

## ZANZIBAR: KITE SURFING DISCOVERY

### ITINERARY

DAR ES SALAAM/ ZANZIBAR/ DAR ES SALAAM

**11 Days: 16th to 26th June 2011**  
**From £1,200 pp (exc. flight)**

Zanzibar boasts more than 25 fantastic beaches and loads of small islands that are perfect for downwind kite surfing sessions. Some of Zanzibar's beaches and islands are so peaceful and remote that the only noise breaking the silence is likely to be the ocean; beautiful sands, idyllic lagoons, reef breaks, mind blowing down winders, flat turquoise waters and perfectly formed waves that range in size make kite surfing dreams reality... We've made it possible to realise those dreams.

### Your Trip

Day 1: 16/06/2011

Rolling to the airport on a happy cloud of anticipation; even if you hate airports the destination makes this visit bearable. Today you are flying south, across a continent, to Tanzania and the spice island of Zanzibar. The time difference is minimal, so despite the length of the flight you arrive fresh and ready to get involved. Pray to the god of good in-flight movies.

Day 2: 17/06/2011

Landing in Dar es Salaam, you will be met by your African Space guide, there to greet you and to ensure that all of your kit gets through customs with the minimum of delay. From there you will be driven through the hustling city (yup, it will be hot and more than a little dusty) to the harbour where the fast ferry waits to take you across the Zanzibar Channel to the island. This is a short, 2 hour journey and is a lovely way to arrive. Look for the green smudge of the approaching coast growing clearer on the horizon and maybe even smell the spices. Ok, maybe that's a bit much, but it sounds good. From Stone Town, you will be driven 50 km across the island to the village of Paje and the Arabian Nights guesthouse, your base for the next 10 days.

ARABIAN NIGHTS - FULL BOARD

Day 3: 18/06/2011

After a good breakfast you will gather at the neighbouring kite centre for a briefing from our resident kite surfing guide, an expert in how to get the best from the island's winds. Then it is a day of local familiarisation, a safety session going through your kit to make sure it's survived the UK winter and that you're confident and practiced in your rescue techniques. We'll enjoy a leisurely kite to blow off the UK cobwebs with the option of flat water or waves in Paje with a secret sunset down winder for all that are game. With all food provided and an introduction to our favourite local bar you will settle in quickly.

ARABIAN NIGHTS - FULL BOARD

Day 4: 19/06/2011

Starting off in a flat water lagoon that is just too nice, we'll have a play and try new skills during a progression sessions before down winder 2: Makunduchi to Paje (15 km) and then kiting locally.

ARABIAN NIGHTS - FULL BOARD

Day 5: 20/06/2011

Down winder 3: Paje to Ras Michamvi (25 km), then back to Paje to chill and kite some more in preparation for a change of coast tomorrow.

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Day 6: 21/06/2011

A change of scene today as you cross to west of the island for a visit to the dolphins with Safari Blue. With the focus on joining the curious dolphin, this excursion also includes snorkeling in a mangrove forest, time on sandbar and a traditional Swahili feast on Kwale Island. Oh, but we should mention, no boats for you unless you're feeling really lazy and just want to ride a boat and watch the rest of the group, kite surfing is the order of the day. Down winder 4 (although incorporates more than one down winder!)

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Day 7: 22/06/2011

Today you head south to Kizimkazi and have the chance for an optional 10 km down winder (DW 5) should weather conditions permit. Dinner will be taken in Unguja Ukuu, the traditional capital of the Shirazi Arabs who first colonised the island and a secluded place well off the local tourist trail.

ARABIAN NIGHTS - FULL BOARD

Day 8: 23/06/2011

Back on the water and the biggest challenge to date. Down winder 6: Mnemba Island (30 km). This is a dream trip that we don't want to spoil but you can read about on the Kitesurfkings Blog and Facebook discussion pages.

ARABIAN NIGHTS - FULL BOARD

Day 9: 24/06/2011

Now you mix it up; the long down winders complete, the kite surfing is local (although that still leaves a lot of scope as we can happily squeeze in another down winder or flat water lagoon session for anyone that's game). You have the opportunity to enjoy some additional land trips. You could visit the habituated red colobus monkeys in Jozani Forest, or check out the hustling, twisted streets of Stone Town where there are local markets and masses of history to enjoy or head straight for our meet up point, which is a colonial first floor restaurant with beautiful sea views.

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## KITE SURFING WITH AFRICAN SPACE

Day 10: 25/06/2011

Time to go. After a lazy morning, retracing your steps, you will cross the channel to Dar. Once you and your kit are safely disembarked, you will be transferred through the hectic city streets to the calm of the Mediterraneo Hotel, Kawe Beach. A fine hotel, the best Italian restaurant in town and a fine place to let your last night in Tanzania slip away - like the cold beer in your frosted glass. If you've not had enough kiting yet then you can kite from the beach in front of the hotel.

MEDITERRANEO HOTEL - B&B

Day 11: 26/06/2011

Up early for the transfer to Dar Es Salaam International Airport and your return flight home to the UK. Land Back in the UK, hopefully to the start of longer days and armed with a new appreciation of what's possible on a kite surfing holiday.

### DETAILS:

No. of Days : 11 days

WEEK DAYS: 7

Price £ 1,200 + int. flights

### INCLUDES

Accommodation, catering as described, in-country transport and activities as described.

### DOES NOT INCLUDE

International flights, non-specified activities, transport to and from non-specified activities, drinks, tips & gratuities.



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