

ZANZIBAR ISLANDS ADVENTURE DAY

SUMMARY

Explore the very best of what Zanzibar has to offer with this adventure activity, as you combine wildlife and history on the Zanzibar Islands Adventure Day. Get up close and personal with vibrant sea life, tropical birds and giant tortoises as you explore Zanzibar's pristine waters and incredible beaches, before soaking up the varied history of Prison Island.

Start the day by boarding a beautiful, traditional African dhow boat and head through the turquoise waters towards the idyllic Bawe Island, located 10km offshore from Stone Town. Stop for a guided snorkelling session and search for colourful corals and tropical fish.

Climb back on board and relax in the sunshine as you head for the white beaches of a local sandbank, from which, surrounded by the ocean, you can spot an array of stunning tropical birds. Absorb the beauty of your surroundings as you enjoy lunch and drinks, before travelling on to Prison Island.

Named after a prison for rebellious slaves that once stood on the island, Prison Island was also used as a quarantine area for those suffering from Yellow Fever. Nowadays, it is home to approximately 100 giant tortoises, imported from the Seychelles in the late 19th century, and is fringed by a beautiful coral reef. Spend a couple of hours on the island reflecting on its beauty and Zanzibar's varied history, before travelling back to Stone Town.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Transport
- ✓ Boat trip
- ✓ Life jackets
- ✓ Snorkelling equipment
- ✓ Lunch and drinks
- ✓ Entry fees to Prison Island
- ✓ Tour guide

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ Additional drinks

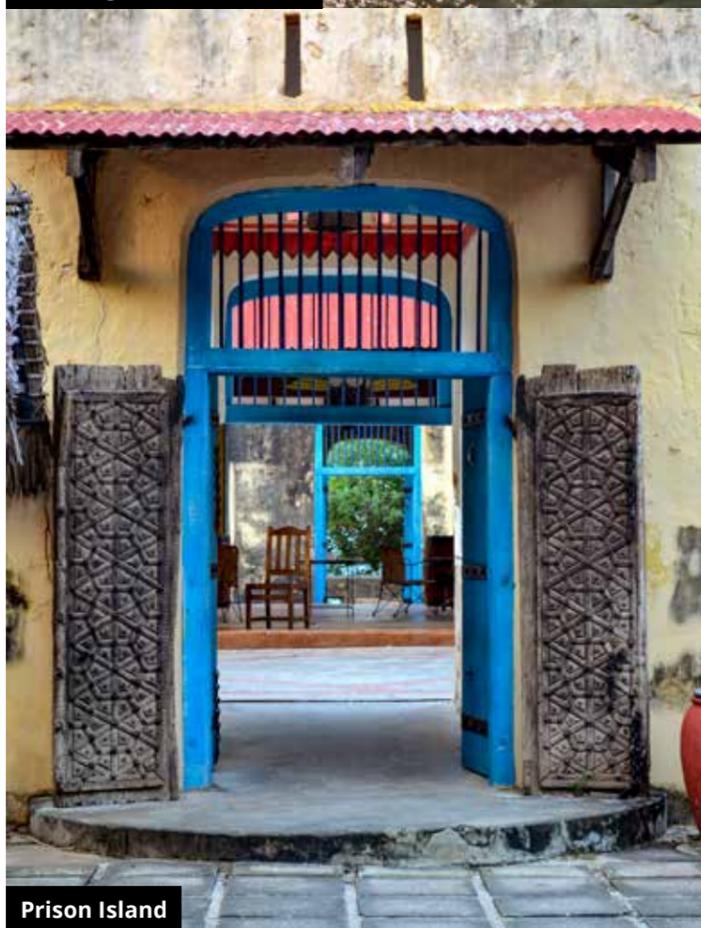
Please note: The group leader is responsible for ensuring that volunteers on the tour are competent swimmers. Life jackets are available for each swimmer and should be worn at all times. All tour guides are proficient swimmers but are not qualified life guards.



Relaxing at the sandbank



Giant tortoise



Prison Island



Snorkelling session

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1919 the British governor of the Seychelles sent a gift of four giant tortoises to the British First Minister of Zanzibar, who housed them on Prison Island. The island's current occupants are direct descendants of these original four.

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All timings are approximate.

- 8:30am: Leave your accommodation and travel to Stone Town
- 9:30am: Board a traditional dhow boat and head for Bawe Island
- 10:30am: Stop for a guided snorkelling session and swim through the turquoise waters as you search for coloured corals and tropical fish
- 11:30am: Leave the boats and step onto the white beaches of the sandbank, as your nature tour continues with a guided look at the island's incredible tropical birds
- 12pm: Relax and enjoy lunch and a soft drink (included) as you take in your stunning surroundings
- 1:30pm: Travel to Prison Island, a former slave prison and quarantine area, and feed the giant tortoises that now call this island home
- 3:30pm: Depart Prison Island and travel back to Stone Town

“The Zanzibar Islands Adventure Day is a great way of combining snorkelling with history, and, for most volunteers, it is the first time they have ever seen a tortoise that is over 110 years old!”

Ally Jape - Zanzibar Trip Host, African Adventures