

5 Reasons Zanzibar Should Be Your Honeymoon Destination

Few island destinations can provide a more apt setting for newly blossomed marital bliss than Zanzibar. And few places on earth have earned every letter of their exotic names more than this East African archipelago. This a dreamy coastal paradise has provided the backdrop for warmly cherished memories for gazillions of newly-wed couples. Here are a few reasons you and your beloved should have the Spice Island high on your destination shortlist:

Sunbathing on Stunning Beaches

The eastern extreme of Zanzibar will provide you with the perfect location for those Instagram-worthy sunsets. It is also you and your significant other will want to while away the hours, soaking up the generous sunshine. Whether you wish to dose off to the hum of the Indian Ocean or sail into the glassy waters on a traditional dhow, every moment will be magical.

Immersing Yourself in Swahili Culture

You will get the same laid-back island vibe here that you will on a Caribbean excursion but it will have a distinctive Swahili twist. As you interact with the hospitable locals, you will pick up a few words of East Africa's lingua franca. You can dive deeper into Swahili culture by timing your visit to coincide with the Jahazi festival or the Zanzibar International Film Festival.

Selfies With a Historical Backdrop

On the west of the island, you will find Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here you will find colonial architecture dating back to the 19th century reflecting Zanzibar's Portuguese, British and Arab heritage. You will also find the house which pop legend Freddie Mercury lived in for the first five years of his life in the 1940s.

An Exotic Street Feast

Coming to the Spice Island should mean that you're in for a rich culinary experience, right? While your taste buds will certainly be in for a spicy treat, you will remember Zanzibar for the variety of fresh seafood you indulged in. Especially if you try the prawns or calamari that street vendors grill over an open fire at Forodhani Night Food Market. And what better occasion than your honeymoon to put the rumored aphrodisiac powers of octopus stew to the test?

Bonding With Nature Above and Below Water

To break the monotony of lazing on Zanzibar's stunning beaches, you can explore the beauty of the coral reef and the diverse marine life it hosts. Or head south to Kizimkazi on a dolphin-spotting expedition. But these water-bound creatures are not all the wildlife Zanzibar has to offer. An encounter with giant Aldabra tortoises, now a protected species,

awaits you at Prison Island. And you will find the rare Red Colobus Monkeys leaping through the foliage at Jozani Forest Reserve.