



ZANZIBAR CHILL OUT WEEKEND TRIP

There are several amazing weekend trips to get involved in during your time with PMGY in Tanzania. Travelling over the weekends is a huge part of the experience as it gives you the opportunity to explore the country with fellow volunteers on the program.

Due to a lack of public transport travelling independently in Tanzania is not the easiest thing to do. Even if there were a better transport network it would not be viable to travel out to a national park and then be left to your own devices. As a result, you really need to travel in a more private network to ensure your safety and to make the most of the weekend opportunities.

There are many travel agents based in the city who can provide affordable and reputable weekend trip options to our volunteers, and they also allow for you to meet other travellers in Tanzania. Our local team are also able to organise weekend trips for volunteers, but we want to ensure participants have the freedom to book elsewhere if this suits their plans better.

As a result, we have found participants to prefer the flexibility to explore all the opportunities available to them once they arrive in Arusha rather than pre-organising trips only for people to want to change these plans once they arrive. You can therefore book weekend trips locally based on your budget, travel preferences and once you have met other volunteers on the program.

We have outlined a couple of popular weekend trip options to give you an idea of some of the trips you can get involved in during your time with us. We recommend participants do not make any firm commitments until they arrive in Tanzania as participants will usually travel in a group and our team are a great resource to help you make plans!

It is common for volunteers to make weekend trip plans for a 3 day period when travelling further afield. This will mean choosing to miss a day from your volunteer project. Subsequently, you should give as much notice as possible to the local team and staff at the project to ensure they can approve your plans before you make any trip commitments and make alternative arrangements if necessary.

With bright blue skies and seas, Zanzibar is your place to be! Officially consisting of more than 50 islands, Zanzibar provides the perfect setting to rest, relax and re-cooperate after a busy week at project back in Mainland Tanzania. Unjuja is Zanzibar's largest and most populous island. It is where this weekend trip is based and is unofficially referred to as 'Zanzibar Island'. The island has the perfect mix of culture, history and beauty, and is conveniently just over an hour away from Arusha by plane – the perfect getaway!

There is a tremendous amount that you can squeeze out of your time in Zanzibar, and with a jam-packed itinerary across 3 days, you ensure that you get the most out of your mini-adventure. Marvel at dolphins as they graze

the ocean's edge, snorkel through the sparkling turquoise waters whilst exploring nearby islands and stay on the look-out for Zanzibar's famous monkeys!

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DAY 1 – ARRIVAL AND DOLPHIN SPOTTING

Welcome to Zanzibar! After arriving onto the island that morning, you will have a chance to grab your own lunch before getting stuck right in with a Dolphin Tour! Following your collection from the accommodation, the boat departs from Kizimkazi fishing village on the Southern point of the land.



This magnificent region is home several schools of fish and dolphins, providing you with a great chance of spotting these majestic aquatic mammals. The boat will skim the waters as you keep your eyes peeled, and should the opportunity arise, jump in and swim along! This tour will last between 3-4 hours. The rest of the day is yours to relax and explore.

DAY 2 – SAFARI AT SEA

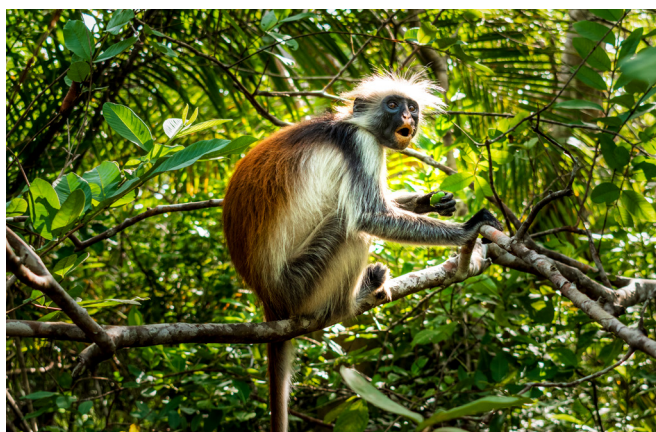
After breakfast at the hotel, you're off on your next adventure back on the water – you'll be branching off from Zanzibar Island to explore the other lands the region has to offer. Today is full of adventure, allowing you to engage in a variety of activities as you admire the beautiful islands that compose Zanzibar's Archipelago. You'll have a chance to get geared up snorkel gear to explore the fish and corals that decorate ocean floor, before wandering island trails and joining activities in the sand!

The evening remains yours to rest and recovery after your fun-fuelled day off the main island.



DAY 3 – JOZANI FOREST TOUR AND HOMETIME

Today, is your last day on the island, but this isn't to say that your venture is complete just yet. Following your final breakfast at the hotel, you will be spending the day on-land, exploring Zanzibar's only national park - Jozani Forest. Zanzibar is the only home of the Red Colobus Monkey. These rare monkeys are full of character and can be found roaming freely around the forest. You'll spend your day keeping look-out for these peculiar looking creatures, amongst a vast range of others.



A guide will lead you through the trails, acting as your extra eyes as you explore what might be lurking in the trees!

After completing the tour, you will have time to find yourself some lunch, pack and make the most out of any extra time you have left on beautiful Zanzibar Island, before your flight back to the Volunteer House in Arusha.

ACCOMMODATION

You will stay at a hotel or guesthouse for the night. Rooms are shared, up to 6 volunteers per room. Our team will do their best to arrange twin rooms or single beds, but from time to time some volunteers may be required to share double beds, depending on availability. The guesthouse will be basic but clean and comfortable. You should have all the amenities you need such as western toilet and hot shower. Wi-Fi is also available, although it may be intermittent.

MEALS

You'll be provided with breakfast at the accommodation. Lunch is included on day 2 only. All excluded lunches, dinners, drinks and snacks will be at your own expense.

TRANSPORT

Flights to Zanzibar (Abeid Amani Karume International Airport, airport code ZNZ) must be arranged independently, at your own expense. We strongly suggest that flights arrive into Zanzibar before mid-morning to allow you to maximise your time on the trip, and advise arranging these when in country, with the assistance with the local team. PMGY are not accountable for any activities missed as a result of late arrivals or flight delays. All participants are expected to return to the Volunteer House in Arusha on the Sunday night before curfew.

MANDATORY INSURANCE

If you are travelling to or arriving in Zanzibar, please note it is mandatory to take out separate insurance for this visit via the island's insurance provider - the Zanzibar Insurance Corporation (ZIC), for the duration of your stay. You can purchase insurance for the duration required [here](#). Please note this must be done before travelling to Zanzibar. Otherwise, you may be denied entry.