

ZANZIBAR SERENA HOTEL FACT SHEET



Splendidly situated in two lavishly restored historic buildings in the heart of the legendary Stone Town, Zanzibar Serena Hotel, offers extensive recreation, fabulous cuisine and proximity to all the delights of this most magical of spice islands.

Location

The Zanzibar Serena Hotel is situated on the sea-front of ancient Stone Town, and flanked by an exotic mix of sultan's palaces, Portuguese forts, ancient dhow harbours and bright bazaars.

Accommodation

The accommodation in the Zanzibar Serena Hotel is a haven of cool and shade. With high ceilings, shuttered windows and cool white walls, they are constructed in the traditional Swahili manner. Four-poster, net draped beds dominate, offset by delicate side tables, vanity units and louver doors giving access onto balconies, some of which feature massive free-standing hammocks.

Total Number of Rooms 51:

- 1 Presidential Suite
- 2 Executive Suites
- 1 Honeymoon Room
- 6 Prime Rooms
- 15 Standard Rooms with King size Beds
- 20 Standard Rooms with Twin Beds
- 6 Standard Rooms with Convertible Beds

Room Amenities

- Satellite TV
- Air conditioners
- Mini-Bar
- Tea/ Coffee making facilities
- In room safe
- Telephone and Free WiFi
- 240V/3-pin(square) sockets and Shaver Sockets
- Hair Dryers
- Complimentary mineral water
- Mosquito Nets
- 24-hour room service
- Bathrobe and Slippers

Guest Services & Facilities

- Swimming pool and pool deck
- Laundry and Valet services
- Baby sitter and children's dining/menus
- 24 hour on call medical services
- Foreign Currency Exchange
- All day complimentary Tea & Coffee
- Porter/concierge
- Gift shop
- Airport shuttle and limousine service

Child Policy

3 of the Standard rooms can fit an extra bed and can accommodate 2 adults and 1 child.

All 3 suites are interconnected to a standard twin room through an internal door.

All Prime rooms are interconnected to a standard twin room through an external door on the balcony.

Child under 2 years sharing a room with 1-2 adults is accommodated on a complimentary basis, Child 2 to 12 years of age sharing a room with 2 adults is charged 50% of the per person adult rate. If own room is required 75% of the adult rate is charged. Young adult 13 to 17 years of age is charged 75% of the per person adult rate whether sharing or on their own.

Activities

- Mangapwani Beach (free shuttles take guests to the Serena's exclusive beach hideaway)
- Guided Stone Town Tours
- Spice Tours
- Dhow trips and idyllic island escapes
- Dolphin, turtle and humpback whale watching
- Swahili feasts with live Taarab music

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Highlight of a Stay

A half day guided tour through the historic winding streets of Stone Town. History brought to life.

Dining

- The Baharia Restaurant

Lapped by the waves of the Indian Ocean, the Baharia Restaurant offers all-day international and Swahili cuisine. Weekly Swahili banquets are also held around the pool.

- The Terrace Restaurant

On the roof of Zanzibar Serena Hotel is the exclusive open-air Terrace Restaurant, which looks out over the bay and features a supreme selection of freshly-caught sea food.

- The Masahani Bar

Presented in traditional Swahili style, the Masahani Bar also offers performances by traditional Taarab orchestras.

- The Pool Terrace

Indoor and outdoor seating overlooks the pool terrace where a wide range of drinks and snacks are served all day long.

- The Mdele Coffee Shop

Adjacent to the pool, the Mdele Coffee Shop offers traditional Swahili coffee, fresh-baked pastries and a wide range of international beverages and snacks.

- The Mangapwani Beach Barbeque

A short drive from the Zanzibar Serena Hotel, the Serena's exclusive beach hideaway offers a superb seafood barbeque lunch.

- Room service

The hotel offers 24-hour room service, which features an extensive menu offering everything from the classic club sandwich to a delicately-spiced curry. They can also serve a private lunch or dinner in your room or suite; or to provide cocktails and canapés on your private terrace.

Nearby Places of Interest

- Portuguese Fort
- Sultan's Palace
- Old Dhow Port
- Old Slave Market
- The House of Wonders
- The Jozani Forest - the last red colobus monkey sanctuary

Access

The hotel is in Stone Town, which is in the 'Old Town' of Zanzibar City, which lies on the western side of the island of the same name. Zanzibar has an international airport, which is approximately 20 minutes flight from the mainland. There are daily flights linking Zanzibar with Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Arusha, the northern safari circuit airstrips and Nairobi (Kenya). Ferries and speed boats link Zanzibar with Dar es Salaam daily and with Pemba several times weekly. The airport is 7km south of Zanzibar Town and the journey takes 15 minutes by taxi. Airport transfers available upon request from the hotel.

Check In/Out Times

- Check in – 12:00
- Check out – 10:00

Climate

Zanzibar enjoys a typical Equatorial climate. From December to March the weather is hot and relatively dry with a cooler period from June to October. The heavy rains are from March to the end of May and the short rains usually arrive during the month of November. The climate lends itself to an unforgettable beach holiday in Zanzibar.

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