



**ZANZIBAR & DAR ES SALAAM 2019 TOURING**

**~ Tanzania’s Spice Coast and Swahili Coast ~**



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**NOTES:**

- 1) Rates are for based from Stone Town hotels and on a minimum of 2 people traveling. If guests are staying at coastal hotels and resorts, the price will be higher.
- 2) Tours are Private unless noted as Group and these are “seat-in” departures.
- 3) Modest attire is recommended for women when touring Stone Town

## PRIVATE TOURING

### **STONE TOWN TOUR - 3 hours / Private**

**Based on: 2 people - \$40.00 per person**

**4 people - \$30.00 per person**

Follow the trail of the sultans, slaves and explorers in the winding streets of Stone Town. Your guide will tell you about the events that shaped Zanzibar, leading you through the buildings where it all happened, such as the former Slave Market and Anglican Cathedral, the House of Wonders and the Sultans' Palace Museum, the Old Arab Fort and Dispensary.

While tracing the steps of the past, the walking tour provides you with a window into modern life in Stone Town. Explore the markets, seafood and fish piled in the fish market, fresh loaves of bread in wicker baskets and the neat stacks of fruit and vegetables as traders sell their wares from their stalls. Children play in the streets in the residential areas; mamas sit out and gossip while the men play board games. An optional stop at The Zanzibar Coffee House provides a rest from the heat and hustle and bustle. A selection of drinks, local sweets & seasonal fruits act as the perfect pick me up, for you to continue your tour.

The City Tour is very flexible and can be adapted suit your interest and time frame, if you're a shopaholic, culture vulture or history buff. If you want to hunt for antiques and souvenir shop, follow David Livingstone's time in Zanzibar and walk the path of the slave trade, your guide can recommend and develop routes and itineraries that will optimize your time and get the most out of your trip.



### **EVENING STONE TOWN WALK – 1 hour / Private**

**Based on: 2 people - \$25.00 per person**

**4 people - \$20.00 per person**

The ideal time to tour the winding streets of ancient Stone Town is in the early evening. At this time the heat of the day has lessened, the sun is beginning to set over the bay and the air is filled with the call to prayer from the many mosques that dot the town.

Wandering through the narrow lanes where most of the houses are over 200 years old, you can catch a glimpse into a romantic world of fretwork screens, cool mosques, busy squares, gorgeously carved doors, fascinating bazaars and ancient curio shops.

Emerging from the streets on to the sea front, you can also see the House of Wonders and the Sultan's Palace by night, the illuminated Portuguese Fort and the Forodhani Gardens, which at night are transformed into a bustling food market where hundreds of merchants sell fresh-cooked kebabs, barbecued fish and chicken, rice, chips, spicy snacks and fresh fruit. The walk begins from your hotel and is led by one of our highly trained and informative guides.

### **TASTE OF ZANZIBAR – Half day / Private**

**Based on: 2 people - \$45.00 per person**

**4 people - \$35.00 per person**

There's no better way to get to know a culture than learning about and tasting their food. On this half day tour, you will wander the streets of the old Stone Town with your guide, and discover an exciting and historic town known for its rich culture and culinary diversity. Discover the history and culture of this beautiful area while visiting local food stalls and restaurants, and tasting the local specialties.

The custom of drinking coffee, or *kahawa*, in Zanzibar is an age-old ritual with which most Zanzibaris begin their day. Start the morning by hopping on the kahawa trail to discover the best coffee that Zanzibar has to offer. Traditionally served from conical steel pots into tiny, intricate porcelain cups, the flavor of Zanzibar kahawa reflects the islands spicy reputation: dark roasted coffee beans, fresh ground cinnamon and cardamom blended by scalding hot water and served in small, powerful shots.

The perfect accompaniment to coffee is halwa, a sweet, sticky confection that is traditionally served up at weddings and special occasions. Watch as the local men combine the mix of sugar, oil, butter, and cashew and pistachio nuts, and spread it out in huge sheets for setting.

Discover the unique and very popular dish 'Rojo', a soup mixed with kachori and potatoes, and sprinkled with cassava. Visit local bread makers and try the many different types on offer. Wash it all down with an ice cold freshly squeezed sugar cane juice, or the refreshing taste of the traditional coconut, madafu. The tour ends at Darajani market, with a local fruit tasting of everything that is in season.



### **SPICE TOUR – 3 hours / Private**

**Based on: 2 people - \$40.00 per person**

**4 people - \$30.00 per person**

In days past, Zanzibar was known as a spice island, exporting cloves, vanilla, nutmeg and cardamom across the world. The spices were brought over from Asia and South America and flourished in the tropical climates. Nowadays the plantations are a tribute to the island's past, swapping spices for tourism, combining both in a spice tour, one of the most popular excursions on the island.

Walk through the spice farm with your guide. Touch, smell and taste different spices and tropical fruits. Try to guess which is which, from the crushed leaves, the fruit, shoots and vines and creepers crawling up the trees. Learn about their properties, their origins and their use as medicines and in food and drink.

A visit to a spice farm village gives you an insight into local life and the opportunity to try some Swahili dishes, taste the fruits in season and try some spiced tea. An optional lunch is available at Hakuna Matata Beach Lodge, a special menu, prepared with the best of the seasonal fruit and spices introduced to you during the tour.

Depending on the season you are visiting, you can find anything from vanilla, cardamom, cinnamon, nutmeg, turmeric, lemon grass, cloves, ylang ylang, cumin, garlic, ginger, coriander, pepper, allspice, tamarind, chilli, oregano and more! Fruits can include banana, pineapple, jack fruit, custard fruit, oranges, star fruit, tangerine, passion fruit, mango, avocado, pear, papaya, grape fruit and many others.



**JOZANI FOREST - Half day / Private**

**Based on: 2 people - \$55.00 per person**

**4 people - \$40.00 per person**

In the south of the island, Jozani Forest is a wonder and delight, with tales of Zanzibar leopards, medicinal cures and stunning scenery. Currently under consideration to become Zanzibar's second World Heritage Site, the Jozani-Chkwa Bay area is a hotspot of biodiversity. The forest is home to a number of endemic species, including the Zanzibar Red Colobus Monkey.

Your park ranger will take you on a nature trail, lined with eucalyptus and mahogany trees and explain the medicinal properties of various plants and tell you about the animals, birds and reptiles that make their home in the various habitats of this tropical rainforest.

Troops of Zanzibar Red Colobus monkeys can be found scrambling from branch to branch, in search of food. The monkeys have become acclimatized to people and allow you to get close to them to take photographs as they eat, play and jumping from the treetops.

The mangrove boardwalk takes you above the swamp, where, depending on the tide, you can see tropical fish flitting between the mangrove roots and crabs scuttling across the mud. Mangroves play an important role in environmental conservation and as a resource for villagers and community life. Your ranger will explain the different species found in the swamp and their uses.



**PRISON ISLAND TOUR – Half day / Private**

**Based on: 2 people - \$40.00 per person**

**4 people - \$30.00 per person**

Prison Island gets its name from the prison built to condemn Zanzibari citizens to the isolation of the island, looking out at the coast. Previously owned by an Arab to house his rebellious slaves, the prison was never used, and the island is now home to a tortoise sanctuary, prison ruins and hotel.

Prison Island is 20 minutes away from Stone Town by boat and has spectacular coral reefs to enjoy while snorkeling. Giant tortoises shuffle through the trees, with the patience that old age brings you. Originally thought to be from the Comoros Islands and Seychelles, some of these tortoises are said to be over 100 years old. Stately and lumbering, the tortoises have even been known to take children on a ride.

Lunch is available on the island and then you're left to your own devices. If you're feeling active, you can explore one of the hiking trails, snorkel in the crystal clear waters in search of colorful tropical fish darting through the reef or soak up some sun on the powder white beach. Thatched bandas are dotted along the waterfront, available for hire if you wish to stay for the night.

The Prison Island excursion is a great companion to a morning city tour. After an eventful morning of walking through the busy streets of Zanzibar, you can enjoy this slow and relaxing island excursion.



## GROUP TOURING

### **SAFARI BLUE - Full day / Group Departure - \$125.00 per person (minimum 2 people)**

A full day excursion on a traditional sailing dhow, Safari Blue starts from Fumba, the perfect starting point to explore Menai Bay, an official Conservation Area. Home to beautiful uninhabited islands, the area is stunning, frequented by humpback and bottlenose dolphins.

On arrival at Fumba, clients are given a briefing on Safari Blue and then you board your dhow and you're off to explore the bay. Dolphins are sighted on approximately 90% of trips. Anchor is dropped at the Kwale sandbank, where sunshades are set up and guests have the chance to go snorkeling in the coral reefs, helped by the guides.

After snorkeling, you'll be offered refreshments to whet your appetite before heading to Kwale Island, for lunch under the tamarind trees. Drinks are served throughout the day and lunch is a buffet of grilled fish, lobster, calamari, chicken and rice, with a tasting of tropical fruits.

After lunch, you can sunbathe, snooze or visit the beautiful mangrove lagoon. Depending on the tide, you may be able to take a swim in the lagoon. For the adventurous, join the crew to sail in an "ngalawa", a local outrigger canoe but be careful not to tip the boat! Then it's back to Fumba for around 5:30pm.



### **CHUMBE ISLAND CORAL PARK - Full day / Group Departure – Please request (min 2 pax)**

One of the most spectacular coral gardens in the world, Chumbe Island is a natural reserve, just off the coast of Zanzibar. With its pristine coral reef, natural trails around the island and Indian mosque and lighthouse, dating back to the 1904, Chumbe has something for everyone. Ader's Duikers roam through the forest reserve as fish eagles soar overhead and tiny pied kingfishers jump from branch to branch of the baobab trees and mangroves.

A short boat ride away from the main island of Zanzibar, a day out at Chumbe is not complete without some time to snorkel. The reef is Chumbe Island Day Excursion rich with marine life, turtles, sting rays, lobsters and schools of brilliant tropical fish. Snorkel equipment is provided on the island, with tuition available for beginners and park rangers on hand to guide you through the reef, imparting their specialist local knowledge.

Take to the water either in the morning or afternoon, leaving time for a nature trail across the sand bar, dotted with scuttling crabs and starfish, waiting for the tide to sweep them out to sea. Walking through Chumbe's coral rag forest, you can see fossilized structures in between the jungle of vines and vegetation.

Sodas and waters are complimentary throughout the day, with a selection of mouth watering Swahili dishes for lunch, cooked on the island. During your stay, you'll have use of one of the island's award winning eco-friendly bandas.

**This excursion is only available if the Chumbe Island Lodge is not fully occupied.**



## DAR ES SALAAM TOURING

### GO YOUR WAY

Enjoy the use of a vehicle and guide either for a half day to take you where and when you want to go. Perhaps begin by exploring the Botanical Garden and then visit the Kisutu market and Indian/Asian neighborhood. The possibilities are endless – it's your day, your way! (Pick-up times can be personalized).

*Entrance fees, refreshments and meals are payable directly.*

**Cost: Please request**



### DAR ES SALAAM STOPOVER – DINNER + TRANSFERS - \$95.00 per person (2 pax)

On arrival in Dar es Salaam, you will be met and taken to the Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam or the Dar Serena for dinner, before returning to the airport for your onward flight.

*Includes roundtrip airport transfers and dinner*

Does not include gratuities or drinks





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