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Albeit almost all of us take to the web to help plan our holidays, and our website is exceptionally cool at www.holidayfactory.co.za, the brochure offers a quick at-a-glance overview of the best value resorts, all the important hotel features highlighted by the icons and our personal opinions of why each resort has been selected to feature in this brochure.

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There are travel websites and then there is www.holidayfactory.co.za. It’s informative without being information overload, it’s easy to navigate, it looks beautiful and the search functionality is super-fast and very comprehensive. The search engine is specifically designed to allow you to rapidly narrow down the host of options in the least possible time and find the products in The Factory that work for you. So let’s get surfing!

**Travel Tips from The Factory Floor**

• Plan, book and pay for as many elements of your holiday before you travel; transfers, tours, extras etc. are far more expensive when you buy them at your destination.
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**About Zanzibar**

The very name of Zanzibar conjures up visions of wild adventure and exotic spice markets, white-sailed dhows and turquoise waters, mingled with the tropical essence of East Africa and the Gulf of Arabia between which points it lies. The monsoons that blow across the Indian Ocean have allowed contact between Persia, Arabia, India and the coast of east Africa (including the island of Zanzibar) for over 2,000 years, infusing the island with more than its fair share of history. The words ‘tropical’ and ‘paradise’ are often bandied around but rarely with more justification than here. If your ideal is to while away the lazy days lying on palm-fringed, soft sandy beaches, overlooking the Indian Ocean stretching under an azure sky to the horizon, Zanzibar has it waiting there for you to discover.

Want a more active holiday? The living reef that surrounds the island offers diving for all tastes, whether snorkelling or a full-on scuba diving experience. Warm, clear, crystal blue waters allow you to enjoy the magical underwater scenery to its fullest. Go on spice tours, taste local dishes and walk the cobbled streets of the capital’s old quarter Stone Town, now a World Heritage Site buzzing with colourful back-street markets and local flavour. Tranquility and great beauty surround you wherever you go in Zanzibar. If your thing is secluded and elegant luxury, with discreet butler service and ultimate privacy, then it is here for the taking, exclusive boutique hotels, elegant Spa resorts pamper you and cater for every whim. Romance is always in the air and Zanzibar is the perfect honeymoon destination.

But, if you want cool and action and family-friendly hotels, or a simple beach holiday hotel, these are also available. There really is something for everyone. Choose your hotel carefully and the holiday of a lifetime awaits you. Families, friends, couples, lovers; kick off the stresses of modern life and step into the wonderful and exotic experience that is Zanzibar. You won’t be disappointed.

The resort star rating indicated in this brochure is that certified by the Zanzibar Ministry of Information, Culture, Tourism and Sports and is not necessarily equivalent to South African star gradings.

• For hotel pages please refer to number in the circles.

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**Let these icons guide you around the Island:**

- **Dolphins**
- **Swing**
- **Airports**
- **Golf**

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**Stone Town (UNESCO)**

My Blue Essque Zalu

Stone Town

Melia Zanzibar

Star of the East

Park Hyatt

La Gemma dell’Est

Gold Zanzibar

Jozani Forest

Mapenzi

Melia Zanzibar

Azao Resort & Spa

Uroa

Dream of Zanzibar

Azanzi

Zanzibar

Ari

Kikwetu

Kichanga

Park Hyatt

Uroa

Dongwe

The Residence

Zanzibar

La Gemma dell’Est

Star of the East

Hideaway of Nungwi
Apart from the name - after all who doesn’t like gold - the location of this 5 star property is superb, right on the most magnificent stretch of beach at Kendwa on Zanzibar’s north west coast.

There is very little tidal movement so the amazing turquoise ocean is available for swimming all day. A combination of African and Arabic influences, elegant touches of Italian style and detail, and the hallmark gold and white decor theme permeate the resort – from the spacious and stylish rooms and suites to the funky bathrooms, stylish restaurants, relaxing bars and the Balinese style Spa.

Enjoy lazy days on the amazing beach – even your lunch can be served under the shade of your beach umbrella in your own private corner of paradise. Then move on to the Ocean Dhow Bar for cocktails and a spectacular sunset.
A sophisticated and stylish resort with 100 luxuriously appointed ocean front suites and villas on Nungwi’s magnificent beach.

Contemporary Balinese décor, enormous attention to detail, and beautiful fittings and amenities all help to soothe away the stress of modern life in this perfect hideaway for couples, families and friends. The absence of strong tides along this coastline guarantees great swimming and selected non-motorised water sports are complimentary.

Three restaurants, 2 bars, a cigar and shisha lounge, a Spa and Health Club, fully equipped PADI water sports centre, kids club, evening entertainment including live music – Hideaway with its genuine Zanzibari hospitality, both personal and discreet, certainly embodies what we have come to expect from Zanzibar’s only member of the Leading Hotels of the World.

Hideaway is the ideal place to ‘hide’ on exotic Zanzibar – beautiful sea, amazing sunsets, long walks on the beach… holiday heaven!

Nestled in the middle of exotic gardens on the beach front at Kiwengwo on Zanzibar’s north east coast, this 5-star hotel, with its modern and contemporary Arabic architecture is a perfectly exclusive and elegant hideaway.

The white sandy beach is beautiful, ideal for long walks in the freshness of early morning. The 104 Deluxe Gardens Rooms, 40 Ocean View Junior Suites, 10 additional Junior Suites with Jacuzzi bath and 3 Beach Villas with Private Pool are classic and stylish, and with daily entertainment on offer, there is a particular and very cool vibe to the place. The hotel’s all inclusive package allows guests to dine at a choice of five different restaurants at no extra cost plus there is an à la carte option for a special occasion.

If you dream of a palm fringed beach of powder white sand bordering turquoise, emerald and deep cobalt crystal clear water, this dream will come true here.

Hideaway of Nungwi Resort & Spa
Dream of Zanzibar

Beachfront Hotel
Babysitting
Snorkelling
Spa
WiFi
Non-motorised Water sports
All inclusive
Rooms
100
Dining Options
3
Transfer Time
60 mins
Kids Club
Diving
Kite Surfing
Motorised Water sports
Villa Accommodation
Honeymoon Discounts

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This gorgeous villa style resort offers an unspoilt and serene location combined with a stunning tribute to contemporary style and the island’s Africa, Omani and European heritage. You just know that this is going to be everything you want it to be.

66 villas with private pools are set in 32 hectares of palm forest overlooking a mile-long perfect white sand beach. The impressive beachfront infinity pool with its unique glass walls is ideal for a swim when the tide is low and the 150 metre jetty offers a peaceful spot for sunset yoga. The Spas will soothe and rejuvenate, non-motorised water sports are complimentary, there is a PADI dive centre on site. You can enjoy your meals in the comfort and privacy of your own villa or picnic around the pool or on the beach if you prefer.

Take time to explore the extensive gardens on your own bicycle or in a chauffeured buggy and the dolphin safari excursion direct from the resort’s jetty is a must.

The Residence Zanzibar

Dining Options
- 2

Transfer Time
- 60 mins

Kids Club
- Half Board
- Full Board

Villa Accommodation
- Honeymoon
- Discounts

Accommodation
- All Inclusive

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Located on the North Western shores of Zanzibar, this large resort, with its chic and modern décor, is a firm favourite. All rooms have undergone a fabulous refurb and now showcase Plan Hotels trademark white theme – stylishly peaceful. Each room has a private terrace and sea views and is surrounded by exotic tropical garden. Two restaurants and four bars all form part of the resort’s all inclusive package, plus there is an a la carte seafood restaurant on the jetty. The African Village barbecue is not to be missed – traditional Masai entertainment plus a Masai market and the Mvua Spa is the perfect place to relax and rejuvenate. Gemma has possibly one of the best beaches in Zanzibar and a great dive and water sports centre too. There are also state of the art conference facilities for up to 220 delegates. ‘No wonder everyone loves Gemma’. Just some of things you should do during your holiday at Gemma are to smoke the Shisha at Café MoreSCO and party the night away, at least once, at the Sunset Lounge and Bar on the jetty.

Diamonds Mapenzi Beach

Mapenzi, one of the most established hotels on the island of Zanzibar remains an excellent and affordable choice for people who want an action-packed holiday.

Great value for money, it’s an unpretentious resort with a fantastic vibe, fun and involving. Accommodation is simple and comfortable, the water sport facilities are brilliant – windsurfing equipment and canoes are complimentary – the all inclusive package covers a choice of three restaurants – the buffet is one of the best on the island – and two bars plus a daily stacked mini-bar (soft drinks, water and beer) – it couldn’t be better! There is also the a la carte restaurant on the beach – but here a supplement is payable.

The low tide on the East coast adds to the experience when you can walk out across the beach for 1.5 kilometres to the reef. Plus, for a vibrant party atmosphere, you need to look no further.

Diamonds La Gemma dell ‘Est
Luxury, privacy, beauty, tranquillity on Zanzibar’s north east coast; all sum up Melia Zanzibar perfectly. 300 metres of white sandy beach with a natural coral reef ringing the resort provide plenty of space to soak up the sun and relaxed, safe swimming and snorkelling.

Choose from a range of accommodation options to tailor your stay to your needs – and a heads up if it’s a romantic holiday - the cliff top, Ocean Front Romance Pavilions are the ultimate luxurious and romantic retreat. Five stars means that everything is the best of the best and all inclusive means you don’t have to worry about anything. Gabi Beach with its Bali beds and the Beach Club tucked in under the palms provides an informal and relaxed atmosphere with chill out music and a vibey bar and restaurant. Melia Zanzibar has all the amenities you could wish for, including a PADI dive centre.
Simply stunning location on the northern coast at Nungwi where the water is blue, the beaches are beautiful, the tidal movement is minimal and the sunsets are spectacular.

Comfortable rooms in 5 different categories; the Ocean View ones are the best in terms of view and location but they do of course come at a small premium – all equipped with air conditioning and mosquito nets, as well as flat screen TVs. My Blue offers a comprehensive all inclusive package that even caters for late risers with the option of a late light breakfast available at the pool bar after 10 and until 12 noon. Mwezi on the beachfront offers light lunches including pizzas, and an a la carte restaurant, aptly named Ali Baba, offers a gourmet menu selection and shisha pipes for leisurely after dinner pleasure.

When the tide is right you can snorkel off the beach but the sports and dive centre can also arrange snorkelling and diving excursions to ensure the best of Zanzibar’s underwater life. Nightlife is also not forgotten with an Ngoma Ngoma show and a Masai dance show weekly, as well as live duo music evenings.
Dongwe Ocean View

This boutique hotel sits amongst the palms in a stunning location right on the most beautiful beach on Zanzibar’s south east coast near Bweju, Paje and the Michamvi peninsular.

The resort comprises 18 rooms in 2 double storey buildings, all with balconies and views of the ocean. The two Family Rooms comprise 2 bedrooms and one bathroom and are ideal for a family of four. There is a central reception area, a pool just a few steps from the sand and a beachfront bar which serves a full range of drinks and cocktails through the day. The open sided restaurant with its position on the beachfront provides uninterrupted views of the beach and ocean.

The vibe at Dongwe is definitely relaxed so leave your shoes in your room and enjoy a barefoot, laid back, true beach holiday.

Kichanga Lodge

Kichanga is located on the south east coast of Zanzibar at the end of the Michamvi peninsula in a spectacular position on the crest of a hill overlooking a magnificent private white sandy beach in a cove protected by coral headlands.

The lodge is in perfect harmony with the natural environment and provides a peaceful and quiet holiday atmosphere far from the crowds and other resorts. The lodge comprises 23 individual Bungalows and Villas, well-spaced in the tropical gardens to ensure peace and privacy.

Certain units have interconnecting veranda doors or a mezzanine level which is an ideal option for families. All are under Makuti thatch and have large wooden verandas and glassless windows to really enjoy the sounds of the ocean.

As an added bonus Kichanga guests get priority reservations at The Rock Restaurant, with its unique location sitting on a rock in the ocean – truly a once in a lifetime experience.
A boutique beach hotel with only 35 rooms, offering a truly intimate experience that is perfect for couples and honeymooners. And with a really hands on management team, you’ll be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

The central entertainment area offers multi-level viewing decks and a fabulous pool that stretches from the undercover dining area out onto the sand. The resort’s Deluxe Suites offer a private cold water jacuzzi on the deck plus an outdoor shower. For the energetic, an excellent on site dive centre offers snorkelling and diving trips, a guided reef walk along the seabed at low tide is not to be missed, and when you tire of the action, the Maua Spa will ease tired muscles.

The Island Escape excursion on the resort’s own dhow is a must – a morning snorkelling at the famous Mnemba Atoll with its spectacular sea life is a truly ‘wow’ experience.

Azanzi Beach Hotel  ★★★★★

With its remote location on the West Coast, this hotel lies in one of the less developed regions of Zanzibar, only twenty minutes from the historic town of Stone Town. It really is hidden away down a 4km track through a coconut plantation and you emerge through the trees to a courtyard filled with tropical flowers, palms and a stunning view of the deep blue ocean. Modern and chic in typical Zanzibar Arabic style, and offering a selection of interleading rooms, this resort is perfect for families and there is also a kids club.

Sea Cliff Resort & Spa  ★★★★★

Whilst the atmosphere is relaxed and tranquil don’t think there’s nothing to do water sports, a gym and tennis and squash courts will keep you occupied, not to mention the Par 71 Peter Matkovitch designed golf course (9 holes and 18 tees) where you can even play ‘golf at twilight’.

A visit to Stone Town via the resort’s complimentary shuttle service is highly recommended as is a horse ride along the beach at sunset or a soothing massage at the Shwari Spa.

Half Board  Beachfront  Babysitting  Snorkelling  Spa  WiFi

Non-motorised Water sports

All inclusive  Rooms 120  Dining Options 3  Transfer Time 30 mins

Kids Club

Half Board  Full Board  Golf Club  Beach  Babysitting  Snorkelling  Spa  WiFi

Non-motorised Water sports

All inclusive  Rooms 35  Dining Options 1  Transfer Time 45 mins

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Mentioning the Indian Ocean conjures up images of bright sun, blue sea, white beaches, romance and adventure. Speak of Zanzibar and listen to the language of history, with varied cultures and trade routes converging on one point.

Talk of modern and stylish and think of Azao Resort and Spa. Set in a tranquil cove on the eastern shoreline of Zanzibar, Azao is perfect for families or parties of friends or simply a couple looking for a beachfront break or time on their own. You will not be short of things to fill your days - swim, play a game of tennis, learn bocce ball, take a nature walk through the mangroves, improve fitness levels in the gym, and don't miss out on a soothing massage at the Spa. At Azao you can play, relax, eat and drink well and re-energise your soul in a tropical paradise. Evening entertainment includes a gala dinner on Friday nights followed by an optional visit to Waikiki for a true beach party disco experience, live music in-resort, a traditional African show and the vibe a la carte bar and tapas on the jetty. If you feel the need for a reality check, the WiFi is complimentary throughout – and when the tide is out and the sun is hot, the stunning beachfront pool – and the pool bar of course – awaits.
**Uroa Bay Beach Resort**  

Uroa Bay Beach Resort, named after the nearby local fishing village, is a vibey resort located on 300 metres of wide, powder-white soft beach on Zanzibar’s beautiful east coast.

The raised private beach is equipped with typical, locally crafted sun loungers and umbrellas with the Pwani Bar in close proximity, naturally! Makuti thatched accommodation is decorated in traditional style amidst lush green foliage and if you are thinking about a family holiday, Garden Rooms, Sea View Rooms and Sea Front Rooms all have a Family Room option with 2 bedrooms – very suitable and convenient. The all inclusive package operates between 10h00 and 23h00 and is super value providing buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner at Jua, and selected house wines, local beers and spirits, coffee, tea, juices and soft drinks.

Kite surfing enthusiasts need look no further - nearby Paje is one of the best areas on the island for this sport and Uroa Bay will facilitate this experience for you whether you want to learn the sport or you are a qualified expert.

**Karafuu Beach Resort & Spa**  

With architecture and décor in the traditional Zanzibar style, this is an incredible value for money hotel in a secluded area on the island’s east coast, about 50 minutes’ drive from the airport and Stone Town.

With a choice of Garden Rooms, Cottages and Junior Suites, there’s sure to be an accommodation style to suit your taste and budget. Guests on the all inclusive package have a choice of 4 restaurants plus the resort’s Masai Village offers barbecue dinners twice a week together with traditional Masai entertainment. The à la carte restaurant with its fabulous sea views is perfect for that special celebration.

Hands-on and attentive management, daily entertainment, a PADI dive school, 3 large pools, swim up bars and a scenic Spa with a Jacuzzi pool complete the picture of this established holiday resort. Even at low tide Karafuu guests can swim in the ocean as a depression close to the shoreline creates a natural swimming pool – just a short stroll out across the sand on the specially constructed walk-way.
Fabulous location on Stone Town’s beachfront, providing 5 star luxury amongst this designated UNESCO heritage site’s labyrinth of winding alleys.

The hotel is housed in two buildings, one of them Mambo Msiige, a building steeped in history, grace and mystique with a story dating back to the 17th century, a unique gem with architecture that embraces Swahili culture alongside Arab, Persian, Indian and European elements. The new and purpose built Zamani residence connects to Mambo Misiige, blending old with new, historic with contemporary. Spacious, elegant guest rooms, authentic cuisine, spectacular views, an oceanfront infinity pool, the Anantara Spa, a fully-equipped fitness centre and exceptional meeting, event and private function facilities - Park Hyatt Zanzibar offers both luxury holiday makers and discerning business travellers rare, intimate and unforgettable experiences.

The town’s key attractions are easily accessible by foot – bustling markets, mosques and the famed Zanzibari doors, featuring magnificent ornate wooden carvings.

If you are not impressed by the entrance, dominated by the highest roof in Zanzibar, wait until you see the enormous jetty stretching out into the sea.

Framed by the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean in a natural cave on the north-east coast of Zanzibar this cleverly constructed hotel takes advantage of the most stunning views over an idyllic lagoon. The simplicity and serenity of an island lifestyle is complimented by the soothing neutral colour scheme and fabulous traditional artworks. 40 Suites, 9 Three and Four Bedroom Villas, 3 restaurants and 3 bars, a superb Spa featuring Africology treatments and products, a dedicated kids club and access to Ras Nungwi village on foot at low tide – Essque Zalu has something for everyone.

Here are just some of the things guests can expect at no extra charge – check-in and out from anywhere in the resort, private vehicle transfers if requested, complimentary resort-wide WiFi and in-villa dining. At Essque Zalu, even the smallest things come with a BIG dose of personalization and all guests enjoy an assigned ‘Navigator’ to see to their every wish, however big or small. If attention to detail is your ‘thing’, you will be wowed here.

Park Hyatt Zanzibar

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Excursions in Zanzibar

Remember there is more to Zanzibar than just beach and sea. The island has a fascinating history and some unique flora and fauna too.

Stone Town City Tour
Follow the trail of the sultans, slaves and explorers through the winding streets and alleys of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Zanzibar Spice Tour
Zanzibar is not known as the spice island for nothing – the plantations are a tribute to the island’s past and the popular spice tour provides a guided walk through the spice farm with the opportunity to touch, smell and taste the different spices.

Prison Island
Home to a tortoise sanctuary, the ruins of the prison that was never used and a hotel, this excursion allows time for interacting with the tortoises, snorkelling the spectacular coral reef and following the island’s hiking trails.

Sandbank Picnic
Full day excursion with a 5 star seafood lunch on a sandbank, time to swim and snorkel, and then on to visit the tortoises on Prison Island before returning to Zanzibar.

Sunset Dhow Cruise
A magical sunset cruise with canapes, drinks and live music.

Safari Blue
Full day excursion on a traditional dhow to explore the Menai Bay conservation area, home to humpback and bottlenose dolphins – time for snorkelling and sunbathing plus a barbecue lunch on Kwale Island.
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