

Cultural

DIVE INTO HISTROY RENEW YOUR IMAN AND REFRES

Experience the beauty of the masjids, reflect on the lives of African islamic scholars, discover the secrets of the old city, be mesmerized by the ocean and stars, Ancient Masjids, explore the old spice gardens and marvel over Allah swt beautiful creation.

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ZANZIBAR IS MUCH MORE THAN STUNNING BEACHES a journey of a thousand memories and experiences

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THE PARTY

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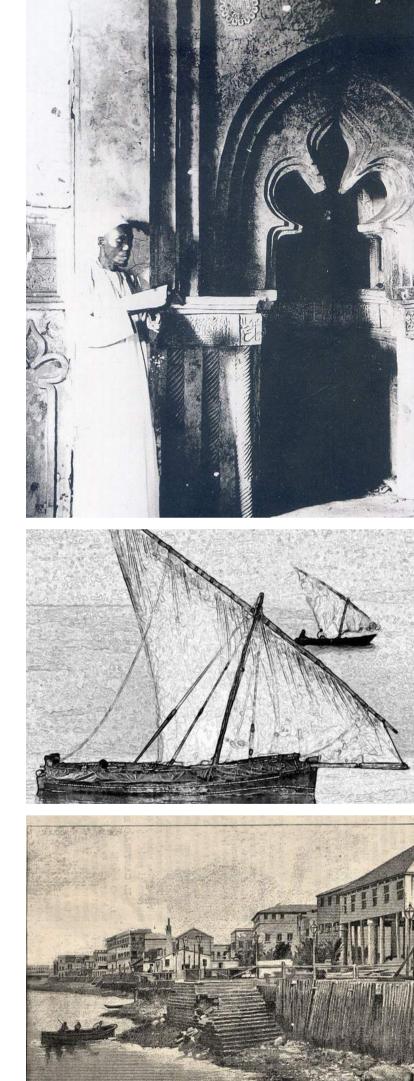
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## ABOUT US

If you're seeking an all-inclusive package that provides cultural heritage, group adventures, authentic experiences, and delicious food, as well as a kind and incredible community in Africa, then you're in the right place.

Africamp is an immersive expedition where you will spend time exploring Africa with a tight-knit community. It takes place throughout the year with different periods and groups since 2017 and hosted more than 2000 people so far. AfriCamp is designed to empower campers by fostering an understanding mindset. In an increasingly interconnected world, it is essential to nurture individuals who appreciate and respect diverse cultures, perspectives, and ecosystems. Through engaging activities and workshops, campers learn to embrace diversity and build bridges across divides.

The Assalam Community is a diverse and lively community. Book your Africamp experience and embark on a journey of history, kindness, self-discovery, and networking.



# WHY ZANZ BAR?

### World Heritage has come until today

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Zanzibar holds significant importance in Islamic heritage due to its rich history and cultural influence. Dating back to the 8th century, Arab traders established a strong presence on the island, shaping its culture and architecture. The Sultanate of Zanzibar became a center for Islamic culture and trade in East Africa, leaving a lasting impact on the island's traditions and way of life.

Today, Zanzibar's architecture, with its Arabic and Islamic styles, and its preservation of Islamic traditions, such as language, clothing, and cuisine, reflect its deep-rooted Islamic heritage.

In Zanzibar you will witness the vibrant Muslim culture in all corners of Zanzibar, and visit the millennial old mosques, make ziyarah to the tombs of the great Ulama of East Africa. Zanzibar's name came from the Persian word Zengibar, "the coast of black people."

Islam came to East and Central Africa through Zanzibar in 1107 by Shirazi people and the mosque from the year 1108 is still in use.

The capital of this heavenly island which is located 30 kilometers east of Tanzania is Stone Town. It's on the UNESCO World Heritage list and has come until today almost untouched.

In Stone Town which has labyrinth-like narrow streets adorned with peeled-away colored stone houses, the influence of Arab culture is intense. What is indispensable for the stone houses that gave the town its name are carved wooden doors. The doors that blend with the world's famous Indian, Arab and African cultures and differ according to the ethnic origin of the inhabitants, make you feel like you are on a beautiful canvas.





## WHY CULTURAL HERITAGE TOUR?

Zanzibar, a jewel of the Indian Ocean, beckons travellers with its vibrant cultural heritage, a fusion of African, Arab, Indian, and European influences. Stepping into Stone Town, a labyrinth of narrow streets and historic buildings, feels like entering a living museum. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a testament to Zanzibar's rich history as a major trading centre, where Swahili culture flourished amidst the bustling spice and slave trades. The architecture reflects this diverse heritage, with intricately carved wooden doors, elegant Arab-style buildings, and colonial-era structures that stand as reminders of the island's storied past. We will explore the Sultan's Palace, the Old Fort, museums, and Hamam & palace ruins, each offering a glimpse into Zanzibar's fascinating history. Beyond Stone Town, the island's spice plantations provide a sensory experience, with fragrant spices like cloves, nutmeg, and cinnamon filling the air. Zanzibar, known as the "Spice Island," owes much of its historical significance to cultivating these aromatic treasures. The spice trade played a pivotal role in shaping the island's history, attracting traders from across the globe, including Arabs, Persians, and Europeans. The allure of Zanzibar's spices sparked a cultural melting pot, influencing not only the island's cuisine but also its architecture and traditions.







### THE BEAUTY OF

### ECO VILLAGE

Welcome to a unique campus like no other. Set in the heart of nature, this is more than a campus. It is an eco-village where sustainability and innovation thrive. We are proud to use the power of nature to power our community, relying on renewable energy sources such as solar panels and using marine resources when necessary. Beyond the classroom, our campus offers a multitude of experiences to enrich your time here. We invite you to explore our Permaculture garden, where sustainability and nature harmonize. Our amphitheater hosts a variety of events and gatherings, fostering creativity and expression.

The eating area serves as our heart of community, where connections are forged over shared meals. Also we have a pool here for our youngest learners, our pool is more than a source of recreation. It's where we teach the art of swimming, ensuring both safety and fun for all. Our proximity to the ocean allows for easy access to its mesmerizing beauty, creating opportunities for exploration and adventure.

Sports enthusiasts can enjoy our basketball court, where friendly matches and exercise sessions are a regular sight. Additionally, a refreshing swim in the ocean where you jump from the jetsea, is always an option for relaxation and recreation. One of the features of our campus is the Jetsea, a haven for productivity and relaxation. Equipped with chairs, desks and Wi-Fi, it's the perfect place to be productive while listening to the soothing sounds of the ocean. Jetsea offers an inspiring atmosphere.

Our campus is not just big in physical space. This is incredible about the warm and welcoming community that calls this place home. Home to people from all walks of life, this is not just an institution but a true home for everyone. Here you'll find the support and camaraderie that make your educational journey feel like a family experience.







# ROOMS

AfriCamps rooms are designed for you to have best experience in our campus and Zanzibar

Enjoy the perfect blend of nature and comfort in our eco-villas specially designed to provide a unique living experience during your stay on campus. Each eco-villa offers 25 square meters of spacious living space, giving you plenty of space to relax, work or simply relax. No matter how long you stay, this eco-friendly villa will meet your every need. Rest assured that your personal space is our top priority. The eco-villa has a fully equipped bathroom that ensures comfort and privacy. The sleeping area includes three single beds and one double bed, providing flexible accommodation to suit different group sizes and preferences. Our campus is close to the sea, so you can hear the beautiful sound of the waves. To enhance your sleeping experience, we provide mosquito nets on each bed so that you can relax undisturbed. For those warm and sunny days, each eco-villa is equipped with air conditioning to create the perfect indoor climate for your comfort. One of the true jewels of eco Villas is the balcony. Whether you are in an ocean view villa or a garden view villa, you'll wake up to a beautiful view. Your ecological villa is more than a place to stay. It is a deep journey into the beauty of the natural world.







# FOOD

Are you ready the eat our delicious meals from our talented chefs with ocean view?

#### Enjoy delicious cuisine on campus

Our campus takes dining to a whole new level. Enjoy three delicious meals a day from sunrise to sunset. Our unique dining experience begins in our open kitchen, where the aromas of delicious food beckon you for breakfast, lunch, and dinner with no alcohol policy in Eco-Village.

But what sets us apart are our amazing dinners. When the weather is nice, we take our plates to the beach, where we have an unparalleled view of the sunset. Imagine enjoying a delicious meal with the gentle sound of waves and a breathtaking sunset in the background. Our menu is a culinary journey across continents thanks to our talented chefs. Although Zanzibar cuisine is central, it also offers a variety of flavors, including Tanzanian, Turkish and European delicacies.

In addition, all dishes are prepared HALAL and with the utmost care and respect for your dietary preferences. We pride ourselves on making everyone happy by offering halal options for every meal.

Embark on a culinary adventure on a campus where food is more than a necessity.

## PROGRAM ITINERARY

#### 1. Day

3. Day

Upon arrival in Zanzibar, you will acclimate to your lodgings before embarking on an immersive journey. Commence your adventure with a warm reception and an orientation session in Assalam Ecovillage, where Muslims from all around the world join together and live in harmony with nature. Begin your exploration with a guided tour of the local surroundings, including visits to nearby villages, including Dimbani Mosque, which is the first mosque in East and Central Africa, still in use.

2. Day Immerse yourself in a comprehensive day of informative sessions, uncovering the rich history and heritage of Zanzibar. You will attend Kofia making and cooking classes in Kanga Village, where you will partake in traditional rituals and experience local hospitality. delving deep into the diverse cultural fabric of Zanzibar.

Explore historic mosques, an old Indian Temple, and a historical Cathedral, each offering unique insights into Zanzibar's multifaceted heritage. Immerse yourself in the spiritual essence of a Zikr and Mawlid & Nasheed ceremonies.

Assalam Community Foundation has the right to change the program itinerary depending on the seasonal conditions or groups.





## PROGRAM ITINERARY

4. Day

- Immerse yourself in another enlightening day of educational sessions, further enriching your knowledge and respect for Swahili's cultural legacy.
- 5. Day Venture to the pristine beaches and azure waters of the Sandbank snorkel dolphin swimming mangrove. Embark on a Dhow Tour at sunset, savouring the panoramic views and serenity of the Indian Ocean.
- 6. Day Stroll through the labyrinthine alleyways of Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to uncover its hidden treasures. Engage your senses in spice gardens, meander through Darajani Market and Forodhani Gardens, admire the intricate Zanzibari doors, and visit Palaces Museums, Persian Hamams, and the Old Dispensary, reflecting mostly Omani effects in Zanzibar history.
- 7. Day Participate in the traditional Dua (prayer) for safe travels in the village and a farewell dinner beneath the starlit sky, after the last day of educational sessions.

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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Kofia Making Workshop



Sunset Dhow tour



Kanga village



Kuza cave



Hamams



Jaffarii



Tomb Visit



- Ancient Mosque
- Fisherman Village



- **Historical Stonetown**
- Indian Temple



Madrasa



Historical Cathedral



## WHAT WE COVER?

### INCLUSIONS



Room is shared with 3/4 people



Transportation inside Zanzibar

All tours and trips



3 meals a day from our talented chefs



Airport pick up and welcoming

Group leader and campus leader for any kind of help

#### **EXCLUSIONS**



Travel visa and insurance



Flight ticket

Vaccinations



**Personal Spending** 



## Testimonials

### Nadya Eqab - Bahrain

I feel there's a very friendly vibe around camp, I'm really enjoying it, Assalam is lovely!

### Muhammed Tahiri-Macedonia

The great warm lovely atmosphere and work of the NGO was just amazing. I've learnt a lot about being in a diverse environment and about work itself.





### Salim Kayingulo - Liberia

It is an NGO with full of transparency, but also the wish of touching people's lives directly attracted me more...

### Shouq Abdulaziz - Oman

I don't mind spending rest of my life doing what Assalam is doing. It's a dream life actually.



## OUR DRESS CODE Dressing above the knee Ripped jeans Backless outfit Tights pants

Low-cut T-shirt

We have certain clothing requirements that are suitable for the community we live in on our campus. We expect both male and female volunteers on campus and in the sea to have their chest and shoulder areas covered, and not to wear low-cut dresses, leggings or tight-fitting or transparent clothes. Our pool is built to teach swimming to local children. Therefore, it is quite shallow for adults. We can say that our children enjoy using the pool, while adults prefer the ocean more. Due to hygiene concerns, daily clothes are not allowed in our pool area, apart from swimming attire that complies with our dress code.

## TERM AND CONDITIONS

- Trips that do not reach sufficient confirmed registrations may be canceled by our company at least 10 days before the tour.
- In case of cancellation due to insufficient numbers, the amount paid will be refunded to the participant without any deductions.
- The application form on our website is for pre-registration purposes only. To complete the registration, 30% of the tour fee must be paid.
- Cancellations made 30-20 days before the start of the trip will receive a full refund. Cancellations made 20-15 days before will incur a 30% deduction. Cancellations made 15-10 days before will incur a 50% deduction.
- Cancellations cannot be made and refunds cannot be issued if there are less than 10 days left before the trip. For the participant or their immediate family members; force majeure cases stated in the laws, severe accidents that prevent participation, serious illnesses requiring treatment, death cases are considered force majeure.
- The participant must prove the existence of force majeure with a valid document from official institutions. In this case, except for non-refundable amounts, the paid amount will be refunded without any deductions.





# 8-14 September 2024 6-12 October 2024 3-9 November 2024

### FAQ

- Zanzibar applies Visa on arrival for 50 USD, you can easily get it at the airport.
- In Zanzibar, there are no security-related issues.
- We advise you to disconnect from the rest of the world and concentrate on your adventure.
- Zanzibar is not so hot, between 25-35 C mostly.
- In times of illness or emergencies, we are very close to accessible healthcare facilities. In our village, we have a healthcare centre with a doctor and a pharmacy, and there is also a hospital located about 15 minutes away by car in our district.
- We dress modestly on our campus.
  Which means your knees, shoulders and belly should be covered.
- We wash our laundry in our designated area. If you need detergent, you can wash your clothes yourself or request assistance from our employees for a fee of \$5.
- One of the important aspects we value greatly is the interaction between our guests and volunteers with the local community. Most of our guests and volunteers prefer to bring gifts with them and distribute them in the village. However, we should mention that we have certain principles in this regard. We prefer to distribute gifts individually rather than in a collective manner, and we also emphasise not to take photos or videos of individuals without their consent to respect their privacy.



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