



Kitesurf Zanzibar – Jan/feb 2011

Discovery Trip Itinerary



Discover Zanzibar with African Space and Kitesurfkings

22nd January to 1st February 2011

Zanzibar boasts more than 25 fantastic beaches and loads of small islands that are perfect for downwind kitesurfing sessions. Some of Zanzibar's beaches and islands are so peaceful and remote that the only noise breaking the silence is likely to be the ocean; beautiful sands, idyllic lagoons, reef breaks, mind blowing down winders, flat turquoise waters and perfectly formed waves that range in size make kitesurfing dreams reality... we've made it possible to realize those dreams.

African Space bring the in country expertise, knowledge and contacts that are vital for such an intrepid trip to Zanzibar and Kitesurfkings have added a kitesurfers' seal of approval, kitesurfing guides and instructors. We have maximised this 11 day trip by taking a proven product and further enhancing it. Regarded as 'the best ever kitesurfing trip' by all previous partakers for good reason, join our next unique kitesurfing discovery trip to Zanzibar and smash your expectations of what you thought it possible to achieve and experience during a kitesurfing holiday.

Our January trip is **available to all**; we welcome singles, couples, groups, kitesurfers and even none kitesurfers to join us. Previous trips have seen an even mix up of male and female kitesurfers of all ages, of mixed abilities and non kiting partners. Everything can be arranged and Zanzibar is a wonderful destination for everyone; if you require beginner lessons or are planning to join us as a non kiting partner then please contact us to discuss options. The itinerary below is aimed at already competent kitesurfers.

The trade **winds** have determined the cycle of life on the Swahili Islands for the past two thousand years. The wind blows steady and strong from two directions, depending on the time of year, with great stretches of sandy beaches and wide shallow inter-tidal areas. We are expecting 20 to 25 knots each day but it can be a little stronger. The air temperature will be up to 30 degrees and we will have an unspoilt abundance of flat water and waves. None of our photos have been anywhere near photoshop, the water really is turquoise and the sand white.

This is **kitesurfing Zanzibar in style and safety**, with a bespoke itinerary which includes the typical white beaches and awesome conditions but also incorporates down winders, multi spot kiting and access to the real culture and lifestyle of Zanzibar. We are not sure if a kitesurfer's paradise could get any better than this! This trip has been made possible by the coming together of local experts, kitesurfing instructors and guides to offer a unique product and a kitesurfing first for Zanzibar. All kitesurfing sessions have safety cover and guides; we use different type's boats to ensure your safety whether you want to kitesurf inside or outside the reef on our down winders.

Newly added to our 2011 Zanzibar trips: extra boats and beach support for down wind safety cover, flat and wave coaching sessions (from basic jumps to handle passes and everything in-between), upgraded two course meals, BBQ's, a night out to a fancy beachside sea food restaurant, optional excursion to Stone Town, flexible kitesurfing options and unlimited kiting from beach. There are also various trip, room and non kiting activities available on request, in country or pre-booked, as optional extras.

Day 1 (22/01/11): Rolling to the airport on a happy cloud of anticipation; even if you hate airports the destination makes this visit bearable. Today you are flying south, across a continent, to Tanzania and the spice island of Zanzibar. The time difference is minimal, so despite the length of the flight you arrive fresh and ready to get involved. Pray to the god of good in-flight movies.

Day 2 (23/01/11): Landing in Dar es Salaam, you will be met by your African Space guide, there to greet you and to ensure that all of your kit gets through customs with the minimum of delay. From there you will be driven through the hustling city (yup, it will be hot and more than a little dusty) to the harbour where the fast ferry waits to take you across the Zanzibar Channel to the island. This is a short, 2 hour journey and is a lovely way to arrive. Look for the green smudge of the approaching coast growing clearer on the horizon and maybe even smell the spices. Ok, maybe that's a bit much, but it sounds good. From Stone Town, you will be driven 50kms across the island to the village of Paje and the Arabian Nights guesthouse.

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Day 3 (24/01/11): After a good breakfast you will gather at the neighbouring kite centre for a briefing from our resident kite surfing guide, an expert in how to get the best from the island's winds. Then it is a day of local familiarisation, a safety session going through your kit to make sure it's survived the UK winter and that you're confident and practiced in your rescue techniques. We'll enjoy a leisurely kite to blow off the UK cobwebs with the option of flat water or waves in Paje with a secret sunset down winder for all that are game. With all food provided and an introduction to our favourite local bar you will settle in quickly.

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Day 4 (25/01/11): Starting off in a flat water area that is just too nice, we'll have a play and try new skills during a progression sessions before down winder 2: (15km) and then kiting locally.

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Day 5 (26/01/11): Down winder 3: (25km), then back to Paje to chill and kite some more in preparation for a change of coast tomorrow.

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Day 6 (27/01/11): A change of scene today as you cross to west of the island for a visit to the dolphins with Safari Blue. With the focus on joining the curious dolphin, this excursion also includes snorkelling in a mangrove forest, time on sandbar and a traditional Swahili feast on Kwale Island. Oh, but we should mention, no boats for you unless you're feeling really lazy and just want to ride a boat and watch the rest of the group, kite surfing is the order of the day. Down winder 4 (although incorporates more than one down winder!)

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Day 7 (28/01/11): Today you head south to Kizimkazi and have the chance for an optional 10km down winder (DW 5) should weather conditions permit. Dinner will be taken in Unguja Ukuu, the traditional capital of the Shirazi Arabs who first colonised the island and a secluded place well off the local tourist trail.

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Day 8 (29/01/11): Downwinder 6: for those that are up for it we'll be aiming to visit Mnemba Island. This is a dream trip that we don't want to spoil but you can read about how it worked in Sep on the Kitesurfings Blog and Facebook discussion pages.

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Day 9 (30/01/11): Now you mix it up; the long down winders complete, the kitesurfing is local (although that still leaves a lot of scope as we can happily squeeze in another down winder or flat water lagoon session for anyone that's game). You have the opportunity to enjoy some additional land trips. You could visit the habituated red colobus monkeys in Jozani Forest, or check out the hustling, twisted streets of Stone Town where there are local markets and masses of history to enjoy or head straight for our meet up point, which is a colonial first floor restaurant with beautiful sea views.

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Day 10 (31/01/11): Time to go. After a lazy morning, retracing your steps, you will cross the channel to Dar. Once you and your kit are safely disembarked, you will be transferred through the hectic city streets to the calm of the Mediterraneo Hotel, Kawe Beach. A fine hotel, the best Italian restaurant in town and a fine place to let your last night in Tanzania slip away - like the cold beer in your frosted glass. If you've not had enough kiting yet then you can kite from the beach in front of the hotel.

MEDITERRANEO HOTEL - B&B

Day 11 (01/02/11): Up early for the transfer to Dar Es Salaam International Airport and your return flight home to the UK. Land Back in the UK, hopefully to the start of longer days and armed with a new appreciation of what's possible on a kitesurfing holiday.

We will adjust the programme to best benefit from the conditions on a particular day and the groups' needs. Unlimited kitesurfing from the beach in front of the hotel can also be a nice option that we always have and can offer flat water and wave coaching sessions directly from our beach.

We've not gone into masses of detail in the itinerary as there's just too much to list and we don't want to give everything away. In addition to the activities noted in the above itinerary there will be some seriously awesome flat water lagoons with nothing but sand under the turquoise waters, at some of these locations we will be offering progression sessions (we all need coaching) and also photo sessions as it's nice to gloat when you get home. Wave riding coaching is offered both from the beach and also incorporated into down winders.

We can easily chop and change the programme to meet needs - everything is possible!

Favourite quotes from the last trip...

Rowan and Bridget: "our favourite spot and best ever kiting experience"

Ross: "this has been the best day of my life" (Mnemba Island day)

Nick: "100% happiness is on the water"

Kayode and Hanna: "Great! Chill, kite, food, bars, friendly locals... kiting or not there's so much to do!"



The details

£1200 per person, costed on a sharing basis in the Arabian Nights Guest House and Mediterraneo Hotel, Dar es Salaam.

Included: All in-country transfers (both road and sea), accommodation, full board and kiting activities as specified in the itinerary, plus kit storage, progression and photo sessions, BBQ's, dining out in Zanzibar, bottled water, boat rescue and boat support.

Not included: International flight, drinks, tips & gratuities, non-specified activities, transport to and from non-specified activities

International Flights

We've sourced an excellent direct flight option that's under £600 and it would be nice if we all take the same flight but regardless of your arrival time or departure airport everything can be arranged.

If you have any questions about the trip or just want to chat kitesurfing then you can contact one of your guides, Luke at Kitesurfkings... but if you're calling then get in touch before Saturday 13th November as he'll be away exploring new kitesurfing trips for you lucky kites: luke@kitesurfkings.com / 01273 88 88 33 / 07878 399 419

Luke will be checking emails whilst abroad but if contacting us after the 13th November speed things up by contacting the **African Space office to discuss your trip, confirm your attendance or request a booking pack.** info@africanspace.co.uk / 0121 382 9000

Time is short and places are limited, so get in touch to secure your place!



We understand that there will be many kites that have been dreaming of such a trip but for whom the time scales will not work for and we apologize, but promise to tease you with the tales and footage that we come back with!