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The Zanzibar *Packing Checklist*

Everything we actually packed, used, and wished we'd brought, organised so you can pack with confidence in ten minutes instead of an hour.



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Zanzibar is hot, humid, and a little unpredictable, tropical showers can appear out of nowhere even in dry season. Pack light, pack for the beach first, and leave room in your bag for spices and fabric on the way home.

 CLOTHING

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| ☐ Swimsuits (bring two) | ☐ Light scarf or shawl (shoulders/knees) |
| ☐ Lightweight cover-up or kikoi | ☐ Sandals and walking shoes |
| ☐ Breathable cotton or linen tops | ☐ Light rain jacket or poncho |
| ☐ Shorts and light trousers | ☐ Sunhat |
| ☐ One modest outfit for Stone Town | ☐ Sunglasses |

 BEACH & WATER

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| ☐ Reef-safe sunscreen (SPF 50) | ☐ Quick-dry travel towel |
| ☐ After-sun or aloe vera gel | ☐ Dry bag for boat trips |
| ☐ Snorkel mask (Mnemba is worth it) | ☐ Water shoes (for tide pools) |
| ☐ Waterproof phone pouch | ☐ Waterproof camera, if you have one |

 DOCUMENTS & MONEY

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| ☐ Passport (6+ months validity) | ☐ Printed hotel confirmations |
| ☐ Visa or eVisa confirmation | ☐ Small USD cash for entry fees |
| ☐ Yellow fever certificate (if required) | ☐ Debit/credit card + backup card |
| ☐ Travel insurance details | ☐ Photocopy of passport (separate bag) |

Our tip: Bring small denomination US dollars (2013 or newer) for park fees and tips. Many places outside resorts are cash-only, and card machines are unreliable outside Stone Town.

 HEALTH & TOILETRIES

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| ☐ Malaria prophylaxis (consult your doctor) | ☐ Personal medication |
| ☐ Mosquito repellent (DEET/picaridin) | ☐ Hand sanitizer |
| ☐ Basic first aid kit | ☐ Travel-size toiletries |
| ☐ Rehydration salts | ☐ Motion sickness tablets |

 ELECTRONICS

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| ☐ Universal travel adapter (Type G/D) | ☐ Camera + spare memory card |
| ☐ Portable power bank | ☐ Headphones |
| ☐ Phone + charger | ☐ Downloaded offline maps |

 EXTRAS WE'RE GLAD WE PACKED

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| ☐ Reusable water bottle | ☐ Earplugs and eye mask |
| ☐ Packable tote bag (market days) | ☐ Small gifts for local guides |
| ☐ Travel journal | ☐ Ziplock bags (wet swimwear) |

Our tip: Leave 20% of your suitcase empty. Between spice markets, Tinga Tinga art, and kikoi fabric, you will bring more home than you think.

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Thank you for letting me *help you pack*

I hope this checklist saves you the hour of second-guessing I spent before my own trip. If it helped even a little, that makes me happy, that is exactly why I made it.

Want the full story?

This checklist is just a taste. My complete Zanzibar Guide includes where to stay, must-do experiences, food and drink, ethical travel tips, and a full 7-day luxury itinerary, written from my own month on the island, with real photos and honest, detailed recommendations. Find it in my shop at beyondthecoast.world.

With love, Enikő

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