

# WELCOME TO ZANZIBAR – DELEGATE INFORMATION GUIDE

## ABOUT ZANZIBAR ISLAND

Zanzibar is a semi-autonomous region of Tanzania located in the Indian Ocean. It comprises two main islands, Unguja and Pemba, and several smaller islets.

- **Climate:** Tropical climate with two rainy seasons (March–May and November), and warm temperatures year-round (average 25–32°C).
- **Population:** Approximately 1.8 million people.
- **Language:** Kiswahili is the official language, with English widely spoken in tourism and business sectors.
- **Geographical Area:** Covers about 2,650 square kilometers, with Unguja being the largest island.
- **Time Zone:** GMT +3.

Zanzibar is known for its cultural heritage, spice farms, and beautiful white-sand beaches.

## TRAVEL TO ZANZIBAR

- **Abeid Amani Karume International Airport**  
Delegates are expected to arrive ZANZIBAR through Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (ZNZ), the island's main point of entry. The airport is located approximately 6 km from Stone Town and handles nearly all international and domestic flights.
- **Via Julius Nyerere International Airport, Dar es Salaam**  
For delegations arriving via **Julius Nyerere International Airport (DAR)** and continuing onward to Zanzibar by domestic flights, **no transportation arrangements will be arranged**. Delegates are responsible for making their own connections to Zanzibar.
- However, local support staff may be present at the domestic terminal to assist with **general guidance and directions**. Delegates are advised to book connecting flights to Zanzibar in advance. Flight duration from Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar is approximately **20–25 minutes**.

## VISA INFORMATION

- Delegates must apply for a visa online by completing the application form, making the required payment, and submitting their application through the official visa portal: <https://visa.immigration.go.tz>.
- Applicants can also track the status of their application through the same portal.
- In some cases, applicants may be required to attend an interview at the nearest Tanzanian Embassy or Consular Office.

- For comprehensive information on visa requirements and categories, delegates are advised to visit the Immigration Department's official page: <https://www.immigration.go.tz/index.php/immigration-services/visa-information>

## TRANSPORTATION

- Upon arrival at **Abeid Amani Karume International Airport**, delegates are responsible for arranging their own transportation to their respective hotels.

Recommended local transport options include:

- **Airport taxis:** readily available at the terminal
- **Hotel shuttles:** if booked in advance directly through your accommodation

## LOCAL TRANSPORT


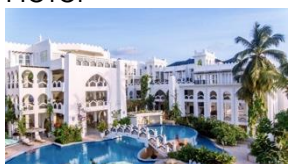

- Delegates will be provided with daily transportation from hotel to the meeting venue and back for all official meeting days. This service will be available only for delegates staying at hotels listed from the recommended hotel list.
- To facilitate this arrangement, delegates must **submit their hotel booking details in advance** to the coordination team.
- General Transport: Taxis are available. Ensure to agree on the fare before boarding.

## CONNECTIVITY & COMMUNICATION

- Most hotels offer Wi-Fi.
- Power plugs are **Type G (UK-style)** – voltage is 220V. If you're traveling from a country with a different plug type, it's advisable to bring a suitable adapter.

## ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are **responsible for covering the full cost of their accommodation** during their stay in the United Republic of Tanzania. The following are recommended Hotels for accommodation

HOTEL NAME	HOTEL LOCATION	CONTACTS	STAR RATING	NUMBER OF ROOMS	NEGOTIATED PRICE (USD)	DISTANCE TO THE VENUE	REMARKS
Golden Tulip 	Airport	<a href="mailto:rez@goldentulipzanzibarairport.com">rez@goldentulipzanzibarairport.com</a> +255718108032 <a href="https://zanzibar-airport.goldentulip.com">https://zanzibar-airport.goldentulip.com</a>	*****	122	DELUXE ROOMS ONLY – USD 140	At the Venue	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis
Madinat Al Bahar Hotel 	Mbweni	<a href="mailto:sales@madinathotel.co.tz">sales@madinathotel.co.tz</a> +255766930039 <a href="http://www.madinatalbahar.com">www.madinatalbahar.com</a>	*****	119	STANDARD - 135 EXECUTIVE - 185	2.9 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis
Zanzibar Beach Resort 	Mazizini	<a href="mailto:sales@zanzibarbeachresort.net">sales@zanzibarbeachresort.net</a>  +255 658231825/ +752231825  <a href="https://zanzibarbeachresort.tz-zanzibar.com/">https://zanzibarbeachresort.tz-zanzibar.com/</a>	***	84	SEA VIEW ROOMS – USD 85 GARDEN VIEW ROOMS – USD 85 DELUXE GARDEN VIEW – USD 85 ROOMS JUNIOR SUITE ROOMS– USD 85	2.9 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis
Zanzibar Sea View Hotel	Mazizini	<a href="mailto:gm@hoteloceanroup.com">gm@hoteloceanroup.com</a> +255776024486	-	17	SEA VIEW ROOMS SINGLE - USD 70 SEA VIEW ROOMS DOUBLE – USD 80	2.9 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis

					SEA VIEW ROOMS TRIPLE – USD 110		
Mbweni Ruins Hotel 	Mbweni	<a href="mailto:info@mbweniruinsandgardens.com">info@mbweniruinsandgardens.com</a> +255778242424  <a href="https://www.mbweniruinsandgardens.com/">https://www.mbweniruinsandgardens.com/</a>		14	OCEAN VIEW JUNIOR KING SUITE– USD 130 OCEAN VIEW SENIOR KING SUITE– USD 210 OCEAN VIEW EXECUTIVE KING SUITE – 250	2.9 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis
Zanzibar Ocean View Resort 	Kilimani	<a href="mailto:gm@hoteloceanroup.com">gm@hoteloceanroup.com</a>  <a href="https://oceanviewhotel.tz-zanzibar.com/">https://oceanviewhotel.tz-zanzibar.com/</a>	*	40	SINGLE- USD 60 DOUBLE - USD 70	4.6 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis
New Amaan Hotel 	Amaan	<a href="mailto:reservation@newamaanhotel.com">reservation@newamaanhotel.com</a> <a href="http://www.newamaanhotel.ct.ws/hotel/">www.newamaanhotel.ct.ws/hotel/</a>		24	STANDARD ROOM – USD 70 TWIN ROOM – USD 70 SUITE – UD 90	6.4 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis
Zanzibar Serena Hotel 	Shangani	<a href="mailto:zanzibar@serena.co.tz">zanzibar@serena.co.tz</a> <a href="mailto:kuledi@serena.co.tz">kuledi@serena.co.tz</a> +255777481116, +255774440010  <a href="https://serenahotel.tz-zanzibar.com/">https://serenahotel.tz-zanzibar.com/</a>	*****	51	EXECUTIVE SUITE – USD 240 PRIME ROOM – USD 280 STANDARD ROOM- USD 415	7.5 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis

	Shang ani	<a href="mailto:reservations@tembohotel.com">reservations@tembohotel.com</a> 0773032509 <a href="https://tembohotel.com/">https://tembohotel.com/</a>	****	100	USD 75 - 205	7.5 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis
	Shang ani	<a href="mailto:Tumaini.sanga@turacollection.com">Tumaini.sanga@turacollection.com</a> +255779999032 <a href="https://spicetreebyturaco.tz-zanzibar.com/">https://spicetreebyturaco.tz-zanzibar.com/</a>	****	58	Single standard room – USD 160 Deluxe Standard Room -USD 170 Suite occupied room – USD 220	7.5 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis. Additional payment 5 USD per night the Infrastructure Tax
	Shang ani	<a href="mailto:reservations@beytalsalaam.com">reservations@beytalsalaam.com</a> +255779999142 +255777999595 <a href="https://www.beytalsalaam.com/">https://www.beytalsalaam.com/</a>	****	11	STANDARD ROOM – USD 115 DELUXE ROOMS – USD 1125 SUPERIOR – USD 135	7.5 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis
	Shang ani	<a href="mailto:zanzibar.park@hyatt.com">zanzibar.park@hyatt.com</a> <a href="http://www.parkhyattzanzibar.com">www.parkhyattzanzibar.com</a> +255245501234	*****	67	SINGLE ROOM – USD 580 DOUBLE ROOM – USD 610	7.5 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis
	Mtoni	<a href="mailto:reservations@znz.hotelverde.com">reservations@znz.hotelverde.com</a> +255 712 498259 <a href="https://hotelverdeanzibar.com/">https://hotelverdeanzibar.com/</a>	*****	105	EXECUTIVE ROOMS ONLY USD 180 - 215	9.9 km	Rate per person per night on Bed and Breakfast basis

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- All travellers arriving from yellow fever endemic countries must be vaccinated against yellow fever and present proof of vaccination upon arrival at the point of entry.
- Delegates are required to purchase **Inbound Travel Insurance** from the **Zanzibar Insurance Corporation (ZIC)** via the link: <https://inbound.visitzanzibar.go.tz>.
  - **Cost:** \$44 USD per adult; \$22 USD for children aged 3–17; free for children under 3.
  - This requirement applies even if you already have international travel insurance.

## MEDICAL FACILITIES

- First aid and essential medical support will be available at the meeting venue for delegates who may require it;
- For more serious medical issues, delegates will be referred to **Lumumba Hospital**. Emergency treatment will be covered under the **Zanzibar Insurance Corporation (ZIC)**. An **ambulance and medical team** will be stationed at the meeting venue during official meeting hours.
- For **emergencies outside meeting hours**, delegates should contact the **hotel reception**. If further assistance is needed, please contact the coordination team.

## OTHER USEFUL TIPS

- **Dress Modestly:** Delegates are encouraged to dress modestly, particularly in public spaces, in respect of local customs and cultural norms.
- **Local Currency:** The local currency is Tanzanian Shillings (TZS), but US Dollars (USD) are also widely accepted. It's advisable to carry some local currency for small purchases.
- **Safety:** Zanzibar is generally safe for visitors, but exercise caution with valuables and in unfamiliar areas.
- **Water:** It's recommended to drink bottled water to avoid health issues or illness.

## SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

As part of the ARSO General Assembly 2025, two social programmes have been organized for delegates on **Friday, 27th June 2025**, from **14:30 hrs to 17:00 hrs**. These include:



- i. Industrial Visit; and
- ii. Tourism Excursion

#### **A. HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Delegates who wish to join either the **industrial visit** or the **tourism excursion** are requested to **register in advance** by signing up at the **ARSO GA Welcoming Desk**.

- All trips will **depart promptly at 14:30 hrs**.
- Delegates are kindly asked to **gather at the Golden Tulip Hotel conference hall by 14:00 hrs** for departure arrangements.

#### **B. TOURISM EXCURSION**

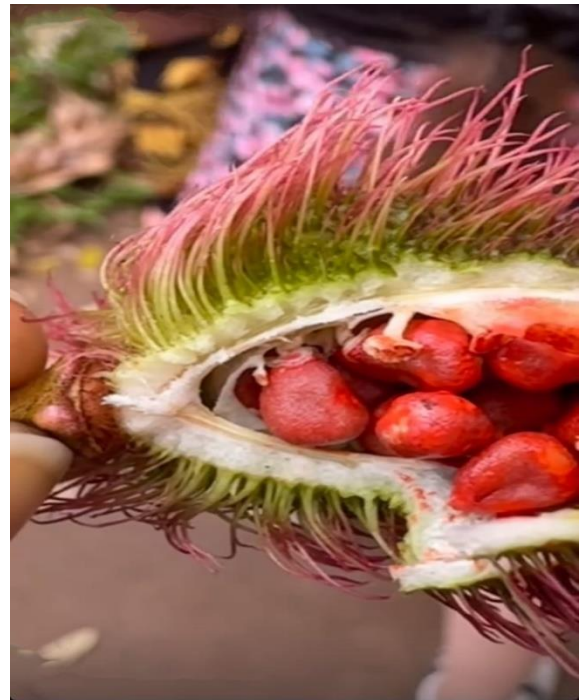
**Destination:** Spice Plantations – Zanzibar

**Departure Time:** 14:30 hrs by Bus

**Assembly Point:** Golden Tulip Hotel Conference Hall – 14:00 hrs

**Transfer back hotel:** 17.00hrs

#### **Experience the Fragrant Charm of Zanzibar**



Delegates will embark on a cultural trip to experience Zanzibar Island's world-renowned spice plantations. The tour offers a unique opportunity to explore the island's rich agricultural heritage, aromatic spice farms, and local farming traditions.

Delegates will visit selected spice farms, where they will:

- Learn about the cultivation of cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla, cardamom, and other spices;
  - Enjoy guided walks through the lush plantations, with opportunities to see, touch, smell and taste various spices in their natural form;
  - Discover the historical and economic significance of the spice trade in Zanzibar;
  - Have a chance to purchase fresh, locally produced spices as souvenirs.
- Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.*

### C. INDUSTRIAL VISIT

**Destination:** Bakhresa Group – Zanzibar Milling Corporation Ltd

**Departure Time:** 14:30 hrs by bus

**Assembly Point:** Golden Tulip Hotel Conference Hall – 14:00 hrs

**Transfer back hotel:** 17.00hrs

#### Zanzibar milling corporation ltd



#### About the Industry:

Established in 1994, the company began operations with a milling capacity of 120 MT/day for wheat, 50 MT/day for maize, and 60 MT/hour for paddy.

Currently operating under Said Salim Bakhresa & Company Ltd, Zanzibar Milling has expanded its wheat milling capacity to 320 MT per day. The maize and paddy milling operations have been relocated to more suitable locations.

Zanzibar Milling Corporation Ltd is part of the Bakhresa Group of Companies, which operates across East, Central, and Southern Africa, with its headquarters in Tanzania.



## EXCURSIONS IN ZANZIBAR

- 1. Stone Town Tour:** This is a three-hour tour that starts at your hotel or entry point where you'll stroll through the historic Old Town. Our first visit during this Zanzibar tour is the fruit market which was opened in 1904. You will see and buy a variety of tropical fruits and spices. This is the best place where you will feel the multiculturalism of Zanzibar, made up of residents from different backgrounds. From there, you will then head to the Anglican Cathedral of Mkunazini built by



Bishop Streers in 1874, exactly on the site of the former slave market. The guide will also show you where slaves are believed to have been kept before being auctioned. The church's crucifix came from the Chitambo tree, under which Dr. Livingstone's heart was buried. From here you will visit the National Museums of Zanzibar, commonly known as the Peace Memorial Museums.

- 2. Spice Tour:** A guided tour of three to four hours, You will pass by the spice plantations of Kizimbani. Here you can see, touch a wide variety of spices, fruits, aromatic herbs, plants and ornamental flowers. You'll also have the opportunity to pick, smell, and enjoy fruits and spices you've probably never seen on supermarket shelves, cloves, star fruits, tangerines, lemongrass, mangoes, "lip trees," etc. little of what you can expect to see! This is the cheapest place to buy locally made oils and perfumes. When the tour is over we return to your hotel



- 3. Safari Blue:** "The most talked about sea adventure on Zanzibar", a very special product that includes a full-day excursion to discover the beautiful Menai Bay Conservation Area, in the south-west of the island of Zanzibar. Blue Safari starts at 9am and ends at 4pm. Safari Blue departs from the fishing village of Fumba and explores from there the sandbanks, islands, lagoons and wonders of the bay and Indian Ocean in the comfort of our traditional boats. THE tour starts with the first stop at the sandbank, followed by snorkelling over the coral reef, seafood lunch will be served at Kwale Island. A few minutes later, we will visit the baobab, a very large tree and we finish by swimming on the mangrove lagoon (the natural pool).



- 4. Prison Island Tour:** A relaxing half-day tour of the beautiful island off the coast of Zanzibar City, 30 minutes from Stone Town crossing by small boat. The use of the island has now changed, whether it was originally built as a prison, it has never been assigned to this function. Later, it was used as about forty slaves for all of East Africa. The remains of the construction are still visible. The island offers a breathtaking view of the city especially during the night; There is a very nice little sandy beach where swimming in the crystal clear waters is a wonder. It is also home to the giant tortoise, which is now under strict conservation. A brief guided tour of the island will provide the true picture.



5. **Nakupenda Island:** Nakupenda in swahili Means "**I love you**". It was regularly visited by the honeymooners or newly wedded couple who went to celebrate their marriage and that is the reason why it was called Nakupenda. It is an extension after visiting the island of Prison. You will have the opportunity to walk on the sandbank, swim and snorkel next to the island. Lunch is included



6. **Jozani Forest:** This is a guided tour that lasts three hours to visit the forest. The forest is the only remaining natural vegetation. It is a homeland of many endemic species of fauna and flora. Here you will see the red monkey, velvet cats, snakes, mangroves, a variety of small trees, shrubs, marshes and grasses. Walking through the mangrove plateau, you will see shrimp and different species of mangroves. This is the best trip to discover the nature of the forest and you will have the unique opportunity to see and take photos and videos with the red colobus monkey found only in Zanzibar.





**7. Mnemba Island:** Located in the north of the island in the fishing village of Matemwe is home to several schools of white-nosed dolphins and humpback dolphins, which can often be spotted after a short boat trip from the village. If you're lucky, you may be able to swim quite close to dolphins, which can be a very rewarding experience. This excursion will also allow you to snorkel next to the Mnemba Island, full of fish and corals, lunch, fruit and drinks are included in the program.



**8. Beaches of Zanzibar:** Famous for their powdery white sands and clear tropical waters, Zanzibar beaches are a gateway to colourful world of coral reefs and marine life just offshore. When people in Zanzibar are not swimming, snorkeling or diving, they are relaxing under the shade of the palm trees.

