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## Zanzibar Turtle Experience

The rich culture and huge diversity of Tanzania offers many different travel experiences – from the snow-capped heights of Kilimanjaro to the hustle and bustle of the capital Dar es Salaam, from the ultimate safari in the Serengeti to the idyllic Indian Ocean island of Zanzibar.... your home for this rewarding program.

Sea turtles face existential threat from seemingly all directions – whether it be from poaching for their eggs, meat, skin, and shells; unintentional catching by commercial fishing operations; pollution, habitat destruction and the impacts of climate change on turtle nesting sites. The upshot of all this is that nearly all species of sea turtle are now classified as endangered, with three of the seven existing species being critically endangered.

The locally founded and operated Sea Turtle conservation project in Zanzibar plays a small part in helping reverse this trend, by helping sea turtles to grow up in a safe environment. Each year, more than 150 Sea Turtles are raised by the project, with many or most released to the ocean. There are also around 30 bigger turtles which reside in the lagoon.



## Snapshot

- **Start Dates :** Sundays year round
- **Duration :** 2 weeks or more
- **Pricing :**
  - 2 weeks AU\$1,995
  - 3 weeks AU\$2,985
  - 4 weeks AU\$3,975
- **Minimum Age :** 18
- **Fly In & Out :** Zanzibar (ZNZ)
- **What's included:** Airport pick up, accommodation, all meals, briefing, 24/7 support
- **What's not included in cost:** Tourist visa (US\$50), flights, return airport transfer
- **Accommodation:** Single-gender bunk room with shared bathroom
  - \*\*a private room ensuite upgrade is \$125 per room (single or twin-share) per week
- **Meals:** 3 meals provided daily (B/D at weekends)

As part of our duty of care, you will need to provide us with a Police Check / Blue Card / Working with Children Check prior to arrival in Tanzania







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## Itinerary

**Day 1 (Sunday)** Arrive in Africa and say a big Jambo to Zanzibar. After clearing customs and immigration in Dar or Zanzibar airport you'll be met by our local team and taken straight to your accommodation, a journey of around 30 minutes depending on traffic. Airport pickups will be at 10am and 2pm, so please arrange your flights accordingly. Orientation will be a group meeting with any other volunteers starting the same time as you, and will take you through what you can expect from your project, dos and don'ts and how to stay safe.

**Day 2-6 Culture Week (Monday-Friday)** Week 1 is a gentle introduction to a wonderful island. We'll get to know Zanzibar, exploring its rich culture and complex history, and we'll meet some of the amazing people who call this fantastic place home.

Get lost in the mesmerizing maze-like layout of Stone Town, glimpse the turtles of Prison Island and learn the history and culture of Zanzibar. This is an opportunity for exploration that will give you both insight and appreciation for Zanzibar, an island location known and loved for its spices and unique atmosphere. This is where worlds and cultures combine to create a beautiful mosaic that encompasses, African, Arabic, Asian, and European influences. While perusing Stone Town, you may find that the door itself is even more interesting than what may be behind it. Enjoy the chance to be transported through time and lulled into a peace as you relax on the beach. Then when the sun goes down, get into the rhythm of the Zanzibar nightlife. There is so much to take in that your senses of smell, taste, sight and touch are all stimulated by the exotic nature of this truly remarkable place.

**Days 7 and 8 (Saturday to Sunday)** Spend your free time as you please, your weekends are yours to enjoy. Our coordinator will be able to help you decide what to do and will advise on the best way to get around. Book a tour, head to the beach, check out the markets or go further afield.

**Days 9 to 13 (Monday to Friday)** Participants will work in groups alongside the permanent local staff at the project. Daily tasks will vary but every day the water of the tanks must be changed, sea weed has to be collected and the turtles have to be cleaned. Additional maintenance works, measurements and further cleaning tasks are done on rotation.

You'll be working at the project between the hours of approx. 8.00 and 2.00pm.

- Water exchange for tanks and Sea Turtle Hospital
- Water Quality checks
- Cleaning of adult turtles
- Hatchling measurements
- Treatment of Hospital Turtles
- Seaweed collection in Indian Ocean

- Filling of Tube Feeders
- Lagoon Cleaning (remove leaves and litter)
- Juvenile measurements
- Beach cleaning
- Inspection of nets
- Maintenance of juvenile nets
- General cleaning

**Your last day (Saturday)** – One of these days it will be time to say goodbye. We'll help organise the return airport transfer, just allow a few dollars for the taxi or bus.

### **Accommodation and Meals**

You will be staying in a traditional and comfortable guesthouse with multiple bedrooms, communal bathrooms, a kitchen and one sitting room. Accommodation is basic but clean and you'll be sharing a single gender bunk-room with 3 to 7 others. If you prefer your own space, a private room upgrade with ensuite is an inexpensive option at \$125 per week (single or twin-share).

Nearby, you will easily find a few small local stores that sell snacks, drinks and any basic supplies you might need during your stay. Within reach there are also ATMs, banks, shops, a local pharmacy ++

3 meals per day are provided (B/D at weekends). Typical Tanzanian food consists of meats, vegetables, potato, eggs, bread, chapati and tropical fruits.

