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Welcome

This is a piece of paradise on the tropical Zanzibar island of Unguja. Chuini Zanzibar Beach Lodge (formerly known as Hakuna Matata) is surrounded by palm trees and has the warm azure Indian Ocean right on your doorstep, the ideal beach getaway. The historic Old Fort of Zanzibar and Forodhani Gardens is just a 20-minute drive away offering you the chance to immerse yourself in the local culture.

Each of the thatched bungalows is furnished with contemporary beach-style décor, while still maintaining a traditional feel. They enjoy panoramic ocean views and all the ambience of a perfect retreat.

Location

Chuini Zanzibar Beach Lodge is located on the west coast of Zanzibar, 12km north of Stone Town. It is a 20-minute drive from the airport and town. Taxis and public transport are available to guests directly from the hotel and can be arranged at the front desk.

We have two beautiful swimming pools situated within the resort that boast stunning views as well as pool-side service. On the rooftop of the minaret, in the 'Sultan's Lounge', you can observe the stars and constellations of the southern and northern hemisphere while sipping on spiced teas and cocktails; or you can relax on the resort's private beach and indulge fully in the serenity that Zanzibar offers.

Wi-Fi is available, free of charge, for guests throughout the hotel.



Accommodation

Chuini Zanzibar Beach Lodge offers 12 bungalows and one villa. Our bungalows are spread across a large 1.5 hectare area, allowing for plenty of privacy. Extra beds are available for the superior rooms on request. Bungalows electricity is 220V.

All bungalows are equipped with air conditioning, ceiling fans, hair dryers, "healing-earth" shower gel and shampoo, hand-and body cream, spice soap, towels and beach towels.



Tea and coffee can be provided to your room on request. All bungalows/terraces have magnificent sea views.

Deluxe Bungalow

Our deluxe bungalows are designed in a variety of configurations. They consist of a spacious bedroom and lounge area. They also have a terrace with ocean views. We offer a total of 4 Deluxe Bungalows. The average room size is 35m² - 40m².

Superior Bungalow

Our superior bungalows are designed in a variety of configurations but are larger than the deluxe option and offer more exclusivity. They also consist of a spacious bedroom with a king size bed and lounge area with a terrace overlooking the ocean. We offer a total of 5 Superior Bungalows. The average room size is 60m².

Premium Bungalow

Our Premium Bungalows are situated on the beach and are more exclusive than the Superior Bungalows. The configurations are much the same as the Superior Bungalows' layout. A butler service is also available to guests in our Premium Bungalows. The average room size is 35 – 60m².

Villa

2 Bedrooms with king size beds. Each bedroom is en-suite. The villa also feature a large living room with ocean views. Size: 110m². There is a studio on the first floor where you can enjoy a view over the bay and Stone Town. The studio can be converted to a bedroom with two single beds. Additionally, there is a 30m² terrace equipped with sunbeds, at the edge of a cliff overlooking the Indian Ocean. We offer 1 Two Bedroom Villa. The total size is 135m².

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Activities

Spa

The unique spa is integrated into the old ruins, where you can truly relax and refresh the body and soul. At our spa, we are proud to use the organic 'Healing Earth' product range. We suggest a relaxing aroma massage, leaving your body rejuvenated and your mind at peace.

Recreation

We offer a variety of board games, playing cards and a billiard table. There is also a stargazing platform and an open-air cinema. Yoga classes and private yoga lessons are available on request.

Excursions

Enjoy the lodge's private boat, the Ile Ile, available to guests for snorkelling excursions as well as a visit to a private and gorgeous sand bank. The boat departs directly from the lodge.

Zanzibar is well known as the "Spice Islands". A visit to the famous spice farms, just 3 kms away from Chuini Zanzibar Beach Lodge, is an absolute must. There are also many other attractions including Old Stone Town, Jozani Forest and the Colobus monkeys coupled with endless beaches in the East... just to name a few.

Snorkelling and Sunset Cruises

One of the many highlights on the island is a boat trip to a secret sandbank in the Indian Ocean to go snorkelling and scuba diving among breath-taking, untouched reefs. Daily sunset cruises along the verdant west coast of Zanzibar as well as visits to Prison Island and Grave & Snake Island are also offered.

Diving

Not far away from Chuini Zanzibar Beach Lodge you will find the most beautiful diving spots on the islands of Zanzibar. Our partners, One Ocean and East African Diving will take you there for a truly magical experience. Both our dive partners offer PADI dive courses and refresher courses.

Big Game Fishing

In the blue waters of Zanzibar you can catch Marlin, Sailfish and other exotic species. We can offer fishing trips on our own boat on request.

Restaurant and Special Events

Chuini: Restaurant, Lounge & Bar

In our restaurant we offer first class international and local cuisine, enhanced by a dash of Zanzibar spice and flavour. As you would expect, our speciality is that our fish and seafood are fresh from the sea. An excellent selection of wines will complement your dinner experience.

In addition to Chuini restaurant we have the Blue Bay Grill Restaurant and Pizzeria, and Ocean Breeze Restaurant overlooking the Indian Ocean. All serve a variety of delicious freshly prepared grills, with the addition of wood fire oven pizza available at our Blue Bay Restaurant and Pizzeria. Please note all 3 of our restaurants serve a selection of set menus.

Another special experience is our Swahili Night, our guests are invited to take a seat in between the ruins for a romantic dinner. Among the flickering light of torches, we take you on a journey through Swahili Cuisine.

If you would like to experience a private romantic dinner on the beach among ruins, we would be delighted to arrange it for you.

The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Our bar and coffee bar is open from morning until late evening and offers a range of beverages, from speciality coffees to exquisite cocktails. In the afternoon, we offer our "spice high tea", at an additional cost.

At Chuini Zanzibar Beach Lodge we can provide either half-board or full-board arrangements.

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Wedding

Get married in paradise... We specialise in creating your perfect day on the island of Zanzibar. We take care of all formalities; decorations, legal procedures and the general organisation that comes with the day. There are a variety of extras in addition to the above. Please ask for more information.

For your honeymoon, we recommend that you ask for our Kilwa Superior Bungalow (subject to availability). A butler service is available on request.

Social Responsibility

We support the nearby village, Meli Nane, with several projects. For example, we help with apprenticeships and training positions, promoting ecological awareness and educating fishermen. Additionally we support the dispensary and try to ensure that the majority of our employees are locals. We are also one of the few lodges on the islands of Zanzibar to offer medical aid insurance to our associates.

Healthcare

On the island of Zanzibar, there are several pharmacies and quality doctors and hospitals nearby. Although Malaria was declared eradicated by the World Health Organisation in 2009, we would nevertheless recommend that guests bring insect and mosquito repellent and anti-itching or anti-histamine cream. High factor sun protection cream is also recommended.

Weather and Operating Hours

Jun – Aug	Coldest time of the year 24C°, little rainfall
Sep – Nov	28C°, during November occasional rain
Dec – Mar	Warm 30C° - 35C°, with rain starting from March
Apr – May	Warm but some rainfall daily

Operating hours: 24/7/365

Transfers

Chuini Zanzibar Beach Lodge is located on the west coast of Zanzibar, 12km north of Stone Town. It is a 20-minute drive from the airport and town.

Airport transfers are arranged on request at an additional cost.

Getting There

Zanzibar has an international airport, which is approximately 20-minutes flight from the mainland. There are daily flights linking Zanzibar with Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Arusha, the northern safari circuit airstrips and Nairobi (Kenya). Ferries and speed boats link Zanzibar with Dar es Salaam daily and with Pemba several times weekly. Airport transfers available upon request from the hotel.

Combine a trip to Zanzibar with a safari in the Serengeti or Ngorongoro Crater, or simply explore all that the island has to offer on a stand-alone beach holiday.

Arrival & Departure Times

Check-in Time: 14h00

Check-out Time: 11h00

Payment & Fees

We accept cash payments (EUR, USD, TSH) as well as Visa & Mastercard. There are many ATMs in town where cash can be drawn using Maestro or Credit Cards.

A Visa fee is payable and is subject to government changes.

Child Policy

Children of all ages are welcome at Chuini Zanzibar Beach Lodge. Children under the age of 4 years stay free. A maximum of 2 children between the ages of 4 - 9 years can share with adults and qualify for a child rate - only valid in our Superior Bungalows. Children 10 years and older are seen as adults. Maximum 1 adult / 3rd person sharing at applicable 3rd person sharing rate - only valid in our Superior Bungalows.

