

6-Days Zanzibar Itinerary: Ultimate Beach & Culture Tour

Operated by: Safari Nexus

Duration: 6 Days / 5 Nights

Discover the ultimate 6-day Zanzibar experience with Safari Nexus! This carefully designed itinerary combines rich Swahili history in Stone Town, authentic spice and cooking culture, rare wildlife at Jozani Forest, thrilling Kendwa water sports, and world-class marine life at Mnemba Atoll. All private transfers, licensed local guides, marine permits, and entrance fees are 100% included upfront.

Day 1: Stone Town Cultural Tour, Prison Island & Nakupenda Sandbank

- **08:30 AM – 10:30 AM | Darajani Market & Stone Town Historical Walk:**
 - Kick off your morning at the bustling Darajani Market, experiencing local life, vibrant spices, and fresh tropical fruits. Walk through the narrow alleys of Stone Town toward the historic Former Slave Market Site to learn about East Africa's poignant history.
- **10:45 AM – 03:30 PM | Prison Island Excursion & Nakupenda Sandbank Seafood BBQ:**
 - Board a private wooden boat to Prison Island (Changuu Island) to feed the giant Aldabra tortoises. Continue to Nakupenda Sandbank to swim, relax, and savor a fresh tropical seafood BBQ lunch featuring lobster, shrimp, calamari, and seasonal fruits.
- **04:00 PM – 05:00 PM | Hotel Refreshment Break:**
 - Return to your Stone Town hotel to relax, shower, and prepare for the evening activities.
- **05:30 PM – 08:30 PM | Makachu Diving & Forodhani Night Food Market:**
 - Head to Forodhani Gardens to watch local youths perform high-energy acrobatics and cliff diving (*Makachu*) at sunset. Cap off the night sampling authentic Zanzibari pizza, skewers, and fresh sugarcane juice at the famous Forodhani Night Market.

Day 2: Organic Spice Tour, Cultural Cooking & Jozani Forest

- **08:30 AM – 10:30 AM | Organic Spice Plantation Tour:**
 - Check out of your Stone Town hotel and travel to an organic spice farm. Touch, smell, and taste fresh cardamom, cinnamon, cloves, vanilla, and nutmeg straight from the trees.
- **11:00 AM – 02:00 PM | Mamas of Zanzibar Cultural Experience:**
 - Journey to Makunduchi for an immersive Swahili cooking class hosted by local women. Learn traditional coconut grating, prepare authentic dishes using fresh farm spices, and enjoy a family-style Swahili lunch.
- **02:30 PM – 04:00 PM | Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park:**
 - Explore Jozani Forest, the only national park in Zanzibar, to spot the rare Red Colobus Monkeys found nowhere else on earth. Stroll along the elevated wooden boardwalk through the mangrove ecosystem.
- **04:30 PM – 06:00 PM | Maalum Cave Swim & Paje Hotel Check-In:**
 - End the day with a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear natural freshwater pool at Maalum Cave in Paje before checking into your beachfront hotel.

Day 3: Paje Beach Relaxation & Michamvi Sunset

- **Morning – Noon | Paje Beach Vibe & Kitesurfing Spot:**
 - Spend your morning unwinding on the soft white sands of Paje Beach. Watch world-class kitesurfers, take a dip in the warm Indian Ocean, or take a low-tide reef walk.
- **Evening | Michamvi Pingwe & The Rock Restaurant:**
 - Head to Michamvi Pingwe for iconic photo opportunities at the world-famous The Rock Restaurant. Enjoy sunset drinks and ocean views along the quiet peninsula bay.

Day 4: North Coast Transfer, Marine Life & Kendwa Water Sports

- **08:30 AM – 11:00 AM | Scenic North Coast Transfer:**
 - Depart Paje in a comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle toward the northern tip of Zanzibar to check into your resort in Kendwa or Nungwi.

- **11:30 AM – 01:00 PM | Baraka Natural Sea Turtle Aquarium:**
 - Visit the Baraka Natural Aquarium in Nungwi to swim with and feed rescued sea turtles in a natural tide pool sanctuary.
- **02:00 PM – 04:00 PM | Kendwa Beach Water Sports & Inflatable Splash Park:**
 - Head to Kendwa Beach for action-packed water sports. Have fun at the Inflatable Water Splash Park or paddle along the calm coastline in a transparent Clear Kayak.
- **04:30 PM – 06:30 PM | Sunset Dhow Cruise with Live Acoustic Vibe:**
 - Board a traditional wooden dhow boat for a sunset cruise off the coast of Kendwa. Enjoy fresh tropical fruit platters, refreshments, and live music as the sun sets over the ocean.

Day 5: Mnemba Atoll Snorkeling & Wild Dolphin Encounter

- **07:30 AM – 08:30 AM | Morning Boat Departure to Mnemba Reserve:**
 - Depart early from Nungwi/Kendwa to catch smooth sea conditions and peak dolphin activity near the Mnemba Atoll conservation area.
- **08:30 AM – 10:30 AM | Dolphin Spotting & Open-Water Swimming:**
 - Cruise through wild dolphin territory near Mnemba Atoll, with opportunities to swim alongside wild bottlenose dolphins with an expert marine guide.
- **10:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Coral Reef Snorkeling at Mnemba Atoll:**
 - Anchor near the outer reef of Mnemba Island to snorkel among tropical marine life, including clownfish, blue tangs, sea turtles, and colorful coral gardens.
- **12:30 PM – 02:30 PM | Disappearing Sandbank Tropical Fruit Feast:**
 - Step onto a secluded sandbank emerging from the ocean. Relax on the white sand while your boat crew serves a tropical fruit feast with watermelon, mango, and fresh coconut.
- **03:00 PM Onwards | Return to Resort & Evening Leisure:**
 - Boat back to shore and transfer to your hotel for an evening of leisure on the beach.

Day 6: Hotel Check-Out & Airport Departure Transfer

- **Flexible Departure Time | Airport / Ferry Transfer:** Enjoy a relaxed morning breakfast at your beachfront resort before your private driver transfers you directly to Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (ZNZ) or the Stone Town Ferry Terminal for your onward flight.

Inclusions Tab (WP Travel Engine)

- Full private ground transfers in air-conditioned vehicle (6 Days)
- Licensed local tour guides and excursion escorts
- All 11 tour entrance tickets, site passes, and marine conservation permits
- Private dhow boat charters for Nakupenda Sandbank, Mnemba Atoll, and Sunset Dhow Cruise
- Snorkeling equipment (masks, fins, life jackets) and clear kayak rental
- Nakupenda Fresh Seafood BBQ Buffet & Mamas Swahili Cooking Class Lunch
- Water Splash Park ticket (Kendwa)
- Bottled drinking water on all daily transfers

Exclusions Tab (WP Travel Engine)

- Hotel accommodations (Available as an optional add-on)
- Dinners and personal drinks (except included excursion lunches)
- International/Domestic flights & Visa fees
- Mandatory Zanzibar Inbound Travel Insurance (\$44)
- Hotel Infrastructure Levy (\$5–\$10 per person per night)
- Driver and local guide tips (optional)