

DOLPHIN & MARINE CONSERVATION

Zanzibar, Tanzania





VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend your days on the tropical island of Zanzibar
- Daily boat trips out to the crystal clear waters to monitor dolphins
- Enjoy regularly getting in the water with wild dolphins (snorkeling)
- Help monitor tourist boats
- Promote ethical tourism through education and legislation
- Monitor the fish caught by local fishermen
- Live right by a tropical beach
- Discover Swahili culture from the local Masai people





ABOUT THE PROJECT

Situated just off the Tanzanian coast in East Africa, Zanzibar is a fascinating archipelago with a deeply embedded history, an intriguing blend of cultures and stunningly beautiful beaches and sea life. Renowned for its white sandy beaches and turquoise waters, the island offers you the chance to swim with dolphins in the warm waters of the Indian Ocean.

The quaint town of Jambiani is where you live, and carry out some of your volunteer duties. Just half an hour's drive from Jambiani, you can discover the peaceful village of Kizimkazi. This diverse area is home to sea and terrestrial birds, over 200 species of fish, crustaceans and mammals, including dolphins (bottlenose and humpback) and humpback whales during the months of June to October.

As a volunteer on this project you will be welcomed in to a fun and dynamic team of professionals working towards improving the marine diversity on Zanzibar. You will have the rare experience of being a 'loacal' on the island and really getting under the skin of this beautiful corner of Africa.

This volunteer project aims to drive sustainable and high welfare dolphin interactions within the tourism industry, and move away from situations where dolphins are overcrowded and their behaviours affected by tourist boats. Alongside assisting with this, you will carry out research on a range of topics relating to the marine diversity of the area. This includes monitoring the number and type of fish caught by local communities throughout the year, ensuring legal catching practices, and teaching school children about the importance of marine conservation.

This project is perfect for those who have always wanted to spend a lot of time in the water with dolphins, and people interested in marine biology, wild-life research, conservation and animal welfare.







YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK

The dolphins, particularly the friendly bottlenose dolphins which are present throughout the year, have become a major tourist attraction. Tourists view these dolphins from fishing boats, and often jump into the water to swim with them. Though friendly, the dolphins can sometimes be surrounded by up to 20 boats chasing after them, and this can cause them stress, particularly when they are feeding or nursing.

The main focus of this project is to monitor the dolphins and human-dolphin interaction. Activities will include:

- Monitoring the dolphins for various research purposes (i.e. behaviour, feeding, mating)
- Monitoring tourist numbers (to get daily, weekly, monthly and seasonal figures)
- Observation of whales during whale season (June to October)
- Providing research data for the Institute of Marine Science in Stone Town
- Assisting with a 'Marine Conservation Club' with children from the local high school
- Helping raise awareness about dolphins, whales,
 sharks and marine conservation
- Fishing Activity Monitoring where- record the daily catch from the main fishing boats coming in
- Creating awareness through pamphlets and guidelines for tourists, hotels and operators



The information collected will feed into research, surveys and studies conducted by the academic and research institutions in Zanzibar. Our main project partner Dr. Narriman who works with the Zanzibar Institute of Marine Science, heads our project. We also work closely with the Kizimkazi Dolphin Tourism Association (KIDOTOA).



LOCATION

The project is situated on the east side of Africa, on the island of Zanzibar, which is just off the coast of Tanzania. The rich history of Zanzibar is evident from the architectural designs of Stone Town, with great brass studded doorways, leading off narrow alleyways into airy houses with Moroccan style décor, to the wide variety of people and cultures that inhabit this island. The turquoise seas and white palm fringed beaches, are a huge attraction for our volunteers, and international tourists alike. The diving and snorkelling is some of the best in the world.

ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying at our volunteer house in the quaint and safe Jambiani village. It is a great place to soak up the sun, have a swim, read a book, or enjoy some beach games. Sunrises across the Indian Ocean are amazing! Volunteers will sleep in shared same-gender basic and comfortable rooms in our volunteer house alongside the local village. Expect to share with 2 or 3 other volunteers. Each room is en-suite, and is equipped with shelves, bunk beds, mosquito nets and fans. Housekeeping is done on a regular basis and bedding is provided. Laundry service is provided at 10,000TZS (roughly USD\$5) per load. Our two Project Coordinators live on the premises and the office is also onsite. There is a resource room to keep items needed for project work, a great space for lesson preparation.

You will be provided with three meals a day (exception of 1 night a week where you may choose to eat at a local home). Breakfast usually consists of eggs, porridge, toast, fruit, tea and coffee. Lunch and dinner includes a mix of local and international flavours, and great seafood. Meals are prepared daily by our team of chefs.

Please Note: There is NO HOT WATER for showering - most places in Zanzibar do not have hot water. Water is a precious commodity and should be used sparingly.



A DAY IN THE LIFE

An exact daily schedule is difficult to outline, as activities depend on tides and seasons. However, the information below provides a rough idea of how a day in the life of a volunteer in Kizimkazi will look:

TIME	ACTIVITY	
6:00 am	Depart project base in Jambiani	
6.30-8.30am	Early morning boat ride to monitor tourist activities, with particular emphasis on human-dolphin interaction	
8:30 – 9.30 am	Breakfast in Kizimkazi	
09:30 – 11.30am	Depending on tides and seasons, you will undertake a range of research and ocean activities, including monitoring dolphins and other species of fish, fishing activity, and the data entry and analysis of all.	
11.30am – 12.00pm	Research data collection and entry	
12.00pm -12.30pm	Kiswahili lesson with Marine research manager	
12.30 - 2pm	Lunch in Kizimkazi and free time	
2 - 3.30 pm	Afterschool Conservation Club class in Kizimkazi – teaching conservation education and environmental issues to local teenagers	
3.30 – 4pm	Travel back to Jambiani	
6.30pm	Dinner in Jambiani	

In the evenings, volunteers discuss their day whilst having supper together and preparing for the project the next day. You will have Saturdays and Sundays off to do any tourist activities, or to rest from your week of volunteering.



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COST AND DATES

2020 START DATES

Volunteers fly in to Zanzibar airport, arriving on the following start dates:

6,13 & 27 January | 10 & 24 February | 9 & 23 March | 6 & 20 April | 4 & 18 May | 1, 15 & 29 June | 6, 13, 20 & 27 July | 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 August | 7 & 21 September | 5 & 19 October | 2, 16 & 30 November.

Please note, the 30th of November start date can only host a 2 week stay.

PROJECT COST

Duration (weeks)	Cost (2020)
10 Days	£1,415
2 weeks	£1,565
3 Weeks	£1,915
4 weeks	£2,265
5 weeks	£2,615
6 weeks	£2,965
7 weeks	£3,315
8 weeks	£3,665

NOT YOUR FIRST TIME?

Returning volunteers get 5% off the cost of any project

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Want to know what's included? Great news, it is pretty much everything! Including your:

- Induction and training on the project
- Accommodation
- Transport relating to the project
- 24 hour project coordinator available
- 3 meals a day
- Pre-departure booking representative to help with everything before departure

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- Flights to and from the project
- Visas
- Personal medical insurance

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EXTRA ACTIVITIES

During your stay you will have the opportunity to enjoy some incredible attractions Tanzania has to offer. This can include the surrounding areas such as Mikumi National Park, Ruaha National Park, the famous Serengeti National Park, the unique Ngorongoro Crater, and climbing the mighty Kilimanjaro! (pictured below)



As these explorations take a number of days, we suggest you do them before or after your stay with us, and save the local excursions for the weekends in between volunteer work. Zanzibar and Tanzania offer a variety of tours and safari options, which are perfect for a week-end getaway or a pre/post project safari. Most activities are priced all-inclusive providing transport, transfers, accommodation, guide and driver, park entry fees, etc.

Our office in Zanzibar will be happy to assist you in exploring the options.

- Incredible snorkeling and scuba diving off Zanzibar islands coral reef
- Volleyball, football and games on the beach
- Jozani Forest trip to see the Red Colobus Monkey
- Dolphin and humpback whale watching at Kizimkazi (seasonal)
- Stone Town City Tour, Spice Tour, Prison Island
- Wonder the winding streets, exploring the rich history of the island



WHY CHOOSE WORLDWIDE VETS

Choosing the right project can seem like a daunting task and getting the right one is an important part of your next adventure. We have all the experience, support and cover you need—the facts speak for themselves:

BEEN THERE, GOT THE T-SHIRTS!

Since 2009 we have sent out 1,500+ volunteers to 10 + countries across 3 continents. Basically, we know what volunteers want and how to provide a life changing experience.

EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

From the moment you contact us, we will help you with every step of your trip. We are always here to help. From giving flight advice, to talking to nervous parents!

SAFETY FIRST

We hold full international employers liability insurance which covers you abroad. We also hold public liability and professional indemnity cover, so you can concentrate on what matters—having a fantastic time abroad.

WE MAKE A REAL IMPACT

We provide ongoing support to our projects, and have done for many years. From ongoing advice, through to funded vets and equipment. This ensures Worldwide Vets makes long term commitments to every project and benefits the local community and animals.

THE BEST PROJECTS

Volunteering with us may allow you to work with animals you could only dream of working with at home, or be part of your career development, studies or just for fun. Either way, we guarantee our projects will blow your socks off.

WHERE YOUR VOLUNTEER FEE GOES

We take volunteers all year round, assisting the projects and receiving animal management or veterinary related training. To sustain this, we need to cover the cost of volunteer accommodation & food (5%) and transport(5%). Check the pie chart.

Volunteer fees are the main source of funding for most of our projects, so by joining us, 75% of your fee goes directly to the charities we work with (check out the 'Local staff salaries' and 'Animal care/ medication' slices on the chart!). That's right, you get an amazing experience, AND support the work of the team who host you. Win Win!!!

On top of this it allows us to hold thorough insurance (5%) to safeguard yourself and our staff, as well as putting funds back in to marketing (5%), so more volunteers find out about the projects, and help fund them in the future.





HOW TO BOOK

Thank you for taking an interest in our Dolphin and Marine Conservation Project. We hope this leaflet has sparked your interest in joining our work in Africa.

To book on to the project you:

- 1. Choose your start date and duration
- 2. Email <u>info@worldwidevets.com</u>
- 3. We will provide you with our bank details. We ask for a £200 non-refundable deposit to confirm your place
- 4. Once your deposit is in, our team will send you a pre-departure document with all the information you need to prepare for your trip. We are always on hand to help you with anything you need between booking and departure
- 5. Pay the remainder of the fee by 2 months before you depart
- 6. Fly out to the adventure of a lifetime

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