

# **Teaching Assistant in Zanzibar**



Be part of the change you wish to see in the world as you assist the local teachers who provide a powerful environment for student learning in Zanzibar. Teachers are the invaluable providers of the educational foundation that propels local children forward. Your own gain will be immeasurable, as you assist teachers in schools where the extra hands and efforts are very much needed to broaden the perspectives of the students who might otherwise have limited international exposure.

### **Program Description**

Enjoy an opportunity to assist local teachers and students in one of the most incredible places in the world! Zanzibar is more than just spices and beaches. It is an amazing combination of cultures and traditions that have come together and the young people of this archipelago have a lot to learn from you as well as a lot to offer!

We have strong relationships with various primary, and secondary schools throughout Zanzibar, most are outside of the city areas. These schools are in need of teaching support in a variety of areas including English, Math and Science.

You will be assisting local teachers through the use of songs and playing educational games. You may also lead the children through activities like arts and crafts, sports, drawing, colouring, writing and more!

Our teaching assistant program is generally meant to support the learning of children of ages between 5 to 14 years (grades K - 7). The school operates between the hours of 0800 in the morning up until 1500 in the afternoon. This program is designed for participants to engage with students 4 or more hours per day with breaks in between class sessions and sometimes there may be after school activities available as well. Lesson planning for the next day should also be done.

Please feel free to bring teaching materials such as games, coloured pencils, erasers, English language books, and even clothes and toys to donate. Those items would be welcomed! We recommend you also bring pictures or other small objects representing your country of origin, which you could also turn into an educational lesson that will really broaden the children's world!

### **Aims & Objectives**

- Improve the village children's educational foundation and widen their cultural interactions
- Provide you with a teaching assistant experience, an invaluable life skill!
- Assist the teaching staff with extra hands and efforts

# Schedule

Monday to Friday

- Breakfast
- Assisting Teachers and Students at the school
- Lunch break
- Assist Teachers and Students at the school
- Lesson Planning for next day
- Dinner

#### Location

Zanzibar is an amazing enigma that tempts you to explore it from end to end. It is a semi-autonomous region within the United Republic of Tanzania and it comprises two main islands, Unguja and Pemba, and a number of sparsely populated islets. After the 1964 revolution, Zanzibar joined with the then Tanganyika to form the United Republic of Tanzania. Zanzibar maintains its own government and is directly responsible for all non-union affairs, including health services.

Unguja Island covers an area of about 1,464 square kilometers and Pemba Island covers an area of about 864 square kilometers. The local people are a mixture of ethnic backgrounds. Islam is the dominant religion and practiced by most of Zanzibaris, although there are also followers of Christianity and other ethnic beliefs. Swahili is a local language used by people and is spoken extensively in Zanzibar. English is also spoken by many people.

# Accommodation & Food

#### About the Accommodation

You will be staying in a traditional and comfortable guesthouse with multiple bedrooms, communal bathrooms, a kitchen and one sitting room -- suitable for enjoying the company of your fellow participants. Please note that all rooms are single gender. All meals will be provided at this accommodation.

# **Available Room Types**

	Standard Room
All meals included	Yes
Free beverages	No *
Persons per room	4-8
Wifi in public areas	No **
Laundry facilities	No
Safety box	No
Lockable rooms	No
Hot shower	No
Private bathroom	No
Bed linen	No
Towels	No
Air conditioning	No
Fan	No
Mosquito protection	No

\* Clean drinking water provided

\*\* No wifi. Local sim card can be purchased nearby

#### **Food Arrangements**

Local meals that are typical of Zanzibari culture will be provided at this accommodation.

# Facilities

You will easily find a few small local stores that sell snacks, drinks and any basic supplies you might need during your stay. Nearby, there are ATM's, banks, shops, a local pharmacy, etc.

### **Mandatory Orientation Day**

At this location there is no mandatory orientation day offered.

# Sights & Surroundings

#### Zanzibar

Zanzibar is known for its sandy white beaches and unique culture. While here, don't miss Stone Town, a place that is emblematic for its mazes and spices (take a spice tour for sure!). Another must is a visit to Prison Island, where you can spot dolphins and marine life. Travel north or east of the island for some of the best and cleanest beaches in the world and enjoy the Indian Ocean at its best!