



Tanzania, Zanzibar (Stone Town)

Location

A labyrinth of chaotic alleyways interposed between towering limestone houses with ornately carved arched hardwood doors with brass finishings and terracotta roofs. Stone Town is a melting pot of cultures and one of the last remaining ancient towns in Africa. It offers a rare cultural and historical insight into a former era of trade and exploration.

As a primary trading post on the spice, silk, and slave trade routes for over a millennium, Stone Town has been a unique meeting place, blending African, Indian, Arabian, and European cultures. It is one of the few remaining ancient towns in Africa.

Not only is this city visually beautiful, with old colonial buildings and exquisitely carved Zanzibari doorways, but your senses will be overwhelmed with the scent of the sea and spice and the calls to prayer echoing from the minarets. For history buffs and culture addicts, Stone Town offers plenty of activities for 2-4 days of exploration.

Your accommodation in Zanzibar is located in Fuoni, about 15-30 minute drive/10km from the Stone Town center.

Geolocation

Gps coordinates: -6.162805, 39.190937

Accuracy: Approximate

Accommodation & Food

About the Accommodation

You will be staying in a traditional and comfortable guesthouse in Fuoni with multiple bedrooms, communal bathrooms, a kitchen, and one sitting room -- suitable for enjoying the company of your fellow participants. Please note that all rooms are single-gender. All meals will be provided at this accommodation.

Available Room Types

| | Standard Room |
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| All meals included | Yes |
| Free beverages | Yes * |

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| Persons per room | 2-8 |
| Wifi in public areas | No ** |
| Laundry facilities | Yes*** |
| Safety box | No |
| Lockable rooms | Yes |
| Hot shower | No |
| Private bathroom | No |
| Bed linen | Yes |
| Towels | No |
| Air conditioning | Yes |
| Fan | Yes |
| Mosquito protection | No |

* Clean drinking water provided

** No wifi. Local sim cards can be purchased nearby

*** At extra cost.

Food Arrangements

Local meals that are typical of Zanzibari culture will be provided at this accommodation such as wali (rice), ugali (maize porridge), nyama choma (grilled meat), mshikaki (marinated beef), samaki (fish), pilau (rice mixed with a variety of spices), biriyani, and ndizi-nyama (plantains with meat).. Once per week all participants create together the weekly food plan.

Facilities

You will easily find a few small local stores that sell snacks, drinks and any basic supplies you might need during your stay. Nearby, there are ATMs, banks, shops, a local pharmacy, etc.

Mandatory Orientation Day

On the Monday of your first week at this location, you will join our orientation day, to familiarize you with the surroundings as well as local culture. Your program will continue as usual from Tuesday onward throughout the rest of the week.

Schedule

- Introduction meeting, House rules, Setting Expectations, Health and Safety Advice and handling of documents.
- Stonetown City Orientation
- Spoken Orientation
- Lunch
- Swahili Language lesson

Activities & Events

Evening Activities

The following extra activities will be conducted every Wednesday of the month.

- **First Wednesday** - Movie night! We will show a great movie on our big screen at the accommodation.
- **Second Wednesday** - Game Night! The local team will organize exciting and fun games for you to get involved with.
- **Third Wednesday** - BBQ with a great movie! Enjoy the last evening of the week with a delicious BBQ while watching one of your favorite movies on the big screen at the accommodation.
- **Fourth Wednesday** - Karaoke night / Music night with staff and participants. Jam in a simple get-together by singing a song with them, eating with them, and many more

*****These activities can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions, and unforeseen circumstances.*****

***** No alcohol is allowed during these activities.*****

Evening Outing

A shuttle will be provided from the Fuoni Accommodation to Stone Town 2 evenings a week on Wednesday and Friday.

- Leaving from the Accommodation: 4.30 PM
- Leaving Stone Town: 10.00 PM

Please meet the return transfer at 10.00 PM sharp at the designated meeting point.

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Sights & Surroundings

Explore Stone Town: Wander through the narrow streets of Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire its unique blend of Arab, Persian, Indian, and European influences.

Visit Spice Plantations: Take a tour of the spice plantations and indulge in the fragrant aromas of cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, and other spices that have made Zanzibar famous.

Relax on the Beaches: Enjoy the pristine white sands and turquoise waters of Zanzibar's beautiful beaches. Popular beach destinations include Nungwi, Kendwa, Paje, and Matemwe.

Go Snorkeling or Diving: Discover the vibrant underwater world of Zanzibar's coral reefs. Snorkeling and diving trips can be arranged to explore marine biodiversity, including tropical fish, turtles, and colorful coral formations.

Take a Prison Island Trip: Visit Prison Island, also known as Changuu Island, and interact with giant Aldabra tortoises. You can also explore the ruins of an old prison and relax on the sandy beaches.

Go on a Spice Tour: Join a guided tour to learn about the island's rich spice heritage and see how spices are cultivated, harvested, and processed.

Take a Dhow Cruise: Embark on a traditional dhow boat and sail along the coastline of Zanzibar. **Enjoy the stunning views, watch the sunset, and even have a romantic dinner aboard.**

Visit Jozani Forest: Explore the Jozani Forest, home to the endemic Zanzibar red colobus monkeys. Take a guided walk to observe these playful primates in their natural habitat.

Discover the Rock Restaurant: Experience dining at the iconic Rock Restaurant, a unique seafood eatery located on a rock in the Indian Ocean. Enjoy delicious food and breathtaking views.

Engage in Water Sports: Try your hand at various water sports such as kiteboarding, windsurfing, kayaking, and paddleboarding. Zanzibar's favorable winds and calm waters make it an ideal destination for these activities.

Transportation

From this location we do not provide free transport to other locations.