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TOUR PROPOSAL



ISLAND HISTORY AND SANDBANK RELAXATION

Prison Island and Nakupenda Sandbank Tour

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FROM	DURATION	TRIP STYLE	KEY DESTINATIONS	BEST FOR
USD 55 Per person	**1 Day**	**Private or small-group boat, history and beach experience**	**Stone Town Waterfront, Prison Island, Nakupenda Sandbank**	**Couples, families, beach travellers, small groups and first-time Zanzibar visitors**

Overview

Embark on the Prison Island and Nakupenda Sandbank tour for an unforgettable full-day experience. This journey includes a scenic boat ride from Stone Town to the historically rich Prison Island, where you'll explore the tortoise sanctuary and learn about the island's past. Following this, head to the stunning Nakupenda Sandbank for some leisurely swimming and relaxation amid spectacular coastal scenery, keeping in mind that conditions may vary based on tides and weather.

Highlights

- Scenic boat journey from Stone Town
- Prison Island historical experience
- Giant tortoise sanctuary visit where available
- Nakupenda Sandbank relaxation
- Swimming in suitable marine conditions
- Optional snorkeling where confirmed
- Suitable for couples, families and groups

Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUSIONS

- Hotel pickup and drop-off
- Entrance fees where applicable
- Boat transfers during the tour
- Guided tour of Prison Island
- Visit to the giant tortoise sanctuary
- Beach relaxation at Nakupenda Sandbank

EXCLUSIONS

- Meals and drinks
- Snorkeling equipment unless specified
- Tips for guides and crew
- Personal expenses
- Any additional activities not mentioned in inclusions

Itinerary

Stop 1

Hotel Pickup and Stone Town Transfer

Your adventure begins with a hotel pickup, followed by a scenic transfer to the Stone Town waterfront. Here, your boat awaits to take you on a memorable journey across the azure waters toward Prison Island. Timing may vary due to tides and weather, so sit back and enjoy the view as you approach your first destination.

Stop 2

Boat Journey to Prison Island

After departing from the waterfront, you will enjoy a delightful boat ride that takes you to Prison Island. Feel the ocean breeze and take in the beauty of your surroundings while learning about the significance of the island. Be advised that journey times are subject to change based on sea conditions and weather forecasts.

Stop 3

Prison Island History and Tortoise Sanctuary

Once you arrive at Prison Island, a guided tour awaits, showcasing the rich history of this unique location. You'll visit the giant tortoise sanctuary where you can see these magnificent creatures. Remember that interactions are limited to observation, and your guide will share fascinating stories about the island's past and its role in Zanzibar's history.

Stop 4

Transfer to Nakupenda Sandbank

Following your visit to Prison Island, you will hop back on the boat for a transfer to the breathtaking Nakupenda Sandbank. Here, you can expect turquoise waters and golden sands, perfect for relaxation and leisure. Keep in mind that the conditions of the sandbank may fluctuate based on tidal movements and marine safety assessments.

Stop 5

Beach Relaxation and Swimming at Nakupenda

At Nakupenda Sandbank, immerse yourself in the warm waters or take time to relax on the beach. Depending on the weather and sea conditions, swimming may be available, along with optional snorkeling opportunities. Your experience will be guided by safety considerations to ensure all participants have a safe and pleasant visit.

Stop 6

Return Boat Journey and Hotel Transfer

After a day filled with exploration and relaxation, you will board the boat for your return journey to Stone Town. Upon arrival, a transfer will be provided back to your hotel. As always, the schedule might adjust according to the day's weather and sea conditions for everyone's safety.

FAQs

What are the seasonal conditions affecting the tour?

Tour conditions depend on tides, weather, and marine safety assessments which can influence visibility and accessibility.

How long is the boat travel between locations?

Boat travel times vary based on conditions, but expect scenic rides that enhance your overall experience.

Are children allowed on the tour?

Yes, this tour is suitable for families, and children are welcome, but parental supervision is advised.

Will meals be provided during the tour?

Meals and drinks are not included in the tour and must be arranged separately.

Can I go snorkeling during the tour?

Snorkeling is optional and only available when confirmed suitable based on conditions.

Is hotel pickup included?

Yes, hotel pickup and drop-off are included in this package.

What happens if the weather is bad?

Tours are subject to cancellation or rescheduling based on weather conditions to ensure guest safety.

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