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ZANZIBAR

TOUR DESCRIPTION	DAYS OF OPERATION	DURATION
<p>Zanzibar Spice Tour – Half Day</p> <p>Zanzibar is 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 climate. One of the most popular excursions on the island.</p> <p>Walk through the spice farm with your guide. Touch, smell and taste different spices and tropical fruits. Learn about their properties, their origins and their use as medicines and in food and drink.</p> <p>A visit to a spice farm village gives you an insight into local life and the opportunity to try Swahili dishes, taste the fruits in season and try spiced tea.</p> <p>Depending on the season, 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.</p> <p>Advisable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Comfortable closed walking shoes and long pants.- Sun hat and sun cream.	Departs daily	Half day tour

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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.

The walking tour will provide you with a window into modern life in Stone Town. Explore the markets, seafood and fish piled in the fish market, and the neat stacks of fruit and vegetables as traders sell their wares from their stalls. An optional stop at The Zanzibar Coffee House provides a rest from the heat, hustle and bustle.

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

Advisable

- Closed walking shoes.
- Please dress conservatively when walking through Stone Town.
- Women should cover their shoulders

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Half day tour



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Prison Island Tour

Prison Island gets its name from the prison built to condemn Zanzibari citizens to the isolation of the island, looking out at the coast. 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. These tortoises are said to be over 100 years old.

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.

The Prison Island excursion is a great addition 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.

Advisable

- Swim wear, towel and sunscreen.
- Hat
- Water

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Sunset Dhow Cruise from Stone Town

Step onto the deck of our dhow, relax and let us sail you away on a magical sunset cruise to end your day. Our sunset cruise leaves Stone Town in the late afternoon to cruise along the coast, slicing through the clear turquoise water.

Musicians take over playing songs of love and loss, as the butler serves canapés and keeps your glass topped up with your choice of a selection of beers, wine and soda, encouraging you to sink back into the cushions and enjoy the romance of Africa while watching the scenery drift by.

On board our dhow you will have a personal guide who will accompany you on your cruise and give you a tour of Stone Town from the water. Feel free to ask any questions you may have about Zanzibar.

Return to Stone Town in the evening to the shores of Serena Hotel, we guarantee blissful relaxation after hours of sailing around the beautiful island of Unguja.

Advisable

- Towel
- Wrap in case weather cools down

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Jozani Forest Tour

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

Your guide 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.

Advisable

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

Departs daily

Half day tour



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Safari Blue

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, you board your dhow and you're off to explore the bay. Dolphins maybe 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 snorkelling.

After snorkelling, you'll be offered refreshments 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 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 around 5:30pm.

Advisable

- Swim wear, towel and water-resistant shoes for walking over coral
- Water resistant bag for cameras and other valuables
- Sunscreen and hat

Departs daily

Full day tour

Sightseeing options are to be used as a guideline only.

Certain guided tours depart from central points and additional charges may apply for pick up points located outside of the central points. Please enquire directly with Thompsons for pricing and additional information. Standard terms & conditions apply.

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