

# ZANZIBAR SERENA INN – FACTSHEET



## LOCATION

Idyllically 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, the Zanzibar Serena Inn is a haven of tranquillity and opulence amongst the bustle of one of Africa's most ancient and most enchanting towns. A member of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World, the inn has been styled to represent the epitome of Swahili style, ethnic elegance and Arabic opulence.

## GETTING THERE

The resort 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.

## FACILITIES

- ✚ Wide selection of rooms and suites: all with AC, satellite TV, WiFi
- ✚ All-day Baharia Restaurant, Mdele Coffee Shop, Masahani Bar and Terrace Seafood Restaurant
- ✚ Swimming pool and pool deck
- ✚ Live music nightly
- ✚ Treatment rooms.
- ✚ Business centre, travel desk, taxi service
- ✚ Wedding planning service
- ✚ Gift Shop, news-stand and travel requisites kiosk
- ✚ Baby-sitting, children's dining/menus.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ Immediate access to the sights of Stone Town
- ✚ Spice Tour
- ✚ Visits to the Sultan's baths, slave caves and slave market
- ✚ Diving on one of the world's most renowned dive sites
- ✚ Dhow trips and idyllic island escapes
- ✚ Dolphin, turtle and humpback whale watching
- ✚ Swahili feasts with Taarab music.

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## Rooms and Suites

After the heat and dust of Stone Town, the rooms in the Zanzibar Serena Inn are havens of cool and shade. With high ceilings, shuttered windows and cool white walls, they are constructed in the traditional Swahili manner, whereby the size is dictated by the length of the mangrove poles that make up their ceilings. Adorned with arched niches, antique plates and brass lamps; and featuring traditionally carved furniture with basket weave and ceramic inlay, the rooms are predominantly royal blue and white. Four-poster, net draped beds dominate, offset by delicate side tables, vanity units and louver doors giving onto balconies, some of which feature massive free-standing hammocks.



## Dining

- ✚ The Baharia Restaurant
- ✚ The Terrace Restaurant
- ✚ The Masahani Bar
- ✚ The Pool Terrace
- ✚ The Mdele Coffee Shop
- ✚ The Mangapwani Beach Barbeque
- ✚ Room service

## Useful Information

### Unit of Currency:

Tanzania Schilling, US Dollar & Euro.

### Language:

Kiswahili is the national language. English is the official language.

### Weather:

From June till September the weather is perfect with very low levels of rainfall and an average temp. of around 25°C. From Oct. till Dec. generally humid with short rains and temperatures rising into the 30s. In Jan. and Feb. it is warmer and the humidity remains high. From March till May it is the monsoon season with heavy downpours followed by glorious sunshine.