


A man stands on the deck of a traditional dhow sailboat, which is sailing on the water. The boat has a large, light-colored sail. The man is shirtless and wearing patterned shorts and a headband. The background shows a clear blue sky and the horizon line.

Excursions & Tours

THE MANTA
Resort
PEMBA ISLAND - ZANZIBAR

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Any excursion can be arranged the day before with your service fundi,
and paid at the resort for whichever excursion you choose.

An aerial photograph of a tropical sandbank. The sandbank is a long, narrow strip of bright white sand that curves through the water. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. In the foreground, a small wooden boat with a canopy is anchored in the shallow water. Two people are visible on the sandbank, one standing and one sitting. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds, and the horizon is visible in the distance.

THE SANDBANK TRIP

At low tide a sandbank protrudes to offer a walk on the purest white coral sand. The perfect beach to relax on surrounded by azure blue waters. This excursion relies heavily on the tides, currents and weather conditions and is not always possible. This will require some planning between you and the resort management. A cooler box of fruit and refreshments is brought along. This is a 10 minute boat ride from the resort on the northern most point of Pemba island. \$30 per person.



DHOW TRIP

Experience the islands' waters on our traditional sailing dhow. Handmade and carved from mango wood this dhow provides the opportunity to experience Pemba through the strong cultural heritage of this local vessel. Sailing up and down the west coast on different excursions is a must. No cost.



A traditional Ngalawa sailing vessel, a wooden outrigger canoe with a large white sail, is shown on the ocean at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water. Several people are on board, including a man in a white shirt and dark shorts standing near the sail, a woman in a red shirt sitting in the middle, and a man in a white shirt and hat at the stern. The outriggers are decorated with blue and white stripes. The name 'NABADO' is visible on the outriggers.

NGALAWA SUNSET CRUISE

An Ngalawa is the traditional sailing vessel used by fishermen on the island. Leaving from the beach at around 5:00 pm, you will cruise along the shoreline over the reefs enjoying the sunset, the thrill of the sail and a refreshment. \$15 dollars per person paid directly to the local fishing captain.

VUMAWIMBI BEACH PICNIC.

This trip is a short drive away and offers a secluded beach shared only by local fisherman. Here you can enjoy a snorkel and picnic lunch. \$15 per person.



KAYAK

You are welcome to make use of the kayaks on the beach, paddles can be found in the dive centre. No cost.



THE SHAMBA - ORGANIC FARM

Visit our new Kwanini Initiative. This community based project not only provides our kitchen with organic fresh veggies and fruits but also contributes its produce to the local community, who are also employed to run the farm. No cost.



A lush green forest with a body of water in the foreground reflecting the trees. The forest is dense with various shades of green, and the water is calm, creating a clear reflection of the foliage. The sky is a pale blue, and the overall scene is peaceful and natural.

NGEZI RAINFOREST TOUR

The ngezi forest is a protected forest reserve and is home to a variety of endemic bird species, the pemba sunbirds, green pigeon, and scops owl to name a few. It is also home to vervet and black colobus monkeys. The forest ranger will guide you on a 45 min walk through the forest and will point out all the protected fauna and flora. Cost to the reserve \$5 dollars per person. Cost of transport to the forest \$15 per person.

LOCAL VILLAGE AND SCHOOL TRIP

Your service-fundi would be honoured to take you on a walk to the nearby village to meet our friendly neighbours. A reading book or colouring books with crayons are always very much appreciated. No cost.



LIGHTHOUSE WALK

This walk takes approx 20 mins. You will be accompanied by your service-fundi. No charge except for a \$5 dollar entrance if you wish to climb the lighthouse and get the tour by the operator in charge.





THE PEMBA SAFARI

The Pemba Safari is a day trip with several different stops. Pick and choose what you would like to include in your safari, and how much time you would like to spend. If you do it all it will take you a good 8 hours starting at 8.30 in the morning. \$75 per person

SPICE FARM TOUR

The Zanzibar archipelago Islands are known as the 'spice islands' with 70% of the world's cloves coming from Pemba. A visit to the spice farm will have you experiencing the true tastes and smells of Pemba Island.

FISH MARKET

Depending on where on the island you would like to visit, there are a few options for fish markets on Pemba. These are local markets where fishermen come to sell their catches daily, an interesting insight into the Pemba shopping experience.

MKAMA NDUME

The fortress. This historical site shows insight through the architectural history showing Arab, Swahili and a Portuguese influence (all of that you can see on Google.) Locally, there is a different significance. As local legend has it, the house belonged to a very wealthy man, who kept two wives on either side on a large wall separating the house. The wives lived there without the knowledge that the other existed.

CHAKE CHAKE

This bustling arena of people, ox wagons, dhala dhala's (local taxi) and business men makes Chake the big city of Pemba. As the capital city it is also very central being near to the airport and the ruins.

FLYING FOXES

Are the largest species of bat in the world, that can be found in huge groups of up to 850 bats per roost. They have a wingspan of 1.6 meters, with fox like faces and are endemic to Pemba island.

CHWAKA

These are the ruins of an 18th century town thought to be the capital at the time. The Mazrui family remains lie in six tombs. The family were overthrown in the 19th century and the town fell into decay. Locally this place is thought to have been a sanctuary to a local man named Sharif who was both loved and hated by the people of Pemba.

