

ACACIA AFRICA

ZANZIBAR ISLAND GETAWAY – DOSSIER

TOUR CODE ZIG4

ZANZIBAR – ZANZIBAR

4 DAYS

Starts – on Arrival at Zanzibar airport or ferry

HIGHLIGHTS

Zanzibar's 'Stone Town'
Zanzibar, Nungwi Beach

Enjoy Zanzibar - the exotic 'spice island'
for culture, history, sun, sand and the warm Indian Ocean.

INTENDED ITINERARY

It is our intention to adhere to the package described below but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable, eg to suit accommodation requirements, to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only.

This tour is operated in association with a local Zanzibari operator. Acacia is proud to work with local companies and to support local communities.

Duration: 4 Days
Country visited: Tanzania

DAY 1 -2
Arrive on Zanzibar – Nungwi
B x 1
DoubleTree Hotel (or similar)

Evocative and exotic, Zanzibar conjures up images of idyllic, sandy, palm fringed beaches, romantic winding cobbled alleys and lush tropical forests. You will find all of these here – and an intriguing history. Zanzibar was the base for the great 19th century explorers such as John Hanning Speke, Richard Burton and David Livingstone and was once a major trading centre for spices. Indeed the spice trade is centuries old: Zanzibaris have traded with the people of the Arabian peninsula for generations, plying the ocean in simple dhow sailboats relying on the annual trade winds for passage. The Arab influence is evident in the architecture and diverse street stall offerings of the capital, Stone Town. Indeed the Arab influence can be seen right along the East African coast - the *Swahili* language itself the result of the mixing of Arab and African languages and cultures over many centuries.

Zanzibar's other history is not so romantic. The island was also a staging post for slaves brought from the African interior being held before being shipped to slave owners in the middle east. You can still see the places where these men and women were held – and even a short visit is enough to convey the appalling conditions they had to endure.

You are met on arrival and transfer to Nungwi village in the north of the island (approx 1-2 hours). Nungwi offers wonderful beaches, beautiful reefs and our accommodation is a stone's throw from the shore. This is a perfect spot to enjoy snorkelling or diving, fresh seafood, or simply the opportunity to relax all day and enjoy the warm Indian Ocean waters for the next two days.

DAY 3
Nungwi - Stone Town
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Tembo Beach Hotel (or similar)

This morning you transfer to Zanzibar's capital, 'Stone Town'. Perhaps the best way to see Stone Town is on foot: explore the old town bazaars, shops, mosques, palaces, courtyards alleyways and winding cobbled streets of this very Arab influenced town. Spices are grown in plantations nearby and a visit to the town market is a 'must' – as is the famous Foradani Gardens evening food market.

DAY 4
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At leisure until you return transfer to the airport for your onward/return travel. Please allow a minimum of three hours for transfer and check in procedures.

TOUR INFORMATION

A hotel package on Africa's spice island. Suitable for those looking or relaxation as an add –on to a safari or else as a stand alone package but with extra benefit of providing the opportunity to explore Zanzibar's culture and history at leisure.

TOUR STYLE

Comfort Class Safari

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Accommodation 3 nights approx 4 star standard; transfers: (i) from airport to Nungwi village, (ii) Nungwi to Stone Town and (iii) Stone Town to airport for departure; meals as indicated.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Visa for Tanzania, travel insurance, flights, airport taxes, drinks, laundry, gratuities to local staff or driver, optional activities & items of a personal nature.

ACCOMMODATION

Two nights at beach hotel , One night in Stone Town; approx 4 star standard. (NB: please bear in mind local 'star' ratings may differ to standards in North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and UK)

TRANSPORT

Shuttle transfers

OPERATOR

As this tour is run by a respected local tour operator, we trust you will benefit from the extensive local knowledge and enthusiasm they bring. Acacia is pleased to support local businesses in this way.

PRE TRAVEL INFORMATION

BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent pre-departure information and related documents. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving full details of your joining point. Zanzibar is well served by regular flights to Tanzania's capital Dar es Salaam and to Nairobi. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour. Please note that your flight to Zanzibar is not included and should be booked separately.

JOINING INFORMATION

Meeting point in **Zanzibar**: You will be met on arrival. Please provide us with your flight arrival and departure details at time of booking.

EXTENDING YOUR STAY

If you wish to book a longer package, please let us know, we can provide a quote subject to availability.

WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 23 kg limit. Bear in mind that Zanzibar lies a few degrees south of the equator and is almost always hot and humid. You will need light clothes and plenty of sun lotion and sunglasses. Please remember however that Zanzibar is largely Muslim island. Be aware of local sensitivities regarding dress: Beach-wear is not generally suitable for wandering around Stone Town. We suggest you purchase a money pouch / belt that can be worn comfortably beneath your clothing and that you use your hotel safe deposit for valuables. Whilst the great majority of people you meet will be scrupulously honest there may be some, especially in Stone Town who may try to take advantage of newcomers and visitors. Please be sensible when wandering around town, especially at night. Try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use your hotel safe to store the bulk of your money, passport, and airline tickets.

VACCINATIONS/HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure. Zanzibar is in the **malaria** zone and the Zanzibar authorities require you to be in possession of a valid **Yellow Fever** Vaccination certificate. We strongly recommend you speak to your doctor or vaccinating clinic for suitable anti-malarial tablets.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
Tanzania	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R

C = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, * = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: www.fco.gov.uk For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
Tanzania	Yes																

Currently (Jan 12) most nationalities require a visa for Tanzania but this is available at the airport on arrival (cost USD 50). However please check with Acacia or the Tanzania High Commission/Embassy/ consulate at least 8 weeks before you travel.

MONEY MATTERS

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and internet cafes etc. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15 per day. Also put aside US\$ for any additional accommodation before or after your tour.

- **Spending money** is best carried as cash in US dollars, Sterling or Euros which you then exchange into local currency when in Zanzibar.
- **Currency on Zanzibar is:** Tanzanian Shilling. Approx exchange rate (Jan 12), USD1 = Tzh 1750)
- **ATM machines** are found Stone Town but may be unreliable and will only give local currency.
- **Credit cards** are useful for paying for more expensive optional activities such as scuba diving but charges for using cards are high by Western standards (typically 5%).
- **Travellers cheques** make suitable emergency funds.

TIPPING

As in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy, it has become customary to give a small gratuity to local staff, including your guide and drivers, at the end of a tour, for services rendered. The amount is a matter for individual discretion.

INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Acacia that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can recommend a respected, specialist travel insurance provider for this tour. Please contact Acacia for more information.

Useful Swahili Words

Hello	Jambo	Yes	Ndiyo
How's things?	Habari gani?	No	Hapana
Thank you	Asante	Bring here	Lete hapa
Mister	Bwana	To eat	Kula
Go away	Enda	Today	Leo
Slowly	Pole pole	Tomorrow	Kesho
Coffee	Kahawa	To sleep	Kulala
Tea	Chai	Goodbye	Kwaheri
Milk	Maziwa	How much?	Ngapi?
Water	Maji	Come here	Njoo hapa
Sugar	Sukari	Welcome again	Karibu tena
Food	Chakula	See you	Tutaonana
Please	Tafadali	No, thanks	Hapana santé

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RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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