



Culture week in Zanzibar

Get to know Zanzibar! Explore the rich culture and complex history, and meet amazing people who call this fantastic place home. As you learn more about this unique location, you will enjoy the warmth of the weather and the local community. You will visit local sites and enjoy breathtaking views!

Program description

Immerse yourself in the rich history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes of Zanzibar through this action-packed adventure. Walk through the winding alleys of Stone Town, discovering its unique architecture and bustling markets. Delve into the secrets of Zanzibar's spice trade, taste exotic flavors, and enjoy a hands-on cooking experience with local chefs.

Venture to Prison Island to meet the giant Aldabra tortoises and snorkel in crystal-clear waters. Spend a day in Makunduchi Village, cycling through scenic paths, learning local crafts, and engaging in age-old traditions. Wrap up your experience with a full-day beach retreat, soaking up the sun and enjoying the turquoise waters of Zanzibar's pristine coastline.

This program offers a truly immersive and unforgettable journey through the heart of Zanzibar.

Program highlights:

- Stone Town Experience: Wander through the UNESCO-listed Stone Town, exploring its historic buildings, intricately carved doors, and vibrant markets.
- Prison Island & Snorkeling Adventure
- Swahili Language Lesson
- Spice Farm & Cooking Class
- Makunduchi Village Cycling Tour: Ride through the countryside, engage in local crafts and traditions, and enjoy a special village lunch.
- Full-Day Beach Trip
- Sunset & Forodhani Night Market

Additional Equipment

- Light, breathable clothing (cotton or linen fabrics are recommended for hot weather)
- Comfortable walking shoes (for tours and cycling)
- Sandals or flip-flops (for the beach)
- Swimsuit (for snorkeling and beach activities)
- A light jacket or sweater (evenings can be cooler)
- Hat or cap (for sun protection)
- Sunglasses
- Modest clothing for cultural respect (especially for village visits and local houses)
- First-aid kit (medications, sunscreen, insect repellent, rehydration tablets)
- Day pack, small travel towel, reusable water bottle
- Moneybelt, locks for bags
- Personal entertainment (books, cards, music player)
- A small backpack for day trips.
- Waterproof bags to keep electronics safe.
- A camera or smartphone to capture memories.



Schedule

Day 1:

- Orientation and Introduction: Settle in, meet fellow travelers, and get familiar with your surroundings. Do's & Don'ts, essential cultural insights and etiquette to help you blend in.
- Paperwork & Culture Lesson: A deeper look into local traditions and daily life.
- Swahili Basics: Learn key phrases to connect with locals.
- Stone Town Exploration – Wander through Zanzibar's historic heart, famous for its winding alleys, ornate doors, and lively markets.
- Sunset Views: Enjoy breathtaking golden hues over the Indian Ocean.
- Forodhani Night Market: Dive into Zanzibar's famous street food scene and mingle with locals.
- Dinner: Relax back at the accommodation.

Day 2:

- Breakfast: Fuel up for an island-hopping adventure.
- Prison Island & Bawe Island Tour
- Meet the giant Aldabra tortoises on Prison Island.
- Snorkel in crystal-clear waters around Bawe Island.
- Enjoy a packed lunch with fresh fruits and snacks while taking in the ocean views.
- Return to accommodation: Unwind after an action-packed day.
- Dinner: Enjoy a delicious meal at the accommodation.

Day 3:

- Breakfast
- Spice Farm Visit: Discover the island's famous spices and their culinary & medicinal uses.
- Spice Tour & Cooking Class: Get hands-on experience preparing traditional dishes using fresh, local spices.
- Lunch: Enjoy the meal you've helped create.
- Return to accommodation and dinner

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Day 4:

- Breakfast
- Local Transport to Makunduchi – A scenic 1.5-hour journey to an authentic Zanzibari village.
- Village Cycling Tour: Explore the rural beauty of Zanzibar on two wheels.
- Khanga Demonstration: Learn the cultural significance of these vibrant fabrics.
- Traditional Village Lunch: Enjoy a home-cooked meal featuring fresh fruit and a local main dish.
- Hands-On Experiences:
 - Coconut Rope & Roof Making: See local craftsmanship in action.
 - Visit a Traditional Healer (Witch Doctor): Gain insight into ancient healing traditions.
- Return to accommodation. Dinner

Day 5:

- Breakfast
- Full-Day Beach Escape – Relax on Zanzibar's famous white sands and swim in turquoise waters.
- Packed Lunch – Enjoy a carefree beach day.
- Return to accommodation
- Dinner

*This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions, and unforeseen circumstances.