

# Experiences







The best way to enjoy a stay at Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa is to use the rooms meticulously designed to reflect a serene and quiet atmosphere for relaxing, while making the best of being on this fantastic island of Ugunja. In this booklet, we have included the options available to you to enjoy a stay with options you will find within the resort, as well as half-day or full-day trips around the island. Discover the unique beauty of Zanzibar, learn about the history of the archipelago and stay active with this multitude of options, for a full stay and unforgettable memories.

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# Best Of Zanzibar

There are many things to do while in Zanzibar, this booklet introduces you to all possible activities we recommend for you as a Guest of Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa. If the choice is hard to make or you have limited time, we have selected the following experiences which will give you an overview of the best to see and experience in Zanzibar.

Our pick of 5 experiences to do:

#### Stone Town Tour (PAGE 22)

Discover the heart of the island of Zanzibar, a UNESCO Heritage site with its unique blend of African, Indian and Muslim cultures, a vibrant community and main shopping district.

## Island hopping, diving and snorkeling (PAGE 16)

Zanzibar is an archipelago of island with white sandy beaches, sand banks, turquoise water and beautiful sea life. Island hopping, snorkeling or diving is a wonderful way to experience the best of island life.

## The Rock restaurant (PAGE 33)

A restaurant located on a Rock, in the Indian Ocean, the Rock is a unique venue that is very popular and just 20 minutes drive from Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa.

## Kitesurfing (in season) (PAGE 8)

Our spot facing Zanzibar Kite Paradise (on the side of the resort) is one of the best in the world. Discover this sport that is accessible to everyone, from 9 to 99 years old and we welcome beginner and experience riders alike (lessons and rentals possible in season: 15th June to 15th September and 15th December to 15th March, yearly).

#### Sultan Journey (PAGE 19)

An absolute delight, the private cruise is on a traditional Indian dhow and include visiting a desert sand bank, high quality food and a crew that will cater to your requests. This experience is private and can be adapted for your schedule.

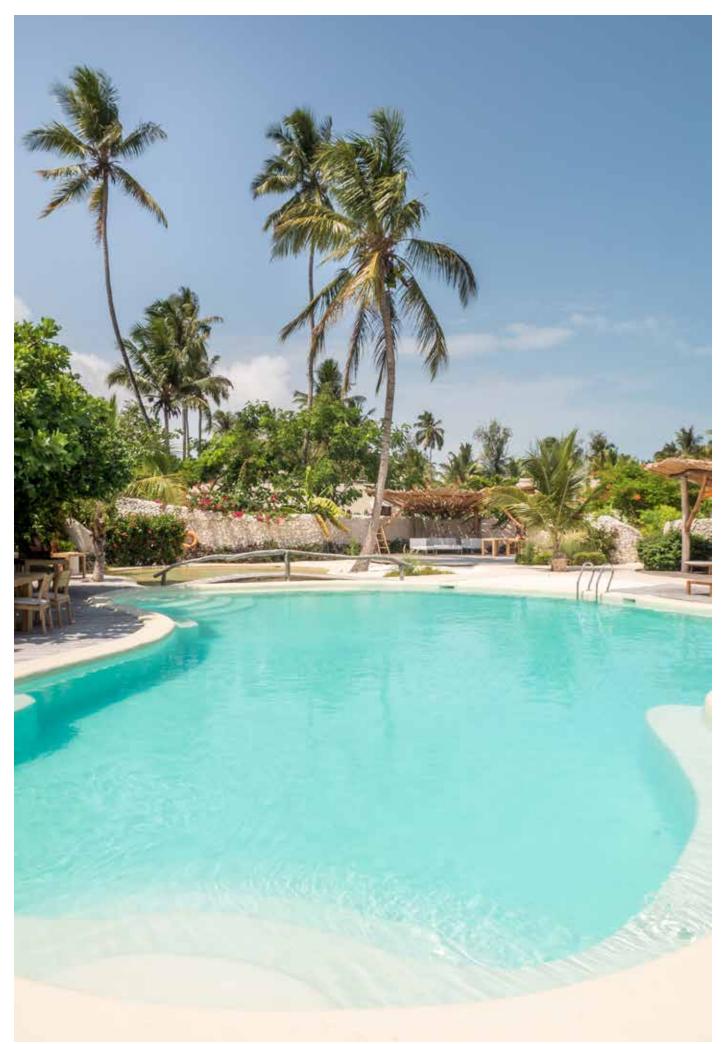














# Activities without leaving the resort

# Kitesurfing

With its year-round wind, flat shallow waters and sandy beach paradise, Paje is wellknown as a top kitesurfing spot in the world. What better place to learn or practice than by the door to your room?

At Zanzibar Kite Paradise, the home of kitesurfing at the Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa resort and the best rated school on the Paje coast, learn and practice kiteboarding in optimal conditions: flat lagoon water, quiet beach and a high standard service paired with latest equipment. We focus on safety and quality so that you can fully experience the joy of kitesurfing.

Our kite centre is opened from June  $15^{\rm th}$  to September  $15^{\rm th}$  and from December  $15^{\rm th}$  to March  $15^{\rm th}.$ 





# Watersports & Activities

We also offer year-long possibilities of renting equipment to make the most of your beach days (subject to availability):

- Windsurf
- Stand Up Paddle
- Kayaks

Try our crystal kayaks - a stylish way to explore the Paje lagoon

- Subwing © (an alternative to snorkelling using a submarine wing attached to a motorboat)
- Snorkelling equipment
- Volley-ball set up

## We love children!

We love children! To ensure they are never bored, we offer a range of facilities: a children swimming pool, a playground for kids aged between 5 to 12 years old, and a range of activities at Zanzibar Kite Paradise for children from 12 years old. Additionally, activities for children are organized seasonally.

## Activities

Try yourself at the classic French game of Petanque (balls), a ping-pong or badminton tournament or ask us to set up a volleyball set in the recreational of your villa or on the beach... there is plenty to do and resources to use for your convenience at Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa.



## Fitness area

Work on your beach body at the Fitness area – a complimentary amenity including kettle bells, mats, weights and high tech equipment.



## Movies, books and board games

For those who prefer relax in their villas, we offer a large variety of board games, books and DVD's available on request at the reception.

#### AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

## Yoga classes

Breathe in and enjoy a nice and relaxing yoga class with a skilled yoga instructor. Private or group class, come at the Reception to know the options and available slots for this serene experience.

## Baby-sitting

Your children are in safe hands while you enjoy a relaxing or active time, our experienced baby sitters will lovingly look after your youngest ones.

## Photography

Capture those special moments with a photo session for memories to keep for a lifetime.

## **Fitness instructor**

Keep fit and healthy with a private lesson from a physical trainer who will adapt the training plan to your goals and capabilities.



#### TURN ON THE ROMANCE

Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa is a haven of peace and serenity and a special place to treat your loved ones to a romantic getaway. To make the most of this experience, we have crafted special romantic options that will guarantee unforgettable memories:

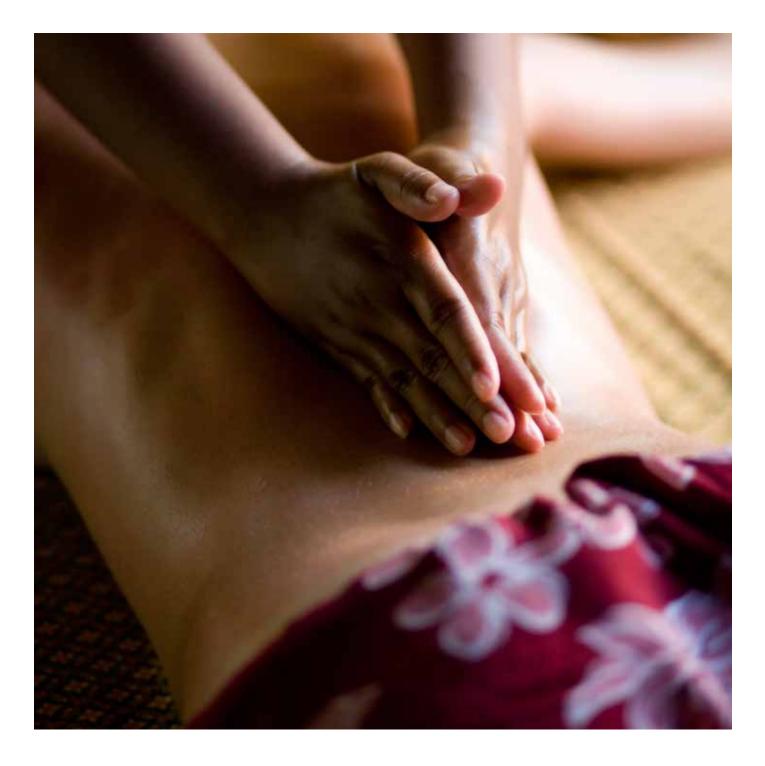
## Romantic dinner

A private dinner with intimate setting and special menu is offered, you choose your preferred setting and our Team will arrange the rest.

## Couples massages

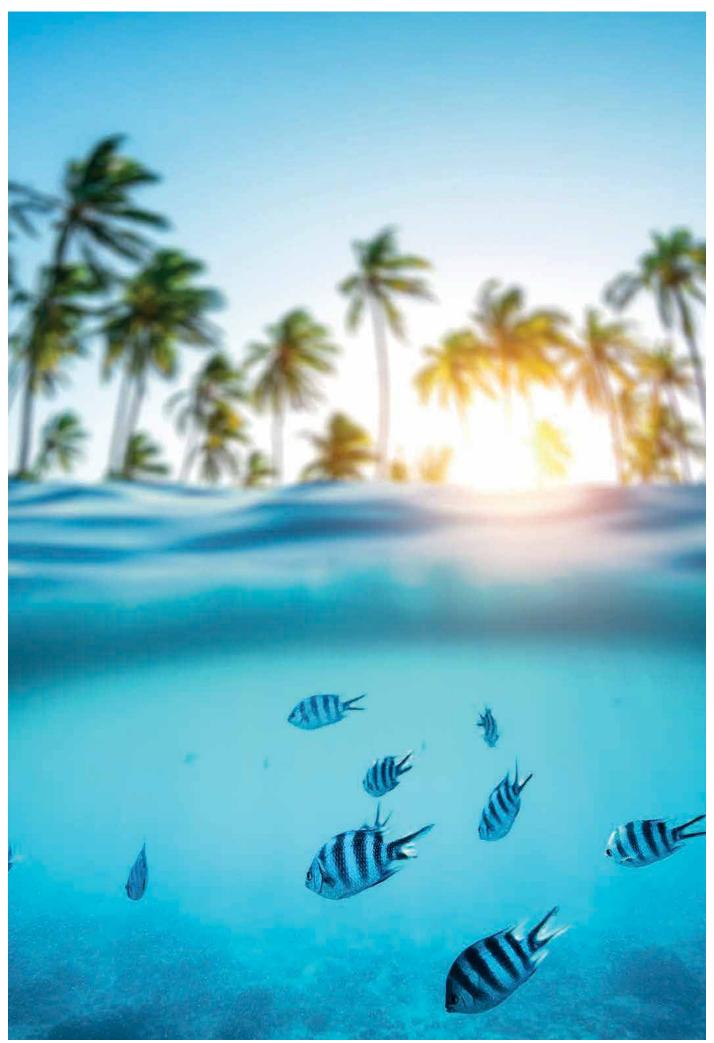
Indulge in a couples massage at the Spa for a natural and serene experience that promises to relax you.





## SPA

Our spa offers a wide range of treatments for a holistic approach to your wellbeing. Draw inspiration and energy from the nature surrounding the open treatment rooms, the smell of the sea and the tropical wildlife to relax, rejuvenate and reconnect with inner peace. The treatments may be set in an individual or couple setting for your convenience. The spa amenities (sauna, hammam, jacuzzi) are available for use by our Guests (subject to availability and with notice at least 30 minutes prior). Please refer to the Spa menu for a complete list of our offer.





## Water Activities

## Snorkelling

Zanzibar is home to beautiful corals and marine life and some of it is very accessible during a snorkelling trip! Our multitude of sea excursions almost always offer an option to include snorkelling (ask our Reception for the best recommendations and possibilities) but you may also choose to simply take a snorkelling tour and spend time admiring the underwater beauty of Zanzibar.



## Diving Courses (PADI certified)

Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa PADI partners with a certified PADI center to ensure the highest level of quality, care and attention whilst encouraging you to conserve and explore the marine environment. The offer varies based on your level, the weather and locations – you may also choose from packages such as:

- 6, 8 or 10 dive packages
- Dive and double dive packages
- Certifications and beginner lessons
- Specialized courses (fish identification, digital photography...)



## Fishing

Zanzibar is an excellent location for both leisure and big game and deep sea fishing. We partner with professional fishing companies to bring you the best and safest experience during this activity and a multitude of different activities – which vary according to season, weather and availability.



## Surfing

Zanzibar is mostly known for its wonderful diving and kitesurfing spots, but a well kept secret on this island is that it is also great for surfing waves. Trips for all levels are organized, with experienced guides and inclusive of all the material, for a fun and safe experience.





## Boat charter

It is possible to rent a boat or charter for your group. Let us know what type of rental or charter interests you and our Team will be sure to suggest you the best match for your excursion – for instance:

- Half day charter
- Full day charter
- Sunset cruise, with or without dinner (our favourite!)
- Overnight charters

A boat charter is also a delightful occasion to celebrate weddings, birthdays and other events!



# Sultan journey

Enjoy an 8 hours Sultan journey experience on an ancient traditional wooden dhow, with uniquely Arabic charm, sailing from the heart of Stone town all the way to a hidden sand bank and cruising back with a unique view of African sundowner. Lunch aboard with the World Star services and traditional Arabic Menu exclusively from Park Hyatt.

Good to know

Inclusive of welcome drink, snacks, fruit platter, ocean activities, lunch, arabic coffee ceremony







# Excursions and day trips

# Stone Town City Tour

Located on a promontory jutting out from the western side of Unguja island into the Indian Ocean, the Stone Town of Zanzibar is an outstanding example of a Swahili trading town and has managed to retain throughout the years its fabric of chaotic beauty, mixture of Arabic, indian and african architecture.

Spot Zanzibari doors throughout town, walk through the historic Slave Market zand its Anglican Cathedral, the House of Wonders, the Sultans' Palace Museum, the Old Arab Fort and Dispensary and wonder with an experienced tour guide hrough the streets of this beautiful and unique city – which has been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Trip duration	Half day or Full day.
Distance	1 hour drive.
Good to know	Shops Opening Times: Monday to Sunday: 8:30 AM -12 PM and 2 PM -6 PM Friday: 8:30 AM-11:30 AM and 2 PM -6 PM





# Spice Tour

The history of Zanzibar would be incomplete without the cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, pepper and many other spices which are essential ingredient in a Zanzibari's everyday life – after all, Zanzibar is also called the Spice Island!

Meet local farmers in their Spice Far and learn about the spices interactively with this very popular Zanzibar tour, which will take you through Zanzibar's history and more practical aspects of life on the island.

A visit to a spice farm village gives you an insight into local life and the opportunity to try some Swahili dishes, season fruits and taste some spiced tea which guarantees a great time for adults and children alike.

Trip duration	Half day.
Distance	1 hour drive.
Good to know	Possibility to buy local products (spices, perfumes, incense) and crafts at the farm.

# Jozani Forest

The conservation area of Jozani was established in the 1960s and hosts the largest population of Red Colubus monkeys, a playful, rare and endemic species to Zanzibar, as well as blue monkeys and a large range of flora and fauna. Located just about a 20 minutes drive from Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa, Jozani Forest is an excellent outing area to move away from our white sandy beaches and cool down in the shades of the exotic trees of the Jozani Forest.

A visit at Jozani Forest includes a walk through the forest and through the mangrove forest – monkey sightings are very popular.

Trip duration	Approximately three hours.
Distance	20 to 30 minutes-drive.
Good to know	A turtle sanctuary is seasonally open (additional fee for entrance).





# **Prison Island Tour**

Prison Island has earned its name from a former prison for slaves established in 1893 and later used as a quarantine station for Tanzania. Nowadays the island gives you the chance to escape for some peace and quiet – but also to see its wonderful giant tortoises!

These giant land tortoises – some of which are over a 100 years old – were imported from Seychelles in the late 19th century and share the island with peacocks and butterflies. During this trip, you may pet the tortoises, stroll through the island and definitely enjoy the boat ride with a magical view of Stone Town.

Trip duration	Half day.
Distance	One hour drive to Stone Town, 30 minutes boat trip from Stone Town.
Good to know	This tour is a great way to see some history and wildlife, and also to see Stone Town from the sea as many old maritime legends would have done.

# Short Safari to Serengeti or Selous

You have made your way to Zanzibar but feel like you have missed the chance to do a safari on the mainland? Fret not, Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa is delighted to offer you the chance of a lifetime and see the Big Five in their natural environment.

Our luxury short safaris range from 12 hours to 3 nights on the mainland and guarantee a maximum of sensations without any hassle: everything is taken care of and these short programs have been specially crafted with your experience in mind. And the best part? Your room at Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa will await you upon your return!

The inclusive options of safaris include:

- Transport Hotel Airport- Hotel, Return flights Zanzibar Safari game reserve
- Full Board accommodation In Luxury accommodation
- All safari activities with professional guide
- National Park fees
- Flying Doctor medical insurance



#### SCENIC FLIGHT TOURS

#### NORTH TOUR

Approximately 1hr

For those who want to see the north part of the island with all its hotel properties, Mnemba Island and the forest, then this is made for you. Starting from Stone Town – west of Zanzibar – you discover in three sectors the north coast and all its landmarks, then cut across the island at Chwaka Bay soaring over the lush green forests and spice farms, A truly unique sight to see.

#### **ISLAND TOUR**

Approximately 1hr40 mins

Island tour is the extension to the south of the North Tour. As the plane glides over Zanzibar in five sectors fom west to south, using your interactive headset the pilot will be zour guide to ensure you don't miss a thin, giving you the rare opportunity to see the various coast lines, heritage sites, and famous islets such as Mnemba Island, Tumbatu Island and The Rock, to name just a few.

Trip duration	Departures from Zanzibar International Airport are twice weekly Every Wednesday at 15hoo   Every Saturday at 15hoo
Good to know	Price includes your seat, in-flight snacks and soft drinks. Remember to bring your sunglasses and a fully charged camera.





## Sea excursions

# Dolphin Tour

Dolphin safari offers you the experience of a lifetime: a chance to swim with dolphins in their natural habitat. The seashore of the fishing village Kizimkazi is the home of several pods of humpback and bottlenose dolphins and the "dolphin tour" is one of the most popular tours on the island.

Though the sighting of dolphins may not be guaranteed as they are in the wild, thanks to the experienced boat driver, there is a large chance you will not only see the dolphins but also swim with them!

Trip duration	3 hours and a half.
Distance	30 minutes drive to Kizimkazi.
Good to know	The dolphins feed early! The departure time is at 6 AM.





# Safari Blue

Sail, snorkel, swim, sunbathe, explore, feast, observe, play... The Safari Blue adventure is a unique day tour packed with several activities so you can make the most of Zanzibar's sea activities. Our favourite? The opportunity to relax on a sandbank in the middle of the Indian Ocean before snorkelling and eating a seafood barbecue lunch on Kwale island!

Trip duration	Full day (starts at 8 AM).
Distance	One hour and a half drive.
Good to know	A hearty lunch buffet barbecue with grilled seafood and fresh fruits is included in the tour. Pack your sunscreen!



# Traditional Dhow cruise

Zanzibar would not be the same without the beautiful dhow cruising its waters. For this excursion, a traditional dhow during the day or at sunset – as per your preference – for a peaceful and quiet cruise, promising unforgettable memories.

You can also combine the trip with a stop at The Rock restaurant – a unique venue located on a rock, in the Indian Ocean.

Trip duration	Depends on arrangements
Distance	The excursion may take place in front of the hotel (day) or from Stone Town (day or sunset)
Good to know	Take sunscreen, make sure you electronics are in a waterproof case! Snorkeling gear, fruits and water are included. Lunch at the Rock is not included.

# Combine excursions and make the most of your day!

The following combinations are possible:

- Stone Town & Prison Island Full day
  - Stone Town & Spice Tour Full day
- Stone Town, Prison Island & Spice Tour Full day
- Prison Island & lunch on a sandbank Full day
  - Jozani & Spice Tour Half day
  - Jozani Forest & Muyuni Village Half day

There are more options available and we will be happy to assist you with creating your preferred itinerary. Ask us at Reception and we will gladly organize it for you.





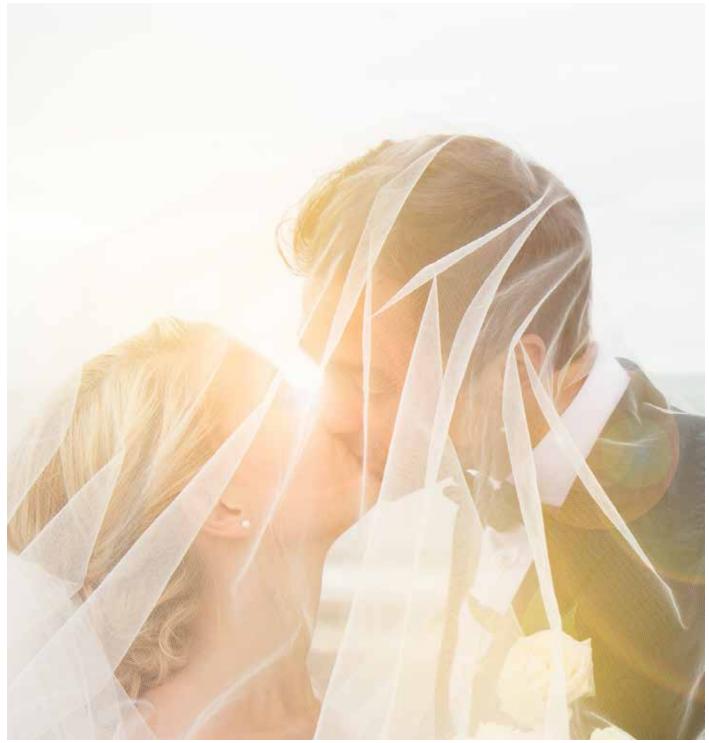
## The Rock Restaurant

The Rock is a restaurant located 20 minutes away from the resort by car. It is built on top of a rock in the middle of the Indian Ocean! An experience at the Rock will include a short walk from the beach to the restaurant at low tide or a boat shuttle at high tide. The restaurant is open for lunch, afternoon drinks or dinner – reservation is recommended for meals.

# **Special Events**

Do you have a special event to celebrate? Let our Team know and we will advise what may be organized in order to personalize your experience.

Weddings, honeymoon, corporate events – Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa may host your future events as well.



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