

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 Tanzania.

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 Moshi 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
- Airport transfers in Tanzania

START DATES

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

24th January 2025 – 26th January 2025
21st February 2025 – 23rd February 2025
21st March 2025 – 23rd March 2025
25th April 2025 – 27th April 2025
23rd May 2025 – 25th May 2025
27th June 2025 – 29th June 2025
25th July 2025 – 27th July 2025
22nd August 2025 – 24th August 2025
26th September 2025 – 28th September 2025
24th October 2025 – 26th October 2025
21st November 2025 – 23rd November 2025
26th December 2025 – 28th December 2025

23rd January 2026 – 25th January 2026
27th February 2026 – 1st March 2026
27th March 2026 – 29th March 2026
24th April 2026 – 26th April 2026
22nd May 2026 – 24th May 2026
26th June 2026 – 28th June 2026
24th July 2026 – 26th July 2026
21st August 2026 – 23rd August 2026
25th September 2026 – 27th September 2026
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25th December 2026 – 27th December 2026

We can add additional weekend trips if there is enough interest from volunteers. There is a minimum of 4 participants.



BOOKING YOUR PLACE

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

If you have already signed up for one of our volunteer programmes in Tanzania 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 Tanzania 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 up to five other volunteers 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 £100 and £200 and you can either fly with Air Tanzania or Precision Air.

We strongly recommend that your flight arrive into Zanzibar first thing on Friday morning and your flight back to Tanzania on Sunday is for the late evening to allow you to maximise your time on the trip.

Most volunteers will book the flight that departs Kilimanjaro Airport at 06:55 and then returns from Zanzibar at 22:00PM with Air Tanzania. **Please note, all volunteers will need to arrive back into Tanzania on the Sunday night before 23:30PM.**

We recommend booking your flights as soon as possible to ensure you reserve your seat and get the best possible flight. You can make use of the dedicated Whatsapp and Facebook groups to talk to others signed up for the same trip.

You are welcome to wait until you arrive into Tanzania to arrange and book your Zanzibar flights, but there has been occasions when the above flight becomes full.

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

ZANZIBAR MANDATORY INSURANCE

All visitors entering Zanzibar will now have to take out mandatory inbound travel insurance from a company called Zanzibar Corporation (ZIC).

You can only purchase this insurance directly from ZIC and other travel insurance policies will not be accepted.

You will need to request and make payment for this insurance in advance by visiting [here](#).

The cost of the insurance is \$44 (£35) and will be valid for 92 days.



If you want to take part on this amazing trip and the dates fall on your last weekend in Tanzania then you can still take part! Please arrange your return flight from Tanzania 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.

