.

Price: on request

Included: Small pedicure, henna painting, kids massage and refreshment

Time: 1 hour



Children's Drumming and Dancing Lessons

Africa is a vast continent of rich cultures and music traditions. Many instruments and musical styles so popular today originated on this diverse continent. We would like to introduce children to a small part of this musical tradition by teaching them about a few of the most popular instruments of Zanzibar.

Price: on request

Included: Private music teacher, refreshment

Time: 1 hour

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RENTALS & TRANSFERS

If you would like to explore Zanzibar on your own pace you can rent a bicycle, motorbike or car. It is also possible to explore the island with a driver, who will stay with you during the entire day, making sure you will visit all your places of interest.

Bicycle rental

Price: \$ 15 pp

Car rental (Self-Drive)

Price: \$ 45 for 24 hours

(Note: Additional fee of \$ 10 if you have no international driver's license)

Motorbike rental

Price: \$ 35 for 24 hours

Transfers: We organise transfers (sharing or private) to all parts of Zanzibar.

Please ask the reception for more information.

Sharing transfers: \$ 10 pp (\$ 15 in low season and depending on the fuel price)

Private transfers to:

East Coast: \$ 55 (Michamvi and Breezes: \$ 65)

North Coast: \$ 55

South Coast: \$ 55

Airport pick up: \$ 15

Airport drop off: \$ 13

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