



TOP UPS & EXTRAS *Zanzibar*

Zanzibar Spice Tour

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 climes. 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!

ZAR419 per person

Fruits can include banana, pineapple, jack fruit, custard fruit, oranges, star fruit, tangerine, passion fruit, mango, avocado, pear, papaya, grape fruit and many others.

Advisable

- Comfortable closed walking or hiking shoes and pants.
- Sun hat and sun cream.

Stone Town City Tour

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 optimise your time and get the most out of your trip.

ZAR489 per person

Advisable

- Closed walking or hiking shoes.

- Please dress conservatively when walking through Stone Town.
- Women should cover their shoulders and wear long skirts or trousers.

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.

Jozani Forest Tour

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 acclimatised 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.

ZAR679
per person

Advisable

- Comfortable, closed walking or hiking shoes and pants.
- Please do not feed or touch the monkeys.

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 snorkelling. 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 colourful 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.

Prison Island

ZAR589
per person

Advisable

- Swim wear, towel and water resistant shoes.
- Hat and sunscreen.
- Please do not feed or touch the tortoises.

Take a one hour drive from Stone Town to Kizimkazi, on Zanzibar's southcoast for a day of dolphin spotting. Kizimkazi is home to large numbers of bottle-nosed and spinner dolphins, beautiful coral reefs and tropical fish. On arrival, you're given a short safety briefing and the dos and don'ts when faced with these wild animals. Then, you board a traditional ocean going dhow and set sail on the Indian Ocean in search of dolphins. You can get as close as 10 to 20 metres away from the dolphins. Sleek and grey, they jack-knife through the water, sometimes showing off with jumps and twists. In the past, some tourists have been lucky enough to swim and snorkel with these magical animals. However, the dolphins

Kizimkazi Boat Trip

ZAR809
per person

aren't tame, and can be shy and elusive. Although visitors see dolphins on the majority of outings, there are no guarantees. Whether you're fortunate enough to see dolphins or not, you can enjoy two hours sailing and taking in the sights of the ocean. There's superb snorkelling in the pristine coral reef and swimming in the clear, warm water of the Indian Ocean. You'll return to the beach for lunch, where you can swim in the shallower waters and talk to the crew, who can tell you sea stories about the one that got away.

Advisable

- Swim wear, towel and water resistant shoes.
- Hat and sunscreen.

The Sultan Panorama Tours is ideal for visitors with little time who want to experience a bit of everything Zanzibar has to offer. It's a full day excursion, starting in Stone Town, covering the history of the sultans, slave trade and invasions that shaped Zanzibar's history. Your guide will give you a broad overview of the island's history and current affairs and you'll pass by many historic sites and visit the Slave Market. A stop at the vibrant Darajani Market helps you to experience city life, with all the hustle and bustle, smells and noise. You'll be driven to a spice farm, and given the opportunity to taste seasonal spices and fruits as your guide describes their properties and uses. Throughout the tour, you can sample local delicacies and local staple foods. Your next stop is at a local village for a slice of Zanzibari culture and life. Cooking, weaving, building houses and playing with the children, you'll have chance to see what life is like for Zanzibaris. An informative and action packed day, this tour gives a taste of everything found in all other Zanzibar excursions and is strongly recommended as a first excursion. You'll finish the excursion with a comprehensive view of Zanzibari life and you'll be able to plan future excursion based on what you enjoyed the most, choosing the most relevant tour from our standard excursions.

Sultan Panorama

ZAR589
per person

Advisable

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- Comfortable closed walking or hiking shoes and pants.

Walk the streets of Stone Town and follow in the footsteps of Zanzibar's most famous son, Freddie Mercury. Lead singer of the rock band Queen, skilled musician, flamboyant showman and also a Zanzibari. Born Farouk Bulsara on the 5th September 1946 in Shangani, Freddie Mercury spent his formative years living and playing in Stone Town's winding alleyways. His parents were Parsi and had immigrated to Zanzibar from India. His family were practising Zoroastrians, a fire religion, founded more than 3000 years ago and believed to be the world's oldest religion. After studying at boarding school in Bombay, Farouk Bulsara returned to Zanzibar, leaving with his parents and younger sister at the age of 18 for London, where his transformation into Freddie Mercury was completed. Wander through Shangani where Freddie Mercury was born and lived with his family. Your guide will take you to the Zanzibar Gallery shop, once home to Mercury's family where you'll receive a Freddie Mercury t-shirt. From here, you'll head to the mystical Zoroastrian temple, where Mercury worshipped with his family. You'll end the day with a seafront lunch at Mercury's restaurant, a modern day tribute to the man and the music.

Freddie Mercury Tour

ZAR649
per person

Advisable

- Suitable for individuals and large groups.
- Closed walking or hiking shoes.
- Please dress conservatively when walking through Stone Town.