

Pemba & Zanzibar Archipelago – 40 islands to explore
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Sail & Safari

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Yacht Charters

Over 40 islands to explore - Jan to December



Below is an example guideline 7 night itinerary for a Pemba and Zanzibar Archipelago Island Hopping Charter.

Prices for this 7 night Charter depend on the yacht you charter. We have different motor yachts, sailing yachts and catamarans from 40ft to 125ft available for charter in East Africa.:

- Go to <http://www.mozambiqueyachtcharters.com/en/yacht-fleet/>
 - **Contact us now and we will discuss your requirements in person.**
- Day 1. Tanga to Njao Gap 32nm, approx. 5 hrs
 - Day 2. Njao Gap to Mesali Island 18nm, approx. 3 hrs
 - Day 3. Mesali Island to Emerald reef 18nm, approx. 3 hrs
 - Day 4. Emerald Reef to Mnemba Island 25nm, approx. 4 hrs.
 - Day 5. Mesali Island to Kendwa 12nm, approx. 2 hrs
 - Day 6. Kendwa to Stone Town 37nm, approx. 6 hrs.
 - Day 7. Stone Town to Kumondo 20nm, approx. 3 hrs
 - Day 8. Kumondo to Dar es Salaam via Kizimikaze 35nm, approx. 6 hrs

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Due South | Pemba and Zanzibar Archipelago

This cruise has been tailored to take advantage of the North Monsoon winds that blow from December through to April. Known locally as the Kaskazi, the weather conditions provide steady northerly winds in the 20 knot range, ideal for providing exhilarating sailing from Tanga to Zanzibar or on to Dar es Salaam.

Day 1

Tanga is the northernmost port in Tanzania and provides a wonderfully sheltered harbour with a delightfully tranquil yacht club. The town is the nearest port and airport to the northern game reserves of Tanzania, the Serengeti, Masai Mara, Ngorongoro Crater etc. and is a short flight via local airlines.

Tanga is possibly best known for the rather bizarre incident which occurred during the First World War where a rather decisive battle was won by a huge swarm of bees that drove both the British and German forces out of the town and occupied it for some time before moving on. Today it is a quiet laid back place where nature's rhythm is the clock most people seem to follow.

From Tanga we head across the Pemba Channel over to the Pemba Island Archipelago, a collection of **20 different islands** and approximately a five hour sail. Njao Gap leads into Njao lagoon, one of many awesome natural harbours to be found along this amazing coastline. On the shore is a small village that is reputed to be one of the poorest settlements on Pemba, yet despite this they boast a well-built school of which they are justifiably proud.

It has long been tradition for us to stop over there and donate useful items such as pencils, erasers and exercise books. The unbridled joy and excitement shown by the kids that receive these items leaves a lasting impression on all who visit this isolated village.

Day 2

From Njao Gap we head down to Mesali Island, approximately a three hour sail down the west coast of Pemba.

More often than not, this leg of the journey provides the vessel with fresh fish, always a welcome treat. Mesali Island lies off an extensive stretch of coral reef and is one of the few places where the critically endangered coconut crab enjoys protection. A stunningly beautiful island, Mesali has an interesting past. It is rumoured that the notorious pirate Captain Kidd spent some time on the island and apparently buried much of his ill-gotten gains there. To date no trace has ever been found of the treasure – or if it was, he or she never bothered to tell anyone. The coral walls that surround Mesali offer what has been described by many as 'some of the best diving they have ever done'. Meter long Napoleon Wrasse rub shoulders with a number of other heavyweights of the reef and are complimented by exquisite coral formations along with the living jewels that adorn them – truly an underwater wonderland.



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Day 3

We continue our journey south and about three hours on we round the south western corner of the island and anchor off the eastern end of Panza, a small sub islet of Pemba. Panza is famous for a phenomenon call Emerald Reef. The outer part of the reef is washed constantly my a current that runs between two to three knots which provides one of the most unusual drift dives to be found anywhere – a forty minute dive can end with divers climbing into the tender some two and a half miles from their entry point. Not a dive for novices, however there is a shallow wreck that lies inside the reef that offers a very interesting dive.

Day 4

From Pemba we now head across open water to the northern point of Zanzibar – Ras Nungwi. Here one can watch the local dhow builders practising the art in the same way it has been done for over a thousand years. These unusual craft are built without plans or line drawings – apart that is from what the builder sees in his mind. Adze's, bow drills and long saws are constantly in use, harking back to a time when building wooden boats was truly an art form.

Adjacent to the boat yard is a turtle sanctuary that has done amazing work at helping the threatened Green Turtle population to at least stabilize. There are other interesting creatures to be found there as well and a visit there provides a fine couple of hour's entertainment.

Nungwi is home to a number of restaurants and beach bars that offer an intriguing look into the way island culture has adapted to modern times. The food is generally cheap but tasty – so long as you let your taste buds rule your imagination..... Local beers, of which there at least four or five, compare favourably with those from any other country.

Around the corner from Nungwi is Kendwa, one of the top beaches in the world. There is a full moon party held on the beach at Kendwa Rocks and for those clients who like to party, it is a night to remember. (We try to schedule our cruises in such a way as to be in Kendwa on that night but for those that are less inclined we simply move on to the next anchorage).

Day 5

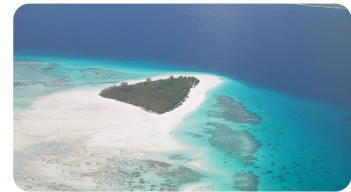
About two hours from Kendwa lays Mangwapani, a site famous – or rather infamous – for its hidden caves that were used by Arab slavers hiding from the British navy. Today it is a popular stop over with a good beach, interesting walks and a chance to visit the infamous slave caves.

Day 6

From Mangwapani it is a further two hours to Stone Town, the capital city of Zanzibar. Here guests can disembark to spend a day doing the 'tourist' bit on the island. Visits to the Ngwezi forests, a tour of the spice plantations (remember, Zanzibar became famous as the Spice Islands) can all be arranged.

Day 7

A walk through Stone Town offers fascinating glimpses' into a time that has long passed. It is a place famous for its doors - probably the number one status symbol in days gone by. A visit to the market which is located in the same building that was once used as a slave market is both a visual and olfactory experience that is not soon forgotten.



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Day 8

From Stone Town it is approximately a four hour sail to Kizimikazi peninsular where guests can enjoy the rare privilege of swimming with wild dolphins. After an overnight stop at the small uninhabited island of Kumondo, guests can either return to Stone Town for disembarkment or choose the alternative of sailing on to Dar es Salaam, the capitol city of Tanzania.

Standard Charter Inclusions

- Full use of yacht
- Onboard accommodation
- All linen and bathroom towels (please bring your own beach towels)
- All onboard equipment and facilities at no extra cost - activities are FREE
- Scuba Diving - 2 dives per day depending on conditions (Qualified divers only and yacht dependent)
- Fishing and use of all gear and tackle
- Skipper/ DM on board and host/hostess/crew
- Full board accommodation,
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner,
- Teas, coffees,
- Soft drinks, snacks and picnics,
- Snorkeling and equipment
- Use of onboard motorised tender dinghy
- Kayaks and non-motorised water sports
- Island visits and excursions
- Fuel, water, gas

Excludes

- Flights to and from start point
- Alcohol
- Visas
- Everything not indicated as included