

## East Africa

### Zanzibar Extension



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**Duration:** 4 Days, 3 Nights

Finish your Tanzanian safari off with this tropical beach extension offering a wide variety of activities. Escape on a romantic beach holiday and sink your toes into the soft white sand of tropical Zanzibar or private Mnemba Island. Explore the magnificent marine life that inhabits the archipelago's coral atoll while scuba diving or snorkelling in balmy Indian Ocean waters, indulge in a variety of water sports or simply enjoy doing absolutely nothing at all. Wind through Stone Town's historic lanes, taking in architectural delights of a bygone era.



### Zanzibar

The small island of Zanzibar, more correctly called Unguja, was for most of the 1800s the centre of the international slave trade and an important source of cloves and other spices, in addition to being a launching point for the expeditions of great explorers such as Livingstone into the 'dark continent'. It was governed by the Omani Sultans and became a British Protectorate in 1890. The last of the sultans was overthrown in 1964, a month after independence, and shortly afterwards Zanzibar became united with the mainland of Tanganyika (as it was then called) to become the united Republic of Tanzania.

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**Stone Town**, the heart of Zanzibar, is the only functioning historical city in East Africa and is much the same today as it was 200 years ago. Stone Town is the oldest section of Zanzibar Town and is made up of winding lanes and unique stone houses, many of which feature magnificent carved doors and overhanging fretwork balconies. Sights include: The Hamami Baths, built in 1870, The Africa House Hotel, once the British Club, the house of notorious slave-trader Tippu-Tip, the slave pit, the National Museum, the old Slave Market, the Church of Christ Cathedral, the Livingstone House, the Dhow Harbour, the House of Wonders, the Jamituru Gardens and night food market, the People's Palace and the Arab Fort. Historic sights just outside the city include the Persian Baths of Kidichi, the Maruhubi Palace Ruins, the Bububu railway and the Mangapwani Slave Caves. Besides these usual island excursions, tours to a local village, dhow cruises, mangrove forest tours and activities such as palm frond weaving and cooking courses are on offer.



### Mnemba Island

The exquisite private island of Mnemba with its white sand beaches and spectacular coral reefs is renowned as one of the world's most romantic ocean destinations. Set off the north-eastern tip of Zanzibar and surrounded by a coral atoll, Mnemba is home to a staggering diversity of marine life. In the centre of the atoll, encircled by the reef, lies a calm lagoon ideal for snorkelling and the outer edges of the reef are rich with dive sites. A wide choice of diving courses provides the ideal opportunity to learn to dive for the first time. Certified scuba divers can partake in two dives a day. Fly-fishing enthusiasts

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can fish directly off the island's beaches, while deep-sea fishing can also be arranged. Mnemba follows a policy of catch and release. Sea-kayaking and windsurfing off Mnemba's white coral beaches are both available or you can enjoy sublime relaxation with a massage treatment.



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