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Paje, Zanzibar, East coast, Tanzania

Fundiving Zanzibar

The diving

Zanzibar is exotic in so many ways. This small island was once the center for traders from India, Arabia and Africa. Apart from ivory and spices, slaves where once traded in Stone Town. History is still very visible in the winding alleys of this town and you must allow yourself to “get lost” and carried away.
But... Exotic is also the diving! With all year round warm weather and great visibility you get an amazing experience of the Zanzibar marine life. In the coral gardens, caves, gentle slopes and walls all around the coast of the island you can expect to see a great variety of reef fish.

In addition, you have a number of sites on the outer reef within a 25-minute boat ride of the dive center, offering a wide variety of bigger fish like king fish, yellow fin tuna, barracudas, reef sharks, turtles, napoleon fish and from time to time dolphins. But, the biggest and the best - but only in season - humpback whales! That would be something for your logbook...

Area name / Island name
Paje, Zanzibar, Tanzania

Nearest airport
Kisauni Airport Zanzibar (45 km from Paje)
Dar Es Salaam

Season
All year round
Best seasons:
October – January
and
February - April

Center type
PADI 5 Star IDC Center
Friendly and experienced
International and local instructors and divemasters
Own pool

Experience level
PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent

Minimum age for participation
10 Years

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Location
Situated on the beautiful east coast, Paje is the perfect place for not just a diving holiday, but also to explore the Island of Zanzibar. You can easily reach “must see” places like Stone Town, Jozani Forest and Nature Reserve, Spice Farms and of course amazing dive sites! Hang on the beach, chill in the hammocks or go active with kite surfing – a sport that is very popular in the area due to the soft sandy bottom and shallow water.

Your resort
The atmospheric accommodation of Ebb & Flow is located in the middle of Paje Beach. A lively, laid-back and youthful town. Ebb & Flow is within 5 minutes walk to restaurants, bars, coffeeshops, shops, kite centers, and public transport. But above all, you are just a stone’s throw away from the sugar-white sand and turquoise-water of Paje's glorious beach, which you can see from the swimming pool!

Your room
As a standard, you’ll be booked in a mixed dorm room at Ebb & Flow. The dorm rooms are apartment style, with 6 beds spread out on 2 floors. Hot water showers and fan cooling.
For absolute privacy, you can upgrade to your own private apartment when booking your diving package.

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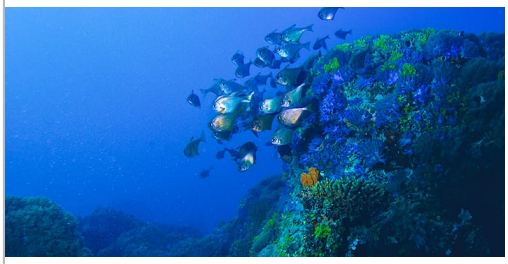
This is only a selection of the many dive sites represented on this particular destination. The diving is dictated by the safeness of the environment.



The Lagoon

Is a local dive site which is excellent for beginners as well as being perfect for the first dive trip of the holiday. No current, shallow depth and easy to navigate. Common sightings include funky colored nudibranches, weird leaf fish, snake eels, pipefish, big schools of curious bat fish, scorpion and lion fish. Nice easy dive!

Lagoon Mounding

Beautiful inner reef dive site with varied marine life and a stunning coral landscape. This site is great for night dives as the likelihood of seeing the stunning Spanish dancers in addition to other nocturnal species is very high.

Stingray City

This dive is conducted along the wall inside the lagoon and culminates in Stingray city where chances of seeing dozens of Blue Spotted Stingrays are high. Rent an underwater camera, stingrays are great on photos - and live of course. But long lasting memories are important, right?

Big Wall

As the name suggests, this site forms a great wall on the Northeastern edge of the Mnemba Atoll. The wall itself is almost a kilometre long and has many interesting features and marine visitors! At a depth of 30m/100ft there are small caves and hollows where smaller reef and oceanic fish can shelter from predators and currents. Tuna, Trevally and Reef Sharks hunt in the deeper sections along the bottom of the wall. Manta Rays and Hammerheads have both been spotted in the blue water. Whalesharks cruise the area in season! Large Turtles keep the Morays and Lobsters company on the reef shelf. Best dived on a slack tide due to the presence of ocean currents. Suitable for Advanced and experienced divers only.

Conditions:

Visibility
The visibility is often up to 30 metres. Best October through to December and February to late march

Water Temperature
Between 25-30ºC year round
3-5 mm wetsuit is suitable

Current
Varying depending on sites, but there is always a calm site to be found

Surface
The temperature is very stable, the annual mean being 18ºC and the monthly averages ranging from 12º C (short term in winter months) to 31ºC

Special Marinelife
Beautiful corals, lionfish, scorpion fish, nudibranches, leaf fish, stingrays, jackfish, tuna, barracudas, reef sharks, manta rays, turtles, napoleon fish, dolphins, whalesharks and in season (Best July and August) humpback whales.

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Itinerary
On the day of arrival, your equipment will be fitted and packed for the following days of diving; the rest of the day is left for exploring on land and settling in. The days consist of diving until early afternoon on the sites around Zanzibar. All dives are dived from boat and are arranged according to weather and requests. Please check with the dive center what dives will be done the day before they are conducted. There will be no refund on dives not used. Check out at noon.

Dive Package 1: Fundiving Zanzibar - 3 days and 2 nights
The short option with 4 dives spread out on 2 days of diving, 1 day of arriving and 2 nights of accommodation. The dive sites will vary depending on weather and experience level.

Dive package 2: Fundiving Zanzibar Extended - 5 days and 4 nights
The longer option with 8 dives spread out on 4 days of diving, 1 day of arriving and 4 nights of accommodation. The dive sites will vary depending on weather and experience level.

If you want a longer itinerary, you can add extra days of diving and accommodation upon booking.

Please note
Due to ocean and weather conditions, the itinerary can be subject to change.

Activity starts
Every morning from the dive center. Please note that daily start times can vary depending on the trip you are joining. You will be notified upon arrival or the day before your diving

Activity starts from
The dive center – right down on the beach
Please contact the dive center no later than one week prior arrival to confirm your arrival and possible pickup times.

Group Size
No limit Max. 6-8 divers pr. Instructor/Divemaster

Language
English

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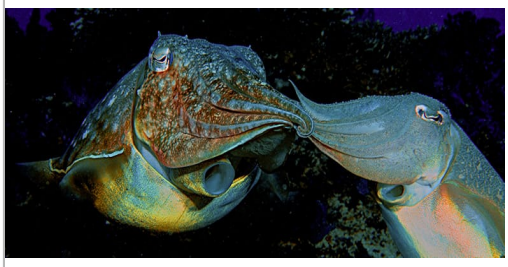
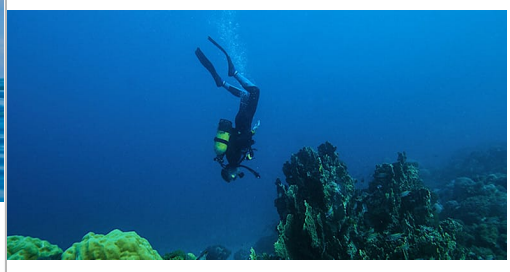
Transfer
Getting from Dar es Salam to Zanzibar can be done in two ways. Either by boat or by plane.
Use the contact information on the voucher if you want your hotel to arrange your transfer.

Flights - definitely the easiest option and not much more expensive than the boat. Once you have landed you will have to move from the international airport to the domestic airport. It is less than 1 km and the price for a taxi is normally 5000 TSH (app. 4 dollars). The flying time is around 20 minutes and the price is from 80-90 Per person depending on time and flight company.

Boats - are cheaper, but involves more time and hassle. Take a taxi from the airport to the harbour. The price is around 20$ for the taxi. it takes from 20 minutes to 1 ½ hour depending on the traffic in Dar es Salam. It is a good idea to have booked your ferry tickets one day ahead to secure a space. There are many different ferry companies. All are sailing from 7.00 in the morning until 17.00 in the afternoon. It takes 2 to 3 hours and the price starts from 45$ pr. Person. If you are suffering from seasickness we recommend you to take a pill 1 hour before the sail.



On Zanzibar to Paje - The easiest way is to contact our hotel (see voucher for details) and let them pick you up either at the harbour or at the airport. (Pick-ups can be arranged from all of Zanzibar) Depending on traffic the drive takes approximately 45 minutes from the airport and the transfer fee is 50$ total.



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Prices below are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

FUNDIVING EXTENDED	
Days / Nights	5/4
Amount of dives	8
Price (incl. accommodation)	613 EUR

Supplements	
Extra day of diving (2 dives)	112 EUR
Extra night of accom. (after)	24 EUR
Extra night of accom. (before)	24 EUR
High season: 15Dec -29Feb & 1Jul-31Aug (pp.pn)	6 EUR
Refresher Dive (added to 1st dive)	38 EUR
Supplemental child (age 3 to 12) per night	12 EUR
supplemental snorkeling trip	23 EUR
Transfer from Airport, Pier or Stonetown	24 EUR
Upgrade from dorm to private room (define nights)	14 EUR

Prices for supplementary accommodation are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

Supplements
A supplement can be choosen to add on your package. All supplements can also be booked on site. In high season, bungalows and boats get filled fast - you might find trouble getting an extra night in your resort or an extra day of diving. If you are booking a course, it is recommended to book an extra night of accomodation prior your course, to get settled and get up front on

the studying.

Included
Diving as stated in package
All dive equipment
Dive Guide
Boat when boat diving
Accommodation as stated
Bed linen & towels
Breakfast
Wifi at hotel

Not included
Transfer
Lunch and dinner

PLEASE NOTE:
When upgrading to Ebb & Flow private rooms a high season surcharge is applicable between: 16 Dec-28 Feb & 1 Jun to 31 Oct

Please note
PADI Open Water Diver Materials for the course **(mandatory for each student)** can be bought on location for 75 Euro. You can also do the e-learning through the PADI website www.PADI.com

Also available on site
Extra days of accommodation if available
Extra days of diving

Continuing education
All continuing courses available on site

Cancellation
As written in terms and conditions

Dive insurance
Basic dive travel insurance required

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General terms and conditions

GENERAL CONDITIONS

CHANGES OF BOOKINGS:
You can change your booking request or start date free of charge.
If you need to change your booking you must contact the **dive center** directly by e-mail or phone. You will find the contact details on your voucher. For verification purpose, please remember to mention your name and booking ID.

If you want to change your start date, we recommend that you do so minimum 10 days before the beginning of your dive package. Later than this, might cause the accommodation to be fully booked for alternative dates. During high seasons, 10 days might not be sufficient time, please allow extra time for changes in the high season. As a reminder, you will receive an email with general information and contact information of your dive center 10 days prior to your start date.

CANCELLATION RULES:
Any customer has the right to cancel their booking with Blue Venture Diving. In order to do so, you must contact your selling agent. The cancellation fees and rules of your selling agent will apply for your cancellation.

Blue Venture is not liable for any cancellations done by the customer of personal reason such as/or in the same category as sickness, family, missed flights etc, or other circumstances that is beyond reasonable control such as force majeure.

Blue Venture booking cancellation
In the unlikely event that Blue Venture is forced to cancel a booking, the customer will get direct notice. A cancellation will only happen if Blue Venture finds that the contracted dive center can't perform the needed service of the booked package or if the dive standards can't be fulfilled accordingly. Minor changes in the itinerary will not be defined as a valid cancellation reason, as diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity.
Blue Venture will always do their best to find another operator of same or higher standard, but it is up to the customer to decide whether they want to accept the change or get a refund.

INSURANCE:
A cancellation insurance is not included. It is highly advised recommended that you obtain adequate travel insurance prior to your departure from your home country.

REFUNDS:
Medical Statement
To enroll in an Open Water Course, all students MUST fill in the Medical Statement. Please ensure that you have received the medical statement from your travel agent. If any questions are replied with a "Yes", the medical statement must be signed by a doctor. Failing the medical statement at the destination, and therefore not being able to enroll in the diving course, you will not be entitled to a refund.

If you have not received your Medical Statement, please make sure to print it from this link.
https://blueventure.net/files/information/12.pdf

Restricted dives
Diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity. All diving is performance based. It is up to the discretion of the dive guide/instructor to restrict divers from entering activities that goes beyond their experience level. All guides strive to reach the expectations of the customers. However, if they find that the safety of the group or an individual is jeopardized or at risk by one or several individuals, it is up to the dive guide/instructor to restrict any divers from entering the water.
In this event the dive center or Blue Venture is not obliged to give a refund.

Dives not completed
There is no refund for dives not carried out.
Refund for dives not done for any reason is up to the discretion of the dive center. Most dive centers do not give refunds for dives not done with personal causes such as seasickness, low on air situations or a failure in mastering the equipment etc. All log books will be checked prior to the dive and the dive sites will be chosen accordingly to the experience level. It is however expected that certified divers keep within their limits and do not cross their comfort zone. Blue Venture and your travel agent is never responsible to pay a refund for dives not done.

Courses not completed
There is no refund for courses not completed! All courses are performance based, but it is up to the instructor to pass the student. If a customer can not complete a course with success they will receive their course documents for an optional referral, but the contracted dive center, your travel agent and Blue Venture is not responsible to pay a refund.

Boats or dives not departing
If boats or dives are cancelled due to bad weather or sea conditions, it is up to the dive center to re-schedule and compensate with a similar dive trip when conditions allow. If the customer does not have adequate time to enroll in another trip/course it is up to the customer to make sure the dive center notify Blue Venture of this in order to secure a refund via the sales agent who completed the sale with the customer. There will only be refund on the diving and not the accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION:
Unless mentioned in the destination information folder the accommodation is always part of the package.
If the dive center by any means can't deliver the agreed accommodation, it is up to their discretion to supply immediate accommodation of the same or higher standard. (the destination information folder is found on the Blue Venture website.)
If the accommodation somehow does not live up to satisfactory standards of the customer, the customer must contact Blue Venture by phone or email as soon as possible (preferably while still on site) in order to solve the problem.

DIVE INSTRUCTORS & DIVE GUIDES:
All contracted dive centers has been handpicked based on their level of professionalism and expertise. Blue Venture ensures that all guides and instructors have the correct education and experience. In the unlikely event that a customer suffers a bad experience with any guide, instructor or dive center facilities, Blue Venture is entitled to know, but can't by any means be held liable.
At the end of you dive experience as questionnaire will be sent out to you, that we would like you to answer. By doing this, you help securing a high level of professionalism towards all customers.

MEDICAL STATEMENT & LOGBOOK:
If you are about to enroll in a dive course (entry level only), you must fill out the RSTC Medical Statement before you leave your home country. Please make sure your agent has provided you with the RSTC Medical Statement. You can also print the medical statement from the link, further up on this page. If you need the medical statement reviewed by a doctor, you have 10 days from the date of the booking with the option of cancelling for free.
If you are already certified as a diver and about to go fundiving, you must remember your current dive certificate and your personal logbook or dive computer.