



Tour Name

Made In Zanzibar: Handicraft & Music Tour

Tour City

Zanzibar

Tour Snapshot

Say 'jambo' to the most accomplished craftsmen and women, artists and musicians that Zanzibar has to offer on this handicraft/musical-themed adventure. A stunning melting pot of cultures for centuries, this region boasts an impressive artisan craft culture. We will introduce you to painters, carpenters, henna artists and musicians as we unlock the cultural, historic and musical secrets of Stone Town and beyond. Have a go at creating your own piece of art and jam with local musicians on this unique and engaging tour.

Highlights

- Meet the talented artists behind Zanzibar's thriving handicraft community and learn about their life and work
- Have a go at henna painting and wood carving under the expert eye of a local artisan
- Discover the fascinating story behind Zanzibar's beautifully elaborate (and unique) carved wooden doors
- Visit the region's only music school, chat with musicians about their music heritage and have a go at playing a local instrument

- Stroll through historic Stone Town with an expert local guide, find out more about the area and get some insider tips on what else to see and do while you're in town

Inclusions: Local, English-speaking guide, water, handicraft souvenir to take home

Exclusions: Additional food and drinks, souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 4 hours

- Meeting point:

In front of the Old Fort main entrance in Stone Town.

Old Fort (Ngome Kongwe) is located in the Forodhani area in the heart of Stone Town, right next to the Forodhani Park (Forodhani Gardens).

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- Starting time: 9.00 AM

- Ending point:

In front of the Old Fort

Full Itinerary

Your journey begins outside the Old Fort, Stone Town's most famous landmark. Your guide will spend some time helping you to get orientated and will talk to you about the flourishing craft culture in Zanzibar before we set off towards our first stop.

Henna is a traditional dye made from the Laconia plant which is used to decorate the body with elaborate patterns and is extremely popular with local women in Zanzibar. You will have an opportunity to paint your own pattern onto canvas under the expert guidance of a local henna painter amongst the beautiful surroundings of the historic Fort. After you've had a practise, you are welcome to try it on your skin too (optional).

Next up, we'll stop at a vibrant local studio to chat to a group of local painters, find out more about their work and admire their creations.

Carpentry is next on our agenda, still a vital and flourishing vocation in Zanzibar. If you've been in town for a few days, you may already have noticed the abundance of decorative, heavy wooden doors, something that the region is famous for, you won't find anything like this anywhere else in the world. On this tour, you'll get to meet the talented artisans behind these works of art. With the guidance of a local carpenter, you will also get a chance to carve your own little piece. You must be patient though, as this old handcraft is not as easy as it looks! You will be given a small souvenir gift by the carpenter so that you'll always remember your time with us in Stone Town!

Finally, we'll dive into the world of Zanzibar and Swahili music at the local Dhow Countries Music Academy, the only music school in Zanzibar. The centre actively promotes and protects local music heritage and offers students a wide range of instruments to learn and master. During our visit you will hear about the history of the institution and the different local music styles that they proudly preserve, such as taarab, kidumbak and ngoma. After your lesson in Tanzanian music history, you will be invited to choose an instrument and to throw yourself into the rhythms as we practise a piece together with the friendly local students that study at the academy!

Your guide will lead you back to the Old Fort in the centre of Stone Town, just in time for lunch, and will be more than happy to share their local food recommendations with you. Before you go, don't forget to also ask for more tips on what else to see and so during your stay in Zanzibar.

Additional information

Inclusions: Local, English-speaking guide, water, handicraft souvenir to take home

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Dress standard: We recommend that you wear modest dress for this tour (no short skirts or shorts) and comfortable walking shoes.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page. Please note, if you are bringing a toddler, we would recommend that you bring a pram/buggy as the tour

involves quite a lot of walking

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