



EAST

AFRICA

10 NIGHT ISLAND CRUISE

TANZANIA

ZANZIBAR, MAFIA & PEMBA ARCHIPELAGO

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2019

10 NIGHTS/11 DAYS - MAFIA, ZANZIBAR & PEMBA ARCHIPELAGO

The following is a guideline itinerary only, as we prefer to keep things flexible to match our guests interests, the mood on the day and optimising the weather and conditions to create the best experience we can.



Day 1 - 3

Mafia Archipelago

Your charter will start at Mafia Island. You will catch a short light aircraft flight from Dar es Salaam to Mafia island, where you will be met and transferred to where the yacht is moored at Kilindoni. We will do a meet and greet at Butiama Beach Lodge, before boarding the yacht.

We will spend a few days exploring the Mafia region. There is lots of things to do here, from swimming with Whale Sharks, snorkeling or scuba diving in the Chole Bay marine reserve, fishing on the outer reefs and islands and enjoying the on board water sports.

On the main island there are also a number of activities and things to do from guided Snorkelling Trip in Chole Bay, trips to Chole Island, visiting Kua Lagoon and historical Ruins, and cultural and village tours, to Sand Bank Picnics, Turtle viewing and Bird Watching Tours.

All these can be booked as optional add on excursions!

Day 3 - 5

Southern Zanzibar / Stone Town

Will head north to Zanzibar via Latham Island for some world class fishing. In the south of Zanzibar is Menai Bay Conservation Area famous for resident dolphins, and there are a number of small islands, beaches and anchorages to enjoy. We will stop at Stone Town for a night, so that you can experience this World Heritage Site. Enjoy history tours, narrow streets, food markets, great local restaurants and soak up the unique atmosphere of Stone Town. If there is time, you also do a Spice Tour or visit The Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park, home to the unique red colobus monkey. All these can be booked as optional add on excursions!

Day 5 - 7

Nungwi & Mnemba Island

From Stone Town we head north via Prison Island and the giant tortoise sanctuary to Nungwi. We anchor just 100 meters off the beach. Nungwi is a vibey place with great beach bars and restaurants and is a popular place for people to enjoy the sunset. There is night life and live music if you want a change from the quiet of the islands. You can also enjoy, water sports activities such as jet skis or parasailing.

From Nungwi we head north to Mnemba Island Atoll. This is a breathtaking place, and although the island itself is private and does not allow day visitors on the island, we are allowed to anchor there for the day or overnight and enjoy the reefs and atolls. Enjoy snorkeling right off the yacht, play music, enjoy cold drinks and relax.

Day 8 - 11

Pemba Island Archipelago & Misali Island

We head out across the channel to Pemba Island. It is about a 5 hour sail, so we will put the fishing lines out and hope we catch fresh dinner. Pemba is a place that time forgot. There are only 3 lodges in the entire archipelago so you are unlikely to see any other visitors. There are dozens of remote anchorages, no light pollution no noise. Its magical.

We will spend time at Misali Island Conservation area. Misali is an uninhabited island, and offers some of the richest reefs and marine life in the world. The snorkeling and diving is amazing and is available right off the beach. The island is also home to the Pemba Flying Fox and to the globally endangered large Coconut Crabs.

In the evenings we will light a fire on the beach and enjoy a beach BBQ and dinner under the stars.

We return to Nungwi where you will say goodbye and head down to Stone Town by car for your flight home.



MAFIA ARCHIPELAGO

MAFIA & THE SOUTHERN ARCHIPELAGO
OVER 20 ISLANDS TO EXPLORE!

MAFIA ARCHIPELAGO YACHT CHARTERS



MAFIA ARCHIPELAGO

Mafia & the Southern Archipelago

The Southern Archipelago consists of different islands and these are spread across a region that includes the Mafia Island Archipelago, the Songa Songa Islands, and the Kilwa region of Southern Tanzania. The Mafia Archipelago Marine Park supported by the World Wide Fund for Nature, is comprised of a number of islands and uninhabited coral atolls and about 25 km from the mainland. Mafia is little changed from ancient times. It retains a traditional, unspoilt non-commercialised friendly culture, where local people go about their business as artisans, farmers, fishermen and traditional sailors.

Mafia is a spectacularly diverse natural environment. It offers a unique mix of Africa within a tropical setting. Large palm groves, mango & cashew trees dominate the island while impressive baobab trees are dotted amongst typical African savannah grassland.

Monkeys, small antelopes, wild pigs, lemurs and dwarf hippos run wild while falcons, fish eagles, Comoro bats 'flying foxes' and giant turtles have also made it their breeding ground.

The Marine Park reefs offer a range of corals and fish like no other in the Indian Ocean. There are over 400 species of fish in the park with an unparalleled variety of hard and soft corals with fabulous dive sites offering shallow reefs of immense beauty and richness. Channels, walls and caves, wrecks, drift and night dives await and there are still years of exploration to do!



MAFIA & SOUTHERN ARCHIPELAGO

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KNOW WHERE TO FIND IT.....

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For those that are not overly enamoured with busy locations and would prefer to be either the only vessel in an anchorage or to leave the only footprints on a beach, the southern half of Tanzania with its numerous Islands and picture perfect secluded bays offers a cruising experience that was possibly last experienced by the early Caribbean sailing pioneers.

From Dar es Salaam to Kilondoni on Mafia Island there are more than 18 islands and reefs that can be explored; these are for the most isolated little islands that can offer absolute privacy – no crowds, no fuss and above all, no paparazzi.

A mere 22 miles from Kilondoni on the mainland lies the Rufiji Delta – one of the great river deltas in Africa and the scene of one of the most extraordinary events in naval warfare history.

Mafia has never felt the pressure of tourist development and whilst there are a few lodges scattered around the island, Mafia tends to breathe to its own rhythm.

One of the more obvious benefits of the island's somewhat somnolent tourism development program is that there is a noticeable improvement in the fishing. For those that like to fish, this part of Tanzania is the place to be.

Likewise the diving offers a diversity that is quite superb and is certainly worth the effort.

From Kilondoni down to Kilwa there are a further 16 islands and reefs begging to be explored. Exotic names such as Okuza, Songa Songa, Jewe and South Fangove conjure visions of palm fringed beaches washed by crystal clear warm waters that fade from a pale turquoise in the shallows to an almost purple blue in the deep channels with an infinite number of shades in between. Fish are plentiful and each year the area is graced by majestic Humpback whales and the mystical Whale Sharks that come to calf in the Mafia channel.

East Africa has two distinctive weather patterns, from December to March the wind blows from the north. Known officially as the north monsoon it is better known by the locals as the Kaskazi. From April/May to November the wind switches around to the south, and is known as the Kisuni. Depending on what time of the year it is, our southern archipelago cruise will start either in Dar es Salaam (Kaskazi) or from Kilwa (Kisuni) to best take advantage of whichever seasonal wind is blowing.









ZANZIBAR ARCHIPELAGO



ZANZIBAR ARCHIPELAGO YACHT CHARTERS



ZANZIBAR ARCHIPELAGO

The Zanzibar Archipelago consists of over 15 islands, reefs and sandbanks that surround the main island of Zanzibar and make it an interesting place to cruise.

The mere mention of the word evokes a sense of mystery and excitement, of pristine white beaches and colourful markets redolent with the heady aroma of spices that made these islands famous.

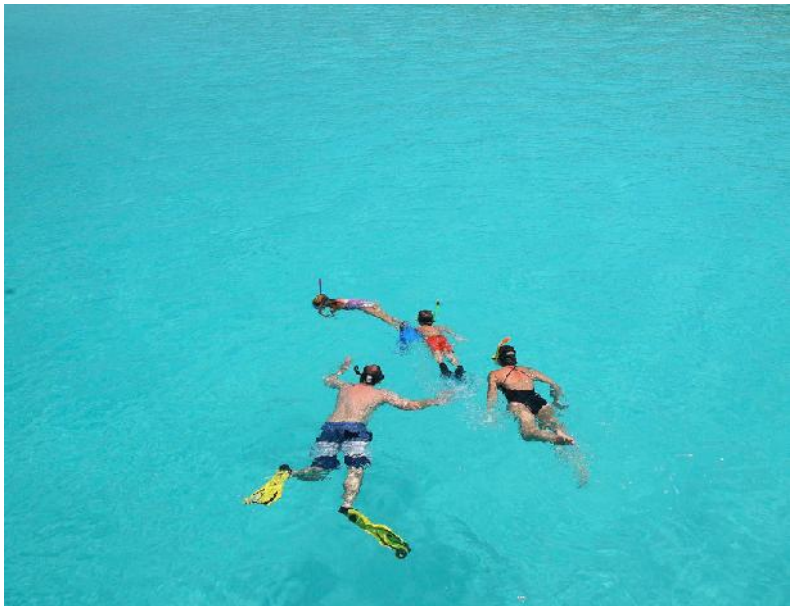
Whilst being a popular beach destination Zanzibar also offers some wonderful cruising for yacht-based charters.

Beautiful beaches, gin clear water with an average temperature in the high twenties, year round reliable trade winds all glued together by the incredibly warm Swahili culture makes this a must see destination.

Our 'Discover Zanzibar' cruise is designed to allow you to do just that - stopping off at either significant or simply breath-taking anchorages makes for an unforgettable adventure that allows you to delve back into the mists of time.







A large catamaran yacht is shown from a low angle, positioned on the right side of the frame. The yacht is white with a dark hull and has a tall mast with various rigging. The background is a dramatic sunset over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that transitions into a deep blue and purple sky filled with scattered clouds. The water in the foreground is dark with small, shimmering ripples.

PEMBA ARCHIPELAGO

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PEMBA ARCHIPELAGO

Pemba, lying north of Zanzibar is surrounded by exotic coral reefs of every form and description, beautiful smaller islands, deep channels and exotic white sandy beaches. Its interior is very different from the other islands in the region with gentle, undulating hills and deep verdant valleys covered with dense clove, coconut and mango plantations.

The Archipelago is made up of a series of smaller islands enclosing an incredible inner sea with islands, reefs, mangrove creeks and deep-water channels. The beautiful outlying islands off Pemba remain completely untouched, with un-trodden sandy beaches. Some have remote villages, others are uninhabited. Spending time on a yacht in these waters is superb, and you can sometimes have the whole place practically to yourself.

You won't be surrounded by hordes of holidaymakers on a "beach" holiday. Because of this 'exclusivity', the island remains a pristine tropical wilderness and this extends to the surrounding marine environment too.

This is a breathtaking African experience in a forgotten tropical paradise that is untouched and unspoilt by the outside world. If you ever wanted to simply get away from it all, hang out on boats, pass your days diving and snorkelling, lazing around on beaches that won't have seen another tourist in months, fishing for your dinner, building beach bbq's and all that kind of thing, then look no further...this is a real flop over the side and swim with the dolphins piece of heaven.







ITS AS EASY AS 1,2,3

FLIGHTS

For the Tanzania region, International flights fly into and out of Zanzibar or Dar Es Salaam. Flights are daily and there are various airlines that fly, including Mango Airlines and SAA.

Different Islands

Charters can on request start and/or end at Zanzibar, Mafia, Pemba Islands or Dar Es Salaam.

For Mafia and Pemba Islands there will be an empty leg delivery fee of 50% of the per night yacht charter rate.

NB. You will need to add on the necessary light aircraft flights and transfers between these islands (if needed) and we can manage this for you. For flight prices please discuss this with us further as the flight costs will depend on where you are coming from or going to. Contact us for further details.



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

TANZANIA - ZANZIBAR, MAFIA, PEMBA ARCHIPELAGOS

You will be met at either Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, Mafia or Pemba airports and transferred by road to where ever you are meeting the yacht. These costs are not included and will be specific to your requirements. We will quote you as needed to meet your requirements.