
ZANZIBAR CODE OF CONDUCT & DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

All visitors are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Zanzibari local traditions, customs, values and culture especially in the matter of clothing.

Both male and female visitors are advised to wear proper concealed clothing covering themselves minimum from shoulders to knees when moving around in villages, towns and other public areas.

Men - should wear trousers at least up to knee length with a proper shirt, polo shirt or T-shirt. Avoid tank top shirts exposing shoulders or walking around without a shirt or open buttoned shirt.

Woman – should wear summer dress or trousers covering your knees with a blouse covering your belly to breast and shoulders areas. Avoid wearing tops with a low-cut exposing your breast cleavage area and belly button. Avoid transparent sheron/sheer material coverups and ensure when using such clothing over your swim suit that its made of non-transparent material. Alternatively, Zanzibar residents will show you with pleasure how to make use of the traditional kanga available from many shops to use as cover-up when going out in public

These guidelines are not applicable to the beach areas or Resort areas although proper swimwear is still encouraged in respect for the staff in the hotels.



Improper behaviour and clothing might lead to a penalty fine ranging from US\$ 700 to US\$ 5,000, imprisonment or both in accordance with the Tourism Regulations.

- View Code of Conduct video –

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