ZANZIBAR BEACH ADVENTURE WEEKEND TRIP

WEEKEND OVERVIEW

Imagine a tropical paradise with picturesque white soft sand beaches, clear azure waters, coral reefs with rich marine diversity, swaying palm trees and an abundance of things to see and do - say hello to Zanzibar!

The Zanzibar Archipelago consists of more than 50 islands and provides the perfect setting for you to rest, relax and recuperate after a busy week volunteering in Kenya.

You will be based on the largest and most populous island, Unjuka (also referred to as Zanzibar Island). The island has the perfect mix of culture, history, beautiful landscapes and is well known as being a top adventure and eco-tourism destination.

Conveniently located just over an hour away from Kenya by plane, this is the perfect beach getaway. The three day itinerary has been designed to ensure you maximise your adventure in Zanzibar and consists of structured and guided tours, as well as plenty of free time for you to do as you please.

During your time on the island you will get to -

- Marvel at schools of fish from a guided boat tour
- Swim with dolphins
- Go island hopping and explore some of the other island trails
- Go snorkelling through the coral reefs in search of exotic marine life
- Explore the only national park in search of the famous Red Colobus Monkey
- Feast at the night market in Stone Town
- Watch the sunset at Livingstone Beach Bar
- Relax on picturesque beaches

Each weekend trip leaves on a Friday morning and returns on the Sunday evening, costing just £259 / \$329 per person.

The following are included within this fee:

- Accommodation
- Breakfast
- Planned tours

START DATES

We will be running the Zanzibar Beach Adventure weekend trip on the following dates:

26th January 2024 – 28th January 2024
23rd February 2024 – 25th February 2024
22nd March 2024 – 24th March 2024
26th April 2024 – 28th April 2024
24th May 2024 – 26th May 2024
21st June 2024 – 23rd June 2024
26th July 2024 – 28th July 2024
23rd August 2024 – 25th August 2024
27th September 2024 – 29th September 2024
25th October 2024 – 27th October 2024
22nd November 2024 – 24th November 2024
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We can add additional weekend trips if there is enough interest from volunteers. There is a minimum of 2 participants.



BOOKING YOUR PLACE

You can simply add this weekend trip when applying for any of our programmes in Kenya and Tanzania under 'Optional Extras'.

If you have already signed up for one of our volunteer programmes in Kenya and would like to add this weekend trip, you can simply request this within your My Trip account.

Places on our weekend trips are non-refundable and non-transferable between volunteers.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 – ARRIVING INTO ZANZIBAR AND DOLPHIN SPOTTING

After a short plane ride from Kenya you will be in the exotic paradise of Zanzibar! You will need to make your own way to the hostel (plenty of registered drivers waiting at the airport) where you will have a chance to grab some lunch before getting stuck right in with a dolphin tour!

You will be collected from the hostel and make your way south to the fishing village of Kizimkazi – around one hour away.

The waters in this region are home to several schools of fish and dolphins, providing you with the amazing chance of seeing these majestic mammals up close. As the boat skims through the waters, make sure to keep your eyes peeled and should the opportunity arise, you can jump in and swim along with the dolphins!

After 3 to 4 hours out at sea, you will make your way back to the hostel where the rest of the evening will be free for you to relax or to explore some more. Just a minute's walk from the hostel you will find the popular Livingstone Beach Bar. We highly recommend heading here one evening as it's the perfect setting to watch the sunset!

DAY 2 - SNORKELLING AND ISLAND HOPPING

After enjoying a delicious breakfast at the hostel, you will set off on your next adventure! We will be heading back out into the waters and branching away from Zanzibar Island to explore some of the other smaller and more remote islands.

The full day tour will allow you to engage in a variety of activities as you admire your surroundings. You'll have the chance to go snorkelling through the coral reefs to see all of the colourful and exotic fish, explore some of the other beautiful islands as you follow the island trails and also take part in activities in the sand.

You will be dropped back off at the hostel in the early evening and the rest of the day will again be free for you to do as you please.

DAY 3 – JOZANI FOREST WALK AND HOMETIME

Although today is your last day on the island, your adventure is not yet complete! We will be heading inland this time to Jozani Forest, Zanzibar's only national park – just under a 60 minute ride.

Here we will be taking in the stunning scenery as we walk through the dense forests, above the swamps and around the mangroves.

The two hour tour will take you on a nature trail, lined with eucalyptus and mahogany trees where the park ranger will point out and teach you about any wildlife you may come across.

Zanzibar is the only home to the Red Colobus monkey. These rare monkeys are full of character and can be found roaming freely around the forest, normally swinging above your heads!



After completing the tour you will have time to grab some lunch and pack. Depending on your flight time back to Tanzania, you may be able to have one last trip to the beach as well.

ACCOMMODATION

During your time in Zanzibar you will be staying in a basic hostel in the main touristy area of Stone Town. Most of the main tourist activities, beaches and restaurants are all within walking distance and the airport is only 7km away – allowing you to maximise your time in Zanzibar.

Although the hostel is basic, the rooms are spacious and clean and it is the perfect base to call home for your long weekend trip away.

You will be sharing your room with one other volunteer on a same sex basis – unless otherwise requested.

You will be sleeping in single beds with all bedding being provided. There will be a private en-suite bathroom with a western style toilet and hot water.

MEALS

You will be provided with breakfast at the accommodation each morning, but all other meals, snacks and drinks will be at your own expense.

TRANSPORT

Flights to and from Zanzibar (Abeid Amani Karume International Airport, airport code ZNZ) must be arranged independently and at your own expense. You should expect to budget between £250 and £350 and you can either fly with Kenya Airways or Precision Air.

We strongly recommend that your flight arrive into Zanzibar early to mid-morning on Friday and your flight back to Kenya on Sunday is for the late evening (latest flight should be 22:00PM) to allow you to maximise your time on the trip.

You are welcome to wait until you arrive into Kenya to arrange and book your flights, so you can plan to travel with the rest of the group. However, if you have found a flight with a price you are happy with, please do not hesitate to book this beforehand.

The Mighty Roar cannot be held accountable for any activities missed as a result of late arrivals or flight delays.

Please arrange your airport transfers in Kenya with the local team. You should budget a small amount for the airport transfer, less than £10 per car.

If you want to take part on this amazing trip and the dates fall on your last weekend in Kenya then you can still take part! Please arrange your return flight from Kenya for Monday to ensure you have sufficient time to get to the airport. The accommodation on your last night is not included but you are more than welcome to stay within the volunteer accommodation if there is space for a small additional fee. We can also recommend several hotels either close to our accommodation or to the airport.

