



## FACT SHEET

### Location

Zanzibar lies in the Indian Ocean 35 kilometers off the coast of mainland Tanzania, 20 minutes by plane, or two hours by ferry from Dar es Salaam. Kandili Villa is on the Northeast shore in front of Mnemba Island. Located just 1.15 minutes from the airport and the capital Stone Town, Kandili Villa lies on a 7 meters cliff with access to a beach at low tide. The village of Matemwe, with its fishermen and villagers collecting octopus and seaweeds at low tide, is just 5 minutes away.

From Tanzania and 6 degrees South of the Equator... Zanzibar is an amazing mix of Arabic, African and European civilizations.

The name of Zanzibar alone evokes wondrous images and intrigue, captivates the imagination and is a relatively unspoilt island. It is still seen as a “best kept secret” with magical, palm-lined beaches, small fishing villages and the fabulous historical capital, Stone Town. Its cultural history goes back centuries and attracts tourists, as well as artists, musicians and poets.

### Concept

Kandili Villa incorporates various influences of the island’s history to create a unique ambiance where guests are indulged in an elegant and sophisticated yet casual atmosphere. The Swahili, and modern style influences will ensure a delightful journey for the guests.

### The Villa and Annex

Set in the lush gardens the Villa and Annex are luxuriously accommodated with contemporary, stylish furniture reminiscent of the island’s African heritage. We can accommodate a maximum of 10 guests.

*The Villa* features 2 large double bedrooms on the ground floor with ensuite bathrooms which lead onto a small secluded private garden. His and hers bathrobes, mosquito nets, broadband internet access and air-conditioning are provided. Each room has French windows which lead into their own private verandas overlooking the pool and garden with day beds awaiting guests to relax and enjoy the views.

The master bedroom or family bedroom occupies the whole first floor of the Villa, with one king size bed and 1 queen size bed, it can accommodate 1 couple and 2 children. The ensuite bathroom features toilet, double basins, stand-alone bath and separate shower cabin. It has, his and hers bathrobes, mosquito nets, broadband internet access and air-conditioning. Its French windows lead onto their own private balconies overlooking the pool,

ocean and garden at the back and the garden at the front with day beds awaiting guests to relax and enjoy the views.

*The Annex*, a small house a few meters away from the villa features the same large double bedroom and amenities. It can accommodate 1 couple.

On the ground floor a modern and well equipped kitchen, a large living room with several couches, a TV with DSTV and DVD player, broadband internet access, and French windows leading onto the main veranda, pool and gardens.

The property features a pool deck and 11m pool with infinity edge and lush tropical gardens. Please note that the access to the pool is not guarded, therefore it is at your own risk, diving into the pool is strictly forbidden.

Access to the beach at low tide is also at your own risk, please refrain from diving from the rocks or the stairs at high tide as the depth of the ocean might be lower than you thought. It is strictly forbidden to swim past the coral reef. There is a wide turquoise-blue strip which lines Zanzibar's East Coast: this is the shallow-water between the land and the coastal barrier reef. Given that the tide retreats almost to the reef in many parts of the East Coast .

This map shows the location of Kandili Villa on a strip of cliff with beaches North and South of it. Kandili Villa is 4.5 km from Matemwe village.

The villa sits on a 9 m coral cliff. Just a few steps down a wooden stair and your toes sink into clean soft white sand. As the tide rises the beach vanishes, and the villa becomes an isolated haven. When the tide drops and the beach reappears, washed and swept by the sea. The villa is once again connected to the outside world and you can watch as local fishermen drag their boats out of the sea, and women and children hunt the shallows for shellfish.

The beach is therefore not private. It is not guarded either, so snorkeling and swimming are at your own risks. A timetable of the tides is provided. It is forbidden to swim beyond the reef barrier as you would be then in deep waters.

## Special Touches

- Complimentary cold towels, fruit juice on arrival
- In-villa guest registration
- In-villa complimentary amenities will include bottled water and internet access

## Local Attractions

A variety of fun and exciting tours are available in the surrounding area. Please ask the manager for assistance in booking reservations. Among others:

Stone Town walking tour: 3 hours + traveling time

Spice Farm tour: 2 hours + traveling time

Jozani Forest: 2 ½ hours + traveling time

Kizimkazi Dolphins: 3 hours + traveling time

Safari Blue: 7 hours + traveling

## Electricity and Hot water

220-240 volt AC electricity is supplied by the Zanzibar Corporation and by our generator when we have power cut. Plugs are the 3-pin English model.

Individual electrical heaters in each bedroom provide hot water.

## Temperature:

Low 20°C 68°F - High 33°C 91°F

Sea Temperature:

Low 25°C 77°F - High 29°C 84°F

## Night watchmen and Safety

There are 2 night watchmen who are on duty every evening.

## Valuables

Should you have anything valuable such as large sums of cash or important documents then please give these to the resident manger so she may put them in the safe.

## Rates include

- Staffed property, housekeepers, gardeners, pool attendant and security. Manager on site.
- Satellite TV, DVD player in the living room, WI-FI and air conditioning in all bedrooms, pool.
- All bedrooms with verandas and en suite bathrooms. Bath and shower in the family room.
- Linen and towels provided, beach towels and sunbeds.
- Rooms are serviced daily, Linen Changed twice a week.

## Rates excludes

- Laundry Service available
- Airport Taxes, Transfers
- Airport transfers (approx. 1hr. 20 min.). Per vehicle one way \$75 (up to 6 passengers)
- Spirits, wine and sodas

- Payments are Cash only (US\$, Euros, GBP, Tshs )- no Credit Cards please!
- Full board supplement is \$30 per person per night
- All extra activities / excursions / massages that the manager can organize for you

## Fact File of Zanzibar

### Geography

Zanzibar lies on the east coast of Africa and consists of Unguja Island (also called Zanzibar) and Pemba Island, with several surrounding islets.

The Island of Unguja is separated from mainland Tanzania by a shallow channel 37 km across at its narrowest point. It is 73 km from Dar es Salaam on the Tanzania coast and 219 km from Mombasa on the Kenya coast. The capital of Unguja Island is Stone Town. Pemba has three major towns; Wete, Chake Chake, and Mkoani.

### When to go

Zanzibar is a year-round destination. The coolest months are June through October, when the temperature averages 26 Celsius. This can soar to well over 30 degrees in the hot season from December to March. During November (the 'short rains') and between April and June (the 'long rains'), rainfall is higher. Rain in Zanzibar comes in short, sharp showers in the morning or afternoon, followed by the return of the sunshine.

High season is June, July and August, and mid -November to early January.

Zanzibar's predominantly Muslim population observes the fast of Ramadan for a month every year, during which time believers are forbidden to eat, drink or smoke between sunrise and sunset. As a result, many smaller restaurants and snack bars are closed during the day. Offices and shops are also closed in the afternoons. Tourist resorts and hotels are unaffected, but local discos, clubs and musical shows remain closed throughout the whole period. If you plan to arrive during that time, stay for the end of Ramadan, and enjoy the huge feast and party, the Eid Al Fitr, the most festive time on the isles.

### Visas and Vaccinations

Zanzibar is a semi autonomous state within Tanzania. Therefore, visitors from most countries are required to have a Tanzanian visa to enter. Please check with the Tanzanian Embassy or High Commission in your country before departure. Visas are valid for three months and cost varies depending on nationality. Multiple entry visas, allowing you to leave and return to Tanzania as many times as you like can only be issued from within Tanzania.

A \$30 departure tax is levied if you're leaving by air, and a \$5 port tax applies when you book a ferry ticket. This is payable in US dollars only.

### Money and Communications

The unit of currency in Zanzibar is the Tanzanian Shilling. US dollars are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and bars. By law, visitors have to settle hotel bills in US dollars or other hard currency, but this can be waived in smaller establishments. Internet and email communications are excellent in Stone Town, with many cheap Internet cafés. Outside Stone Town communications have vastly improved, and it is usually possible to find an email facility in the bigger villages on the coast.

Telecommunications in Zanzibar has also improved dramatically with a host of different companies offering good services at reasonable rates. The Tanzanian postal system is fairly reliable.

## Health and Safety

Visitors to Zanzibar are required by law to have a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate when they enter the country. Malaria prophylaxis is also recommended. See your travel doctor for other recommended inoculations and further details.

Drink bottled water and avoid uncooked foods that may have been washed in untreated water. Sunstroke and heat exhaustion are common, so drink enough water and wear protective clothing and high factor sunscreen.

Zanzibar is a safe country, and most locals are friendly and honest. But avoid flaunting wealth by wearing expensive jewelry or waving camera equipment around. Don't walk with all your valuables on you in Stone Town. Avoid walking alone on beaches, especially at night.

## Language

The national language is Kiswahili, though English is widely spoken.

## Important Cultural Considerations

Zanzibar's have a long history of religious tolerance and although the islands are 99% Muslim, alcohol and tobacco are freely available. Visitors are, however, requested to show consideration for the culture of Zanzibar by dressing modestly and refraining from public displays of affection. When walking in towns and villages, women should wear clothes that cover their shoulders and knees. Men should not walk bare-chested or wearing swimming trunks.

Many visitors refuse to cover up and this causes offense and often outrage amongst the local population, even though these feelings may not be directly expressed. As one sign says, "Short skirts are like nude" On the beaches swimwear is acceptable, but topless sunbathing is not.

During the fast of Ramadan, it is considered the height of bad manners to eat and drink in public places or while walking down the street.

Non- Muslims should not enter mosques unless specifically invited to do so. Only take pictures of people if you have their permission, and don't peer too obviously through the doorways of private houses in Stone Town