



ECOSYSTEM PILLAR - YACHT CHARTER GUIDE

Zanzibar

Yacht Charter Guide

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Zanzibar Yacht Charter
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ZANZIBAR

Overview

A Zanzibar week succeeds on choreography: Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access nights, Stone Town day-anchors (including Zanzibar overnight roadstead), and APA set before deposit. Blue Ocean Club brokers the Indian Ocean reality - embark via ZNZ / PMA, not a brochure loop.

How much to charter a yacht in Zanzibar? Indicative rates plus Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access berths and door-to-deck planning from Blue Ocean Club.

AIRPORTS

ZNZ, PMA

REGION

Indian Ocean

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Zanzibar week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Stone Town day anchorage, held lunch, short reposition through Stone Town, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Stone Town Harbour Table and Stone Town Beach Club confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Zanzibar, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Stone Town day anchorage - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Stone Town

UNESCO nights and harbour tender culture.

Nungwi north

Sandspit and sunset coast.

Pemba channel

Deeper dive-island weeks.

East reefs

Mnemba and marine park days.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access

Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access - primary Stone Town yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway ZNZ - Transfer 15-30 min from ZNZ - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Nungwi yacht / tender access

Nungwi yacht / tender access - primary Nungwi yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~35 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway ZNZ - Transfer 60-90 min from ZNZ - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Wete / Mkoani Pemba access

Wete / Mkoani Pemba access - primary Pemba yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~35 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway PMA - Transfer Air / passage staging - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Mnemba atoll yacht access

Mnemba atoll yacht access - primary Mnemba yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway ZNZ - Transfer Day run from Nungwi - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Zanzibar Hub Berths

Pillar-retained secondary berthing capacity for Zanzibar ecosystem maps. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway ZNZ - Transfer 15-30 min from ZNZ - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorage

Stone Town day anchorage

Protected day-stop captains favour near Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access.

Zanzibar overnight roadstead

Deeper holding when primary quays are full in Indian Ocean.

Nungwi lee cove

Weather-aware swim cove on the Zanzibar circuit.

Pemba quiet hook

Lower-density day-hook for privacy mornings.

Zanzibar weather alternative

Captain-selected fallback when the primary plan densifies.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Stone Town Harbour Table

Stone Town

Walk-ashore dining near Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access - book peak weeks ahead.

Nungwi Shore Kitchen

Nungwi

Local plates after a day on the water around Zanzibar.

Zanzibar Quay Classic

Stone Town

Marina-adjacent dining for embarkation nights.

Pemba Waterfront

Pemba

Harbour-view restaurant our captains favour for quay nights.

Mnemba Concierge Table

Mnemba

Held table for yacht parties - advance booking in season.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Stone Town Beach Club

Stone Town

Signature shore stop near Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access - tender access and advance booking in peak weeks.

Nungwi Day Shore

Nungwi

Secondary shore lunch when the primary club is dense.

Zanzibar Sunset Deck

Stone Town

End-of-day shore energy before returning aboard.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph ZNZ / PMA arrivals into Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access transfers.

Helicopter / GA

Private hops from ZNZ / PMA when Zanzibar supports coastal helipads or GA strips. ZNZ corridor PMA corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access gates - timed to embarkation. To Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access (15-30 min from ZNZ) To Nungwi yacht / tender access (60-90 min from ZNZ)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - ZANZIBAR

VAT & APA - Zanzibar short version.

On a Zanzibar charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax

Tanzania / Zanzibar cruising permits required - confirm APA, park fees and monsoon timing. Confirm commercial charter tax treatment and APA with the broker before deposit.

APA

For Zanzibar in high season, budget APA at roughly 25-35% of base fee covering fuel, berths, permits and held tables - confirm against LOA and itinerary.

What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Stone Town

Stone Town is a core Zanzibar charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access - Day-anchor: Stone Town day anchorage - Table: Stone Town Harbour Table

Nungwi

Nungwi is a core Zanzibar charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Nungwi yacht / tender access - Day-anchor: Zanzibar overnight roadstead - Table: Nungwi Shore Kitchen

Pemba

Pemba is a core Zanzibar charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Wete / Mkoani Pemba access - Day-anchor: Nungwi lee cove - Table: Zanzibar Quay Classic

Mnemba

Mnemba is a core Zanzibar charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Mnemba atoll yacht access - Day-anchor: Pemba quiet hook - Table: Pemba Waterfront

EXPLORE FURTHER

Child destinations

- Stone Town - Crewed yacht charter in Stone Town - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Zanzibar.
- Nungwi - Crewed yacht charter in Nungwi - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Zanzibar.
- Pemba - Crewed yacht charter in Pemba - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Zanzibar.
- Mnemba - Crewed yacht charter in Mnemba - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Zanzibar.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

What does it cost to charter a yacht in Zanzibar?

What it costs to charter a yacht in Zanzibar tracks yacht size and peak weeks. Smaller crewed sailing yachts and cats start lower; superyachts scale into six figures. APA, local tax context (Tanzania / Zanzibar cruising permits required - confirm APA, park fees and monsoon timing. Confirm commercial charter tax treatment and APA with the broker before deposit.) and berthing are confirmed in writing before deposit.

Which marina should we embark from in Zanzibar?

We match embarkation to LOA, flight into ZNZ / PMA, and the first night's plan - often Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access when available.

Can you charter a superyacht in Zanzibar?

Megayacht and superyacht charter weeks in Zanzibar need earlier berth holds than midsize yachts. Blue Ocean Club sequences quay politics with the captain before contract.

How does a Zanzibar week use Stone Town?

Stone Town is a core Zanzibar cruising pocket - we sequence marina nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Zanzibar is planned as a full cruising ecosystem with embarkation, berths and day-anchors sequenced together.

When is the best time for yacht charter in Zanzibar?

For Zanzibar, peak demand tracks local school holidays and events. We favour shoulder windows when Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access still has LOA flexibility.

Is boat charter available in Zanzibar?

Yes - boat charter and crewed yacht charter are both planned for Zanzibar. We favour crewed motor yachts and sailing yachts with professional crew for privacy and logistics.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Stone Town / Zanzibar harbour access

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Wete / Mkoani Pemba access

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Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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