



# TRIP ITINERARY



# DISCOVER ZANZIBAR WITH KITESURFKINGS AND AFRICAN SPACE

DAR ES SALAAM / PAJE, ZANZIBAR / DAR ES SALAAM  
28th August to 8th September 2010 (10 days in-country)

The trade winds have determined the cycle of life on the Swahili Islands for the past two thousand years. Blowing steady and strong from two directions, depending on the time of year, with great stretches of sandy beaches and a wide, shallow inter-tidal zone, it is a cracking place to get the kite out. This trip packs in as much kite time as possible, guided by local experts, whilst also offering a little more of the excursions that make Zanzibar famous.

This is kitesurfing Zanzibar in style, 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 kitesurfing first for Zanzibar; we hope you can be part of it.

Our English guide, Jamie, is one of the directors of African Space, who have been working on projects in Tanzania for the last six years and has set up a charity to support local communities and projects. Jamie, a dive master of 10 years hasn't got a clue about kitesurfing but is the man when it comes to Zanzibar! This should not be cause for concern as a local IKO rep and kitesurf school manager, Jan, will also be taking care of us; myself, Luke, from Kitesurfkings will be on the trip, how could I not? I have been dreaming of such a kitesurfing adventure since before I started kitesurfing flicking through kitesurf mags marveling at the amazing kiting destinations. Now it's the kitesurfing mags who are after our travel feature as we open the lid on what Zanzibar can offer.

We have limited places and they are for competent kitesurfers who have a passion for travel, kitesurfing and culture.

## THE TRIP

### Day 1 28/08/10

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.  
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### Day 2 29/08/10

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 Stonetown, you will be driven 50kms across the island to the village of Paje and the Arabian Nights guesthouse, your base for the next 10 days.  
ARABIAN NIGHTS – FULL BOARD

### Day 3 30/08/10

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, enjoying a leisurely kite to blow off the UK cobwebs and enjoying the local Paje waters. With all food provided and a number of local bars to chose from you will settle in quickly.  
ARABIAN NIGHTS – FULL BOARD

**Day 4**  
**31/08/10**

Downwinder 1: Makunduchi to Paje (15km) and then kiting locally.  
ARABIAN NIGHTS – FULL BOARD

**Day 5**  
**01/09/10**

Downwinder 2: Paje to Ras Michamvi (25km), then back to Paje to chill and kite some more in preparation for a change of coast tomorrow.  
ARABIAN NIGHTS – FULL BOARD

**Day 6**  
**02/09/10**

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, kite surfing is the order of the day. Downwinder 4  
ARABIAN NIGHTS – FULL BOARD

**Day 7**  
**03/09/10**

Today you head south to Kizimkazi and have the chance for an optional 10km downwinder (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.  
ARABIAN NIGHTS – FULL BOARD

**Day 8**  
**04/09/10**

Back on the water and the biggest challenge to date. Downwinder 5: Mnemba Island (30km)  
ARABIAN NIGHTS – FULL BOARD

**Day 9**  
**05/09/10**

Now you mix it up; the long downwinders complete, the kitesurfing is local (although that still leaves a lot of scope) and 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 Stonetown.  
ARABIAN NIGHTS – FULL BOARD

**Day 10**  
**06/09/10**

This is your last chance to take to the water and enjoy the power of the trade winds. By now you will know the Paje area pretty well, so indulge yourself and make the most of it. Just like the day before, land excursions are available if it is time to pack away your kit and check out more of the island. This is your last night on the island, so a party won't be out of the question. Paje by Night becomes a memorable phrase.  
ARABIAN NIGHTS – FULL BOARD

**Day 11**  
**07/09/10**

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.  
MEDITERRANEO HOTEL - B&B

**Day 12**  
**08/09/10**

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 end of the summer sun.

**If you enjoyed this little bit of African kite surfing,  
then 'karibuni tena', 'welcome back',  
there is plenty more.**

## THE DETAILS

**£959.00** 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; 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

While we do not book flights directly, we have sourced an excellent quote, which can be taken up if booked immediately. If you are keen to take up this option, then please contact Luke at Kitesurfkings to confirm your interest and to chat about the trip on 01273 88 88 33 or email [luke@kitesurfkings.com](mailto:luke@kitesurfkings.com).

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



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 apologise, but promise to tease you with the tales and footage that we come back with!