

7-Day Zanzibar Itinerary

From Stone Town's Spice Markets to Nungwi's White-Sand Beaches

Zanzibar earns its growing reputation the old-fashioned way — a UNESCO World Heritage old town on one side of the island, and some of the whitest sand and clearest water in the Indian Ocean on the other. This week splits evenly between the two: three days threading Stone Town's coral-stone alleys, spice farms, and dhow harbor, then three days unwinding on Nungwi's north-coast beaches, with a full-day sailing safari in between.

DURATION

7 Days

BEST TIME TO GO

June – October

dry season

FROM

\$1,680 USD / person

for 2 people

Day 1

Arrive in Zanzibar

Land at Abeid Amani Karume International Airport and settle into Stone Town — save the sightseeing for tomorrow and ease in with a walk through the old town at dusk.

CAR

Private Transfer — Airport (ZNZ) to Stone Town

~25 minutes · \$30 USD per vehicle, up to 4 people

A flat-rate transfer from the arrivals hall straight into the old town — your driver meets you with a name sign, no haggling with taxi touts required.

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STAY

Overnight — Park Hyatt Zanzibar

From \$520–650 USD / night, for 2 people

A restored 19th-century merchant's house on the Stone Town waterfront, with a rooftop pool and Shangani Street's cafes and dhow harbor right outside the door.

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FOOD

Dinner at Forodhani Gardens Night Market

Est. \$10–15 USD / person

On your own — grilled Zanzibar pizza, fresh seafood skewers, and sugarcane juice from dozens of stalls, right on the waterfront as the sun goes down.

Day 2

Stone Town & Prison Island

A full day inside the UNESCO World Heritage old town, then a short boat ride out to Prison Island for giant tortoises and an afternoon swim.

Day 4**Spice Tour & Transfer to Nungwi**

A morning among the plantations that gave Zanzibar its old nickname — the Spice Island — then a drive up the coast to trade Stone Town's alleys for Nungwi's beaches.

TOUR**Spice Tour — Kizimbani Farms**

~3.5 hours · From \$30 USD / person

Walk working plantations just outside Stone Town, tasting and smelling cloves, vanilla, cardamom, and cinnamon straight off the plant, guided by farmers who grew up working the land.

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CAR**Private Transfer — Stone Town to Nungwi**

~1–1.25 hours · \$65 USD per vehicle, up to 4 people

A paved coastal road takes you from Stone Town's alleys to Nungwi's beaches in a little over an hour — ask your driver to stop at a roadside fruit stand along the way.

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STAY**Overnight — DoubleTree by Hilton Zanzibar – Nungwi Resort**

From \$300–380 USD / night, for 2 people

A beachfront resort at the island's northern tip, where the water stays calm and turquoise nearly year-round — the classic Zanzibar postcard view.

DoubleTree by Hilton Zanzibar – Nungwi Resort · +255 24 224 0300 · hilton.com

Day 5**Mnemba Atoll**

One of the best snorkeling sites in East Africa sits just off the northeast coast — a half-day boat trip out to the reef, with the rest of the day free for the beach.

SIGHT**Mnemba Atoll Snorkeling & Dolphin Excursion**

~5 hours · From \$85 USD / person

A boat trip out to the protected reef circling Mnemba Island, with a strong chance of spotting pods of wild dolphins en route and some of the clearest water in Zanzibar for snorkeling.

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STAY

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