



DAY TRIP

Prison Island & Nakupenda Sandbank Day Trip

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FROM

USD 120

Per person — Price depends on group size, boat arrangement, seafood lunch, and pick-up location.

DURATION

1 Day

Island and sandbank tour

TRIP STYLE

Private Day Trip

Boat, history, swimming, and beach

DESTINATIONS

Prison Island, Nakupenda Sandbank

Zanzibar Island

BEST FOR

Year Round

Best during calm sea conditions

Overview

The Prison Island and Nakupenda Sandbank Day Trip is one of Zanzibar's most popular island experiences, combining history, wildlife, swimming, beach relaxation, and beautiful ocean scenery. The trip begins with a boat ride from Stone Town to Prison Island, where you can see giant tortoises and learn about the island's past, before continuing to Nakupenda Sandbank for swimming, sunbathing, and beach time.

With Serengeti Wild Tours, this private Zanzibar day trip gives you flexible timing, comfortable transfers, boat arrangements, and a relaxed island experience. Nakupenda Sandbank is known for soft white sand, clear water, and open ocean views, making it ideal for couples, families, honeymooners, and travelers who want a memorable Zanzibar beach day.

Highlights

- Visit Prison Island, also known as Changuu Island, near Stone Town.
- See the famous giant tortoises and learn about the island's history.
- Enjoy a boat trip across clear Zanzibar waters.
- Relax at Nakupenda Sandbank with white sand and turquoise ocean views.
- Swim, sunbathe, and take photos in a beautiful island setting.
- Enjoy seafood lunch or beach picnic where arranged.
- Ideal for couples, families, beach lovers, and Zanzibar holiday travelers.

Inclusions & Exclusions

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- Pick-up and drop-off from your Zanzibar hotel where arranged
- Private transport to boat departure point
- Boat transfer to Prison Island and Nakupenda Sandbank
- Professional local guide or boat crew
- Prison Island entry fee
- Giant tortoise visit
- Swimming and beach time at Nakupenda Sandbank
- Drinking water
- Government taxes and levies

EXCLUSIONS

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Tips for guide, driver, and boat crew
- Personal items
- Seafood lunch unless arranged
- Snorkeling gear unless arranged
- Alcoholic and soft drinks unless specified
- Any extra activities not mentioned in the itinerary

Itinerary

Day 1

Stop 1: Pick-up and Boat Departure from Stone Town

Accommodation: No accommodation included

Your guide or driver-guide will pick you up from your Zanzibar hotel or meet you at the agreed location in Stone Town. After a short briefing, you will board a boat and begin the trip toward Prison Island. The boat ride gives you beautiful views of Stone Town from the sea and the clear waters of Zanzibar.

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Day 2

Stop 2: Prison Island and Giant Tortoises

Accommodation: No accommodation included

Arrive at Prison Island, also known as Changuu Island, and explore the island with your guide. You will learn about the island's history and visit the giant tortoise sanctuary, where some tortoises are known for their impressive size and age. This stop combines Zanzibar history, island scenery, and a unique wildlife experience close to Stone Town.

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Day 3

Stop 3: Nakupenda Sandbank Beach Time

Meals: Lunch | Accommodation: No accommodation included

Continue by boat to Nakupenda Sandbank, a beautiful stretch of white sand surrounded by clear turquoise water. You will have time to swim, relax, sunbathe, walk on the sandbank, and take photos. Depending on your arrangement, a seafood lunch or beach picnic can be prepared during your time at the sandbank.

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Day 4

Stop 4: Return to Stone Town or Hotel

Accommodation: No accommodation included

After enjoying Nakupenda Sandbank, you will take the boat back toward Stone Town. Your guide or driver will then transfer you back to your hotel or agreed drop-off point. This marks the end of your Prison Island and Nakupenda Sandbank Day Trip with Serengeti Wild Tours.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Where is Prison Island located?

Prison Island, also known as Changuu Island, is located off the coast of Stone Town in Zanzibar and is reached by boat.

What can I see on Prison Island?

You can see the giant tortoise sanctuary, learn about the island's history, and enjoy views of the Zanzibar coastline.

What is Nakupenda Sandbank known for?

Nakupenda Sandbank is known for white sand, clear turquoise water, swimming, beach relaxation, and beautiful ocean views.

Is lunch included in the Prison Island and Nakupenda Day Trip?

Lunch can be included on request. Many travelers choose a seafood lunch or beach picnic at Nakupenda Sandbank.

Is this trip suitable for families?

Yes. This trip is suitable for families, couples, honeymooners, groups, and beach lovers. Sea conditions and boat safety are considered before departure.

What should I bring for this Zanzibar day trip?

Bring swimwear, towel, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, sandals, camera, and cash for tips or personal purchases.
