

# Zebras & Zanzibar

## 11 days | Nairobi to Dar es Salaam



*The perfect combo of action and idyllic island relaxation! Go wild in Tanzania's top national parks before heading over to the gorgeous island of Zanzibar for some sun, sea & sand!*

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Ngorongoro Crater - traverse the UNESCO-listed Ngorongoro Crater
- Serengeti - discover Africa's most famous game reserve on morning and evening game drives
- Zanzibar - enjoy a Dhow sunset cruise, spice plantation visit and relax on the pristine white sand beaches
- Meserani - visit the Masai Cultural museum for an insight into bush life
- Dar es Salaam - spend the night at our beachside campsite
- Rift Valley Escarpment - travel up the Rift Valley to the higher village of Karatu
- Arusha - pass through this sprawling Tanzanian city

#### What's Included

- 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners
- Arrival transfer from Nairobi Airport

- 1st night dormitory accommodation at Kenya Comfort Hotel, 6 nights camping. Tents and sleeping mats provided
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- All camping fees and appropriate equipment
- 3 night Zanzibar Excursion including ferry transfer, accommodation, Spice Tour and Dhow Sunset Cruise
- All road taxes and tolls
- Park entry & game drives in Serengeti NP and Ngorongoro NP

#### What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Sleeping bag - please bring your own
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

#### Local Payment

\$1200pp, paid in USD.

The local payment is a cost per person which needs to be paid in US Dollars cash only. It is this payment which in part covers the park fees and other inclusions such as meals as detailed under 'what you get'. The local payment also covers your arrival transfer and 1st night's accommodation. Please note that due to exchange rate fluctuations in the US dollar, the local payment amount may be subject to changes. This payment will be collected by your tour leader at the Welcome Meeting on day 1.

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Nairobi

Saturday. Welcome to Nairobi! You will be met in Nairobi Airport arrivals hall by our representative holding an On The Go tours/ Africa Travel Company sign and transferred to our start hotel in Nairobi. Check into your shared dorm before meeting your fellow passengers and crew at 17:00 for a welcome meeting.

#### Overnight - Nairobi

#### Day 2 : Arusha

Nairobi - Arusha (Tanzania). This morning we head out of busy Nairobi and travel south crossing the border into Tanzania at Namanga. Tonight we stay at a campsite in Meserani on the outskirts of Arusha, before heading out on our excursion to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater tomorrow. **Overnight - Arusha (L, D)**

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## Days 3-5 : Serengeti & Ngorongoro



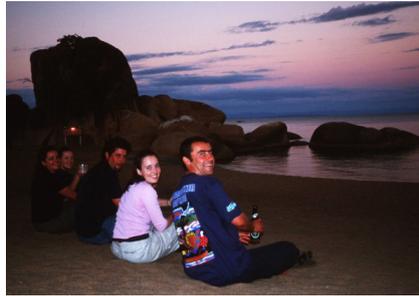
Arusha - Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti. This morning visit the Meserani Reptile Museum and Masai Cultural Museum, see the iconic Tinga Tinga paintings in a local gallery by the campsite. Or perhaps enjoy free time for lunch at our campsite against the backdrop of Mount Meru before we meet our Tanzanian guides and travel via the Masai town of Mtu Wa Mbu (Mosquito River) that lies adjacent to the Lake Manyara National Park and then up the Rift Valley Escarpment to the higher lying village of Karatu, our base for the night.

The following morning, we depart early for the Ngorongoro Conservation area and head into the wildlife rich Ngorongoro Crater. This World Heritage Site boasts some of the best game viewing in Africa – including the elusive Black Rhino. Following our game drive in the Crater rim, we head down past the “Cradle of Mankind” on our way to the Serengeti National Park, crossing vast plains as we drive through the southern and central areas of the park. Tonight we camp in the bushveld surrounded by the sounds of the African wilderness. In the morning, we head off for another game drive and explore the landscape in search of the resident game. With some luck, we may see some of Africa’s ‘Big 5’. We return to Arusha on day 5.

**Included Activity: Serengeti & Ngorongoro excursion.**

**Overnight - Karatu (1) Serengeti (1) Arusha (1)**  
(B:3, L:3, D:3)

## Day 6 : Arusha to Pangani



Arusha - Pangani. We head to Arusha to stock up on supplies before continuing on towards Pangani. On the way we drive through the town of Moshi situated at the magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro – Africa’s highest mountain. Moshi is the base for Mount Kilimanjaro climbing expeditions, and weather permitting; we may even catch a glimpse of this magical mountain’s snowy summit - a photo opportunity not to be missed! We pass through vast sisal plantations surrounded by The Usambara and Pare Mountain ranges, before reaching our lovely campsite nestled between these mountains, midway between Arusha and Dar es Salaam.

**Overnight - Pangani (B, L, D)**

## Day 7 : Dar es Salaam

Pangani - Dar es Salaam. Spend the day travelling through lush scenery and palm trees as we near the warm Indian Ocean to our campsite in the city of Dar es Salaam. Today’s drive time is extended due to the heavier amount of traffic heading into the city, but the sights and sounds of Dar’s vibrant outer suburbs are sure to keep you entertained. Look out for the colourful shop-fronts with their sometimes humorous ‘catch phrases’. We have the rest of the day at leisure to prepare for our departure to Zanzibar the next morning. **Overnight - Dar es Salaam (B, L, D)**

## Days 8-10 : Zanzibar



Dar es Salaam - Zanzibar. A ferry from Dar es Salaam takes us to the “Spice Island,” where we spend the next 3 nights. Zanzibar is steeped in history and was one of the major starting points for most East African explorers in their quest for new lands. New passengers may join us to replace those that’ll leave us at the end of our excursion to Zanzibar.

Whilst in Zanzibar you’ll stay at the Safari Lodge or similar in Stone Town and the 2nd and 3rd night at either Sunset Bungalows or Amaan Bungalows on Nungwe Beach.

History aside, Zanzibar offers a wealth of experiences for the visitor. Today the quiet streets of the old Stone Town still retain their Arabic influence, from the Medina-like shops to the palaces of the Sultans, who founded their vast empires on the spoils of the slave and ivory trade. The island is famous for its spices and an excursion around a spice plantation is always a fascinating experience. Other options include a trip to the beautiful beaches and giant tortoises of Prison Island, a full day scuba dive in Nungwe or a fishing trip in a traditional dhow. Mopeds are available for hire if you’d like to explore the more remote areas of the island. Zanzibar is a seafood lover’s paradise. Numerous restaurants offer a great variety of the freshest catch from the ocean - crayfish being a popular speciality. Alternatively, mingle with the locals for dinner at the Forodhani Gardens seafront market, where delicious, inexpensive seafood is on offer.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Meals are for your own account whilst on Zanzibar. The Trip Leader joins you while meals can be enjoyed from a wide selection of restaurants. There are also a wide variety of optional excursions on offer.

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please see the price guide at the end of this document for more details.

**Included activity:** Zanzibar excursion, Spice Tour & Dhow Excursion (day 8).

**Overnight - Zanzibar (B:1)**

## Day 11 : Dar es Salaam

Zanzibar - Dar es Salaam. Leaving Zanzibar in the afternoon, we return to Dar es Salaam on the mainland. Arrival back to camp is usually in the late afternoon, or early evening. In Dar we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!

### HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

### Kenya Comfort Hotel

Comfortable dormitory accommodation in central Nairobi (upgrades available on request). The Kenya Comfort Hotel also features an outdoor pool, restaurant serving a good array of local and international dishes as well as a fully stocked bar - perfect for relaxing before or after your epic overland adventure.



### Kipepeo Village

The Tanzanian bush meets the blue waters of the Indian Ocean at Kipepeo Beach & Village, situated on the south coast of Dar Es Salaam. The campsite is right on the beach itself and is a popular destination for watersports adventures or simple relaxation. Facilities include a beach bar and restaurant. Upgrades are available to the twenty elevated ensuite chalets, built in the

bush and decorated in traditional Swahili style, provide a stunning ocean views.



## About Overlanding

- To get the most out of your overland tour of Africa we highly suggest you read the 'About Overland Safaris' page on our website. It can be found under the Africa travel guide section on our website and is a comprehensive resource for understanding what to expect on an overland tour in Africa
- Overlanding is not considered a luxury holiday but is undoubtedly a lot of fun if camping under the stars and being part of an entirely self-sufficient travelling group is to your liking
- Africa is a vast continent and distances between the highlights we visit can be very far apart, but some early morning starts and late arrivals into camp will ensure that your time is maximised to see as many sights as possible
- We believe that a flexible approach to travel and good sense of humour are essential when undertaking overland safaris, although we trust that any hiccups in the itinerary will be resolved as soon as possible by our trusted partners

## Tour Leaders and Groups

Our longest Overland Camping Safari we offer is our Great African Expedition - 57 Days, generally all other safaris we offer are sectors of this larger safari or similarly a fragment of one of the another safari's we offer. As such, on your holiday you may have travellers join you part way through your safari and also there may be travellers who end their safari when you continue on. There may also be times when there is a change of crew and truck (changed to suit group size or local road conditions).

## Please Note

**This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers**

**from different operators, not solely On The Go.**

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip.

## Who's on tour?

People from all over decide that the back to basics and close-up approach to viewing Africa is for them – from Canada to New Zealand to Singapore and the UK. Generally people are 30-50yrs, easy going and happy to participate. They have a love of camping and as some days are long, don't mind a drive. Whilst the truck is purpose built and ideal for this style of safari, for those who require more comfort we suggest you opt for one of our lodge safaris.

## Things To Bring

- A rucksack/back pack is the best luggage to bring as your main bag
- A sleeping bag
- For extra comfort, bring a travel pillow
- A towel
- Spare camera batteries/film and dustbag
- Mosquito spray (with active DEET ingredient)
- Your own personal first aid kit
- A torch
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Antibacterial wipes
- A photocopy of your passport data pages
- Your Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate
- Your travel insurance policy details
- Hat, sunglasses & sunscreen
- Warm clothing - raincoat, warm hat, socks, gloves etc as across Africa wet/dry and hot/cool climatic periods change invariably.

## Budgeting

Africa is not as cheap as many people believe and we recommend that you budget between US \$50-70 per day for expenses such as drinks, snacks and curios. Budget more if

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you plan on buying a lot of souvenirs and budget for your optional excursions and visas separately.

## Transport on Tour

Our overland vehicles are custom built converted Mercedes Benz or MAN trucks that have seating

space for our passengers and a storage areas for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat

between 27-30 passengers on our camping trips. Most seats are forward facing, though some models have a combination of forward, backward and some inward facing seats with tables. There is no air-conditioning on board, instead vehicles have sliding glass windows, and the seating area is raised providing a great advantage for game viewing and photography. Seats are cushioned and there is storage space for personal items like cameras, snacks and day packs in the seating area.

## Meals on Tour

Meals and menus vary as food is purchased en-route, and is subject to produce that is available

seasonally in the areas we travel through. As we support the local communities along the way, fresh produce is mostly purchased direct from the producer or local grower and therefore has an organic appearance. Our safari cooks are able to offer a wide variety of menus with the ingredients available, even if the produce on offer is not of the same selection as what you may be used to back home. The breakfast spread consists of bread (toast when time allows), spreads and cereals with a hot breakfast every few days. Lunches are mostly prepared en-route with a supply of 'build your own' sandwich ingredients available. Dinners are cooked in the evenings on arrival at the campsite. A wide array of dinner menus are on offer during your safari, consisting of curries, stews, pastas, BBQs and even roasts!

## Participation on Tour

All of our overland safaris are participation trips meaning that all passengers are expected to help out around camp. The crew members running the trip will set up a rota

system that will be followed. One day you may be on cleaning duty, the next day you may be on cooking duty and so forth. This is not only to make the trip easier for all involved but also for you as the passengers to get to know one another while on trip.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

### Passports & Visas

Please ensure that you have at least two blank pages in your passport, plus an additional blank page for each visa/African country you are visiting. If travelling on one of our longer overland safaris we recommend that you have at least 12 blank pages in your passport.

Please also note that your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the end date of your trip.

Any visa information provided in this document is for general guidance purposes only, visa requirements and fees are subject to change. It is essential that you check current entry requirements with each relevant embassy/consulate prior to departure. Visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not of On The Go.

### Booking Your Flights

When booking your departure flight you should allow time at the end of your African safari for any unexpected delays. We recommend that you book your onward flight no earlier than 24 hours after the end of your safari. In the case of our longer overland camping safaris (22 days or more) we advise against making any firm arrangements for at least 48 hours after the scheduled departure date. Your tour leader can help to arrange post tour accommodation locally upon request.

### Allergies/Likes/Dislikes

Whilst all will done to accommodate everyone, sometimes the choice available is limited as your cook may be making the best of very limited availability, so some flexibility may be required when encountering something you're not particularly fond of or have chosen not to eat as a lifestyle choice. Should you possess allergies which will result

in a medical emergency or a life threatening situation then please ensure you speak to your cook on arrival so you can discuss the options available whilst en-route. This will ensure also that they are fully aware of what you can or cannot eat and make adjustments.

## Kenya Country Guide

### Visas

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

South African passport holders do not require a visa to visit Kenya for up to 30 days. Most other nationalities, including UK, USA, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand passport holders, do require a visa to enter Kenya.

On 1st July 2015 the government of Kenya introduced an electronic visa application. It is still possible to purchase a visa upon arrival up until 31 August 2015. From 01 September 2015 ALL tourists wishing to visit Kenya need to apply for a visa online at [www.ecitizen.go.ke](http://www.ecitizen.go.ke). The visa process can take up to 7 working days. For further details please visit our Kenya visa page -<http://www.onthegotours.com/Kenya/Visas>.

All passengers require an onward/return tickets and sufficient funds for length of intended stay (at least US\$500).

The border crossings we use in Kenya include:

Busia (Kenya/Uganda border)  
Namanga (Kenya/Tanzania border)  
Isebania (Kenya/Tanzania border)

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is required for travel to Kenya and if travelling from an infected area it must be presented upon arrival in order to be granted entry. Please also note that if you are travelling onward to Uganda and/or Rwanda you will

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## East Africa Tourist Visa

If you are planning on visiting Uganda and/or Rwanda when travelling to Kenya then you can apply for an East Africa tourist visa which will cover all countries. The visa allows multiple entry into these countries and is valid for 90 days. It can be applied for in advance or upon arrival at Nairobi International Airport.

## Vaccinations

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Kenya from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Polio, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A&B and Tetanus is strongly recommended. Rabies and Meningitis are also recommended.

There is the risk of malaria in Kenya so it is very important to check with your doctor before you go, to see whether malarial medication is required for the areas you are visiting. A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is required for travel to Kenya and if travelling from an infected area it must be presented upon arrival in order to be granted entry. Please also note that if you are travelling onward to Uganda and/or Rwanda you will need a Yellow Fever Certificate to produce on arrival in order to be granted entry.

## Time & Voltage

Kenya is 3 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

In Kenya the standard voltage is 220-240V. Primary sockets require a 'Type G' - British BS-1363 type, three pin plug. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances. We recommend packing a universal adapter.

## Currency

The currency of Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (code KES, symbol KSh).

1 KSh = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of: KSh1,000, 500, 200, 100 and 50.

Coins are in denominations of KSh20, 10 and 5.

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1500, Sat 0900-1100. You can exchange money in banks or bureau de changes. Be aware that old pre-2010 US\$ banknotes or torn or marked banknotes are difficult to exchange in Africa so make sure you take crisp new notes! In major towns/cities most banks have an ATM. American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa cards are all widely accepted.

Travellers cheques can be changed at banks, these should be in US Dollars or Pound Sterling to avoid additional exchange rate charges. Most banks will want to see your passport and proof of purchase receipt before cashing your travellers cheques. Please Note: Travellers cheques can be difficult to cash and often have restrictions of about US\$100 a day maximum. They also tend to attract high commission charges, especially when exchanging for hard currency.

## Climate

Kenya is an excellent year round destination with a favourable climate and reasonably low rainfall. In general the hottest months are December to March, although the climate varies enormously from place to place. The lowland coastal areas are tropical, with year round high temperatures and humidity, which is at its peak in April and May, although tempered by monsoon winds. The highlands are more temperate with four seasons. Nairobi has a very pleasant climate throughout the year due to its altitude. Near Lake Victoria, the temperatures are much higher and rainfall can be heavy.

## Plastic Bag Ban

Effective August 2017: All passengers arriving into Kenya including tourists can possibly face very heavy fines for using plastic bags in any way, shape or form. Using, manufacture or importation of plastic bags, including garbage bags and shopping bags is illegal. Offenders, including tourists, could face very heavy fines. Visitors/Citizens and Residents alike are advised to avoid packing any plastic bags in their suitcases or in carry-on hand luggage before flying to Kenya. Items purchased at the airport before boarding the aircraft should be removed from plastic bags. Please check

hand luggage before disembarking at entry points and any plastic bags should be left in the plane.

Similarly the transparent "zip-lock" plastic bags that some airlines require passengers to use for keeping liquids, cosmetics, toiletries etc separately in hand luggage are also not permitted to be brought and should be removed and left on the plane before disembarking.

## Tanzania Country Guide

### Plastic Bag Ban

Effective 1st June 2019: All passengers arriving at any Tanzania airport including tourists can possibly face very heavy fines for using plastic bags in any way, shape or form. Using, manufacture or importation of plastic bags, including garbage bags and shopping bags is illegal. Offenders, including tourists, could face very heavy fines.

Visitors/Citizens and Residents alike are advised to avoid packing any plastic bags in their suitcases or in carry-on hand luggage before flying to Tanzania. Items purchased at the airport before boarding the aircraft should be removed from plastic bags. Please check hand luggage before disembarking at entry points and any plastic bags should be left in the plane.

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### Visas

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UK, Irish, Australian, New Zealand, USA, Canadian and RSA citizens require a visa for Tanzania. A single entry visas can be obtained

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by most nationalities upon arrival at Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro and Zanzibar Airport or at Namanga border crossing point, between Tanzania and Kenya. The current visa cost is US\$50 for all nationalities, which can be paid in US\$, GB£ or Euro cash. The three East African countries of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda have an agreement that you can travel freely between these countries and do not have to get another visa when returning to each. If you exit this region and enter any other country, including Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, you will need to get new visas to re enter Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

The border crossings we use in Tanzania include:

Namanga (Kenya/Tanzania border)  
Isebania (Kenya/Tanzania border)  
Songwe (Tanzania/Malawi)

## Vaccinations

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Tanzania from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Polio, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid and Tetanus is strongly recommended. Meningitis and Rabies are also recommended.

There is the risk of malaria in Tanzania so it is very important to check with your doctor before you go, to see whether malarial medication is required for the areas you are visiting.

A Yellow Fever International Certificate of Vaccination is required from travellers over one, arriving from countries infected with yellow fever or who were in transit through infected areas (unless they remained onboard or at the airport); this is particularly relevant if traveling from neighbouring African countries. If visiting Zanzibar from mainland Tanzania, a yellow fever certificate must be produced to gain entry.

## Currency

The currency of Tanzania is the Tanzanian Shilling (code TZS, symbol TSh).

1 TSh = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of TSh10,000, 5000, 2,000, 1,000 and 500.

Coins are in denominations of TSh200, 100, 50, 20 and 10.

The Tanzanian Shilling is non exportable or importable. You can exchange US Dollars, Pound Sterling or Euro cash at bureau de changes or banks in larger towns/cities. Cash is changed with no commission. Exchange rates vary depending upon the denomination of the note that you want to change and generally smaller notes attract a lower exchange rate than high ones. Be aware that old pre-2010 US\$ banknotes or torn or marked banknotes are difficult to exchange in Africa so make sure you take crisp new notes. Alternatively most large towns/cities have an ATM where cash can be withdrawn using Visa or MasterCard. Credit cards are very rarely accepted for making purchases.

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0830-1230; Sat 0830-1300. Bureaux de change have longer hours and in the cities open on Sundays.

Travellers cheques are more difficult to change and require proof of purchase and often have restrictions of about US\$100 a day maximum. Please note that there is a surcharge when paying by travellers cheques.

## Time & Voltage

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Standard voltage is 220-240V. Primary sockets require a Type G British BS-1363 or Type D Indian BS-546 type, three pin plug. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances. We recommend getting a universal adapter.

## Climate

Tanzania is sunny and tropical (accept in the mountain regions). Given the sheer size of the country, the climate varies dramatically in different regions. In coastal regions and on the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba it is hot and humid year-round with higher rainfall, whilst inland, the central plateau is dry and hot and the north-western highlands are cooler. The long rains occur between mid-March and the end of May and there are also short, lighter

rains during November and December. The driest months are June to October.

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

We offer a number of locally operated optional activities and excursions on each of our expeditions. We feel that offering optional excursions affords a greater degree of flexibility, independence and choice to our travellers. To help you budget, below is a selection of optional excursions available on this trip.

### Please note the following:

All prices are in US Dollars and are subject to change. Where activities occur away from your base, there may be an additional transfer cost. Make sure you have \$US dollars with you before you travel to Africa as it is notoriously difficult to get them here.

Victoria Falls activities (if applicable) - must be paid for in US\$ cash (GBP & ZAR also accepted at a lower rate).

Gorilla Trekking (if applicable) - the price varies dependant on where gorilla trek takes place ie Uganda, DRC or Rwanda.

We offer camping excursions in the Serengeti/ Ngorongoro Crater and Okavango Delta.

All optional excursions are offered by 3rd parties and independently of On The Go Tours. They are undertaken at your own risk and On The Go Tours take no responsibility for personal loss/injury caused.

### Kenya

Nairobi National Park half day. (Min 2 people) US \$175 per person

Naivasha Horse Riding (per hour) US \$30

Navisha Boat Hire (max 7 pax) US \$70 (per person)

### Tanzania

Dhow Fishing Trip - Zanzibar US \$50

Moped Hire US \$100

Olduvai Gorge US \$35

PADI Dive Course - 3 to 5 Days (Price from) US \$500

Prison Island Snorkelling Trip US \$70

Scuba Diving - Price from US \$100

Snorkel Trip - Nungwe Half Day US \$60

Stone Town Tour - Zanzibar US \$60

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