

THE PERFECT STAY AT UZURI VILLA

WHERE UZURI VILLA IS LOCATED, AND WHO IT IS ADDRESSED TO

The villa is located about an hour drive from the airport of Zanzibar on the east coast of the island. The typical African village of Jambiani is situated just behind UZURI VILLA. Near UZURI VILLA there are other small resorts and private houses but on the whole the entire area is still very natural and completely different from the typical holiday resort areas. The ideal visitor for UZURI VILLA is the one who loves self-made holidays, who does not like crowded resorts or tourist-package tours, but who is always in search of new discoveries and originality. The visitor will anyway experiences a complete range of specialized services (from the private transfer to and from the airport, to the catering in the villa) which offers a very good relation quality/price (see the rates- services page for more details).

FURTHER INFORMATION:

THE 10 GOLDEN RULES FOR THE PERFECT TOURIST TO UZURI VILLA

1. Getting the VISA on arrival: once you have landed, you have to queue to clear the custom and get the VISA. The tourist VISA costs 50 dollars (Euros are also accepted, but it is not convenient as they usual exchange dollar/euro at 1.1 rate)
2. Baggage claim and leaving the airport: this is the most critical part of the arrival. The airport is still very bad organized and the unloading of the luggage is still done manually by putting all the cases on trolleys and then delivered personally to the tourists. This can be very chaotic, especially when several flights land at the same time. Do not panic!!!! Just be patient and wait for your luggage to be delivered. Luggage won't get lost (it is usually directs flight) and you can help by describing the aspect of your case to one of the person there, or by giving them a small tip. Tipping is forbidden in the airport but some staff might still ask you for tips, telling you will avoid the security control: try not to give tips in the airport, just be kind and resolute and walk away, nothing will happen to you. In any case if any of the airport staff asks you to open your suitcase for a control, do it immediately: it is always a very quick pro-forma check which lasts few minutes
3. Outside the airport: our staff will be waiting for you outside with a sign with your name on it. They will take you to a mini-van and then drive you to UZURI VILLA. If some of the local helps you in carrying your luggage, you can give them a couple

of dollar as tip (take with you some small money, just in case – other information regarding money and exchange rate can be found in the section “money and currency”

4. Transfer to UZURI VILLA: the transfer takes about an hour. You will cross the island from west to east. In the first part you will drive through the town of Stone Town, the capital city and you will see some very busy “suk” (local markets). Then you will pass less crowded areas (fields and forests) Every now and then you will be stopped by police control (the officers usually wear white uniforms).They will check the documents of the drivers so do not interfere with them, relax and enjoy the landscape from the window!
5. Arrival at UZURI VILLA: once you arrived we will organize a welcome breakfast to get you acquainted with the special place you have just reached, an oasis of peace and relaxation!
6. Meals: breakfast is always included, then you can decide day by day what, when and where you want to eat. If you want you can eat in the villa, just arranging with our staff what you would like to have.. we will do our best to fulfil your wishes
7. Main activities at UZURI VILLA: you can spend your day just relaxing in the equipped garden with sun beds. The garden is direct on the beach and the sea is just one step ahead: you have only to keep an eye on the tide times. This is one of the most peculiar aspect of the island: when is low tide (usually around 12.00 p.m.) the sea draws back for about 200 meters till the coral reef and leaves the bottom of the sea free in its magnificent colours. Do not miss this experience and take a walk in the water up to the barrier reef...an image you will hardly forget!!! Alternatively there are several excursions you may well do. These are the main ones (also depending on the length of your stay): - spice tour - dolphin tour - sailing trip (on the dhow, the local wooden boats) - trips to nearby beaches (Paje beach, -which is considered the 4th most beautiful beach in the world- is just few kilometres away or Michanwi or others) - Day trip to Ras Nungwi (the top part of the island) with its Sazani beach, breathtaking view, an enchanted place not to be missed. The journey to reach this destination is about 2 hours drive, so we suggest you to do it a couple of days after your arrival, when you are more relaxed so that you can enjoy the complete view of the island as the drive crosses the island from south to north. - Visit of Stone Town, the capital city with its interesting spots, memory of the British empire - Visit of Jozani Forest home of a special race of red monkeys (the red Colobe). Entrance fee for the park

8. What to buy: local handcraft is very popular with its colourful clothes and hand made objects in wood or in silver. You will find a lot of small shops in stone Town where you can buy everything at a cheap price. Most of the shops do not accept credit cards so have your cash ready with you (both US Dollars or Tanzanian Shillings are well accepted). You can always deal about the price!!
9. Currency: the local currency is the Tanzanian Shillings. The exchange rate is 1.700 Shillings: 1 Euro. For a specific and accurate exchange rate visit the web site: <http://www.xe.com/ucc/full.shtml>. Euro is well accepted all over the island, so you don't need to change Euro in US Dollars before your departure. In Stone Town you can change Euro into Shilling at reasonable rates without doing the double exchange Euro-US Dollar / Dollar – US Shilling. So we suggest you to change a small amount of Euro in US Dollar (small notes – 1,2,5 Dollar) before departure and then change Euro in Shillings once you are in Zanzibar.
10. Local population: people of Zanzibar are famous for their kindness and good manners. They are used to deal with Western people because of their history. It is really a pleasant experience to spend time with them especially at UZURI VILLA, located just off the village of Jambiani. Some locals speak English very well, some just a little bit, but ..no problem...language or communication problems do not exist here!!! For a complete and detailed guide of Zanzibar we suggest you the web site: <http://www.imondonauti.it/>.

So what we wish you, is that the atmosphere of these places will stay forever in your heart, just as it happened to ourselves. We do not expect this experience to change your life, but we are sure it will stay in your memory.. forever... we are just waiting for you to share your feelings with us...once again...welcome to a bit of paradise...UZURI VILLA... www.uzurivilla.com