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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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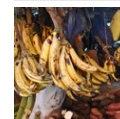
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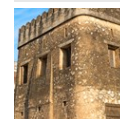
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Whether it's the mainland or the lesser-known islands of the archipelago, there are plenty of things in Tanzania waiting to be explored.

Mnemba Island

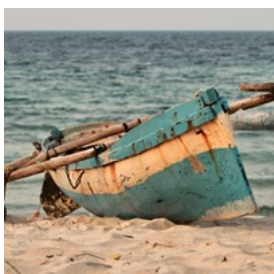


This tiny island is barely one kilometre long, but has an extensive reef which makes it a top snorkelling spot in Zanzibar. The island has an exclusive lodge which only accommodates 24 guests at a time, but day trips are also available for anyone who is looking to spot some dolphins or green turtles.

Photo: Pearl-diver/Shutterstock.com

More Info: 2 km northeast off the main 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 so low they make the island inaccessible by dhows, the vessels used by locals.

Photo: Jaco van Rensburg/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pemba

More Info: Domestic flights are available from Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam, and last 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, making it a true snorkelling paradise.

Photo: Kjersti Joergensen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mafia Island

More Info: Accessible by flight from Dar es Salaam (Auric Air, Coastal Aviation), takes 30 minutes

Dar es Salaam



Most visitors transfer to Zanzibar without even paying a visit to the Tanzanian metropolis, but Dar es Salaam, arguably the epicentre of Swahili

culture, is well worth a visit. Sights include the National Museum, Village Museum, the Kivukoni Fish Market, and the city's very own marine reserve, on Bongoyo island.

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Email: info@tanzaniatourism.go.tz

Mount Kilimanjaro



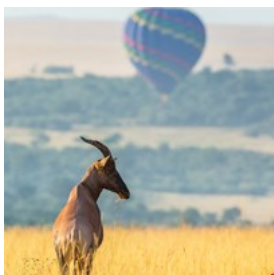
Tanzania is also home to Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain rising 5,895 metres above sea level, with three volcanic peaks. There are several operators to help you organise a tour through one of the plenty trekking routes of Kilimanjaro National Park.

Photo: Juergen_Wallstabe/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kilimanjaro International Airport

More Info: Kilimanjaro International Airport serves the cities of Moshi and Arusha

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.

Photo: GUDKOV ANDREY/Shutterstock.com

Address: Seronera, Ndutu, Kirawira

Opening hours: 8.30–17.00 daily, tours start at around 6.00

Phone: +255 27 254 8967

Internet: www.balloonsafaris.com

THE ISLAND



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The lush tropical forests and heaven-like beaches spread across what is officially called the semi-autonomous region of Zanzibar, made up of the Unguja and Pemba islands.

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.

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 (Beit al-Ajab)



The House of Wonders is one of Stone Town's most prominent landmarks, showcasing European and Omani influence not only in appearance, but also

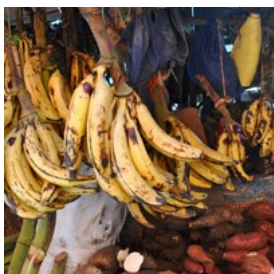
through the various exhibitions housed here. If you are short on time, this is the best place to catch up on Swahili and colonial culture.

Photo: Natalya Ovchinnikova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mizingani Road, Zanzibar Town

Opening hours: 9.00–18.00 daily

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.

Photo: Mattia Tomasi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Market Street, Zanzibar Town

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: Stone Town

Princess Salme Museum



A little museum dedicated to the eventful life of Princess Sayyida Salme. The Sultan's youngest daughter fled from Zanzibar in 1866, and later wrote "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: 10.00–17.00 daily

Internet: www.facebook.com/Princess-Salme-Museum-at-Emerson-on-Hurumzi-623236327819898

Old Dispensary

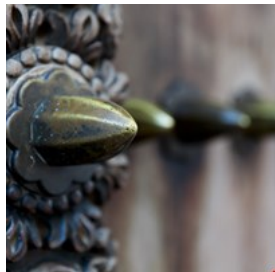


Built with the original aim of Indian merchant Tharia Topan to set up a hospital, the building eventually functioned as a dispensary during the 20th century, and today is one of the most prominent landmarks on the waterfront, housing a museum and an Ethiopian restaurant, the Abyssinian's Steakhouse.

Photo: Rafal Cichawa/Shutterstock.com

Address: 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 rich colonial history.

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

Photo: Gil.K/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stone Town

Sultan's Palace



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: Mizingani Road, Zanzibar Town

Opening hours: 9.00-18.00 daily

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.

This visit to an original shamba (spice farm) will give you insight into Zanzibar's spice culture, and also includes some fruit tasting, as well as the opportunity to stock up on your favourite spices.

Photo: Ciprian23/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Fort, Stone Town

Opening hours: Recommended starting hour: 9.00

Phone: +255 777 480 019

Internet: www.facebook.com/colorsofzanzibar

Email: info@colorsofzanzibar.com

More Info: Transfer from Stone Town included

Kitesurfing (Anywhere)



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

Photo: mcherevan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kite Centre Zanzibar, Zanzibar Kite Paradise (Paje), Kiteboarding Zanzibar (Nungwi)

Phone: +255 77 871 4406 (Paje)

Internet: www.kitecentrezanzibar.com,
www.zanzibarkiteparadise.com

Email: admin@kitecentrezanzibar.com,
contact@zanzibarkiteparadise.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 slavery, it is today home to none else than adorable giant Aldabra tortoises.

Photo: danm12/Shutterstock.com

Address: Changuu Island

Phone: For organised tours: +255 777 480 019

Email: info@colorsofzanzibar.com

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/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Kenyatta Road, Zanzibar Town

Christ Church Cathedral



Due 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: Marius Dobilas/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stone Town

Malindi Mosque

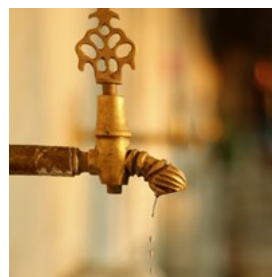


Islam is still the largest religion in Zanzibar, and there are over 50 mosques adorning the island's skyline. Located in the neighbourhood of the same name, this 15-century mosque is one of the oldest landmarks of the rich Arabic heritage.

Photo: Magdalena Paluchowska/Shutterstock.com

Address: Malindi, Zanzibar Town

Hamamni Persian Baths



Although the 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: Stone Town

Opening hours: 9.00-18.00 daily

Mnarani Marine Turtle Conservation Pond (Nungwi)



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

Phone: +255 773 204 320

Internet: <http://mnarani.org>

Jozani Forest



Zanzibar's only 50-square km national park represents the island's diverse indigenous flora and fauna, such as the emblematic red colobus.

The 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: yu-jas/Shutterstock.com

Public Transport: Daladala 3240, 309 and 310

Opening hours: 7.30-17.00

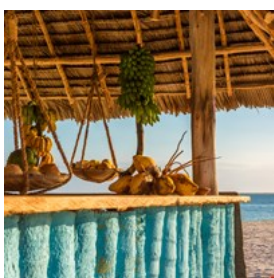
BEACHES



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

Nungwi Beach



If it's the paradisaical white sandy beach you came to Zanzibar for, look no further than Nungwi: one of the island's most pristine

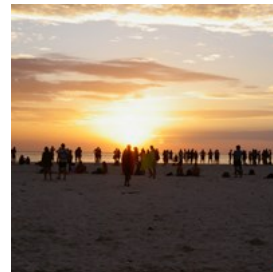
beaches offers vibrant social life and seclusion at the same time: no wonder it has been getting a

lot of international acclaim.

Photo: Roberto Binetti/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nungwi

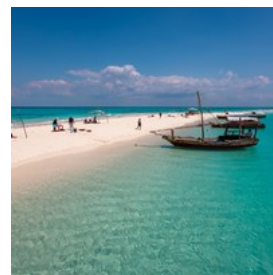
Kendwa Beach



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



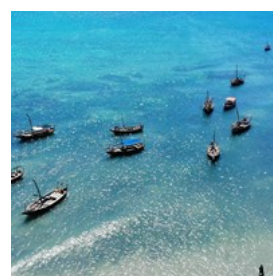
A visit to this tiny white sandbank is the best way to finish your trip to Prison Island. Go snorkelling or simply admire the idyllic ambience. Hint: the name of the beach is also useful if you want to get closer to an attractive Zanzibari ("nakupenda" means "I love you" in Swahili).

Photo: Obladatel/Shutterstock.com

Phone: +255 624 097 961

More Info: Recommended in a day trip with Prison 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, but its shallow waters too have plenty of marine life for you to discover.

Photo: BBP76000/Shutterstock.com

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

Phone: +255 777 423 162

Internet: <http://safariblue.net>

Email: info@safariblue.net

Paje Beach



The beach is a buzzing stretch of the otherwise sleepy fishermen's village of Paje, sought after for its excellent opportunities for kite-surfing, and for

the fun football games visitors can play with cheerful locals.

Photo: Matej Kastelic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Paje

Jambiani



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

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.

Forodhani Gardens Night Food Market



The evening food market held here is the best way to get a taste of local flavours and nightlife, as it is also the preferred spot for islanders to grab their favourite cow soup (urojo), or a slice of the famous local pizza.

Photo: Ciprian23/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stone Town

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: New Mkunazini Road, Zanzibar

Phone: +255 777 482 131
Internet: www.lukmaanrestaurant.com

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: 7.00-21.00 daily

Al-Jabry



This is one of those restaurants that don't need an intricate design concept to attract visitors, as 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
Opening hours: 7.30-22.00 daily
Phone: +255 773 006 789
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 and reformed Tanzanian dishes. Tempuras are 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
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: 12.00-15.00, 18.00-22.00, Tue: closed
Phone: +255 772 940 556

Secret Garden and 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: Lunch 12.00-16.00, Dinner: from 19.00 (drinks from 18.00)
Phone: +255 24 22 32 776
Internet: www.emersononhurumzi.com/tea-house,
www.emersonspice.com/secret-garden
Email: reservations@emersonspice.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 17.00 to 19.00 daily. Enjoy the view from the rooftop bar!

Photo: zkruger/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shangani Waterfront, Stone Town

Opening hours: 10.00 until late

Phone: +255 62 064 4611

Internet: www.6degreessouth.co.tz

Email: info@6degreessouth.co.tz

Traveller's 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

Opening hours: 8.00–22.00 daily

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.

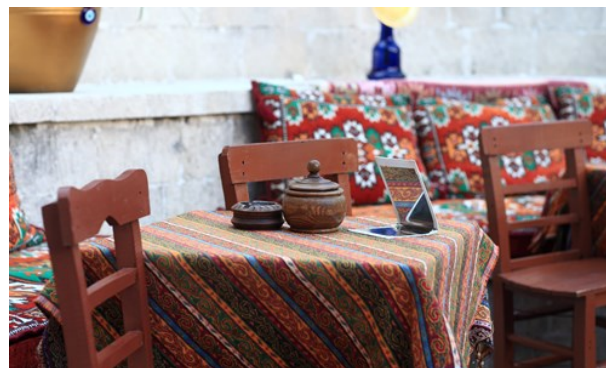
Photo: Mila Atkovska/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nungwi

Opening hours: 7.00–22.30 daily

Phone: +255 784 461 135

CAFÉS



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

Puzzle Coffee Shop



A flagship café 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, Stone Town

Phone: +255 714 699 117

Internet: www.puzzlecoffeeshop.com

Email: puzzle@puzzlecoffeeshop.com

Stone Town Café



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: Kirill Z/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kenyatta Road, Zanzibar Town

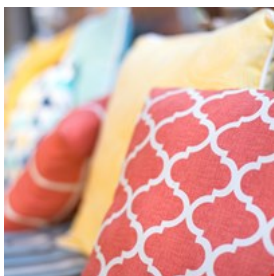
Opening hours: 8.00–22.00 every day

Phone: +255 778 373 737

Internet: www.stonetowncafe.com

Email: baraka@zanlink.com

Zanzibar Coffee House



A quaint café 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

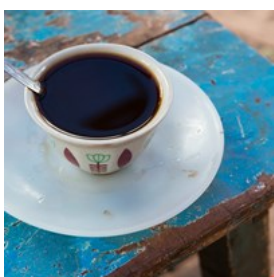
Address: Market Street, Stone Town

Phone: +255 24 223 9319

Internet: www.zanzibarcoffeelongwood.com

Email: zanzibarcoffeehouse@gmail.com

Jaw's Corner



Jaw's Corner is a unique square where men gather in the early morning to socialize, strengthen their community, bond over cups of black Zanzibar

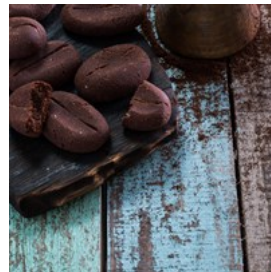
coffee. There are certain things in life that don't need any sweetening: the Zanzibari coffee, or these few lines about Jaw's Corner. Just grab a

cup, and listen to the stories of locals.

Photo: Martchan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stone Town

Cafe Africa Shops



An eclectic small café 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: 8.00–19.00 daily

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

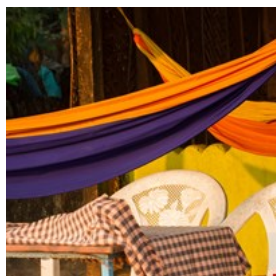
Opening hours: 8.00–20.00 daily

Phone: +255 776 705 592

Internet: www.zenjihotel.com/cafe-boutique/?utm_source=tripadvisor&utm_medium=referral

Email: info@zenjihotel.com

Mr. Kahawa



A vibrant beach-side lodge and café with fresh coffee and healthy munchies, daily three-course menu, a craftshop 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

Opening hours: 8:30–21.30

Phone: +255 628 240 713

Internet: <http://mrkahawa.com/restaurant>

Email: mrkahawa@gmail.com

More Info: +255 628 240 863

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Aleksandra Malinina/Shutterstock.com

Nungwi is known to have the most vibrant nightlife on the entire island, while in Stone Town you can enjoy cocktails with sunsets that you will never forget.

Tatu



"Tatu" is Swahili for three, implying 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.

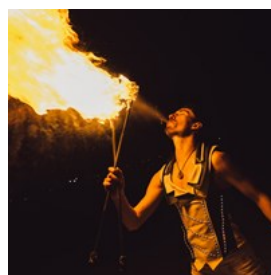
Photo: 316pixel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stone Town

Opening hours: 10.00–1.00 daily

Phone: +255 778 672 772

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

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: +255 779 958 684

Internet: www.africahousehotel.com

Email: gm@africahousehotel.co.tz

Rooftops Bar (Nungwi)



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

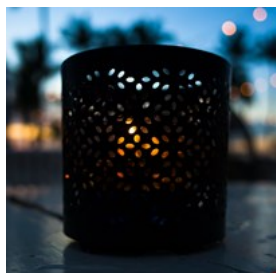
Photo: arturasker/Shutterstock.com

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

Address: Mizingani Road, Zanzibar Town

Phone: +255 777 413 081

Internet:

www.facebook.com/pages/Mercurys-Bar/161936657225170

B4 (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.

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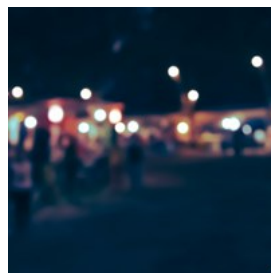
Address: Beach Paje

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.

Photo: zitane/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nungwi

Opening hours: Daily noon-3am

Phone: +255 773 515 752

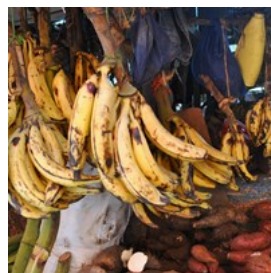
SHOPPING



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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 tinga tinga 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,

the freshest of seafood, colourful souvenirs, and even electronic gadgets.

Photo: Mattia Tomasi/Shutterstock.com
Address: Market Street, Zanzibar

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 24 223 5923, +255 71 609 7681
Internet: www.aromasofzanzibar.com
Email: aromasofzanzibar@gmail.com

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!

Photo: In Green/Shutterstock.com
Address: Hurumzi Street, Zanzibar Town
Opening hours: 9.00-18.30 daily
Phone: +255 777 411 501
Internet: <https://the-zanzibar-curio-shop.business.site>

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

Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 9.00-19.00, Sun: 9.00-18.00
Phone: +255 24 223 9376
Internet: www.memories-zanzibar.com
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 (sandals, bags) for several decades now.

Photo: Pierre-Yves Babelon/Shutterstock.com
Address: Gizenga Street, Stone Town
Opening hours: 9.00-19.00 daily
Phone: +255 777 472 742
Internet: <https://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: pixino0/Shutterstock.com

Address: Soko Muhogo Street, Stone Town

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) 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.

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Internet: www.taa.go.tz/index.php/visa-info

Best Time to Visit



Zanzibar'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.

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Zanzibar 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: Juan Garces

Internet: www.zaa.go.tz, <https://azammarine.com>

Email: info@zaa.go.tz

Public Transport



Dala dalas, the lorries used for public transport 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: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



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.

zanzitaxi

<http://zanzitaxi.com>

+255 773 104 273

ztrans

www.ztrans.co.tz

+255 777 041191

EDDIE (Paje)

+255 773 864 807

Ibra (Paje)

+255 659 670 131

Photo: Taxi

Post Office



Postal services are provided by Tanzania Posts Corporation, and there are two post offices on Unguja island.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Shangani Post Office: Kenyatta Road, Kijangwani: Karume Road

Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 8.00-16.30, Sat: 8.00-12.00

Phone: +255 24 223 0106

Internet: <http://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: Gemma Garner

Address: Market Street, Zanzibar Town

Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 9.00-20.30, Sun: 9.00-13.30

Phone: +255 715 411 480

More Info: 24-hour medical emergency: +255 777 750 040

Telephone



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

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



In Tanzania, the standard voltage is 230 V. Socket types: D and G

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

1.3 million, Unguja (main island) ca. 0.9 million

Currency

Tanzanian shilling (shilingi), 1 TSh = 100 cents

Opening hours

Business hours are usually from 9.00 to 17.00. Businesses and government offices (excluding shops) close around

12.00 on Fridays.

Newspapers

The Citizen

www.thecitizen.co.tz

Dailynews

www.dailynews.co.tz

Emergency numbers

112

+255 24 223 5669

Tourist information

Zanzibar Commission for Tourism

Amaani, Zanzibar

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www.zanzibartourism.go.tz

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