

Paje, Zanzibar, East coast, Tanzania Learn to dive in Zanzibar, Tanzania

The diving

On the wonderful South East coast of Zanzibar Island, away from the overcrowded beaches in the north, Paje is reknown for its stunning beaches, unspoiled village life, small sized guesthouses and lodges. The diving around Paje is pristine with some of the finest corals to be found in East Africa. There is a protected natural lagoon only ten minutes away by boat, a great choice for all levels of divers and accompanying snorkelers. The dive sites close to Paje offer a number of good safe and protected dives also in the rougher rainy season and in general for beginners.

In addition you have a number of sites on the outer reef within a 25-minute fast boat ride of our base offering a wide variety of topography ranging from walls, gentle slopes to caves and exciting marine life, some also suitable for beginners and some of which accessible only to more expert divers...

Doing the Open Water course in Paje, Zanzibar you will experience the amazing marine life, the instance you are ready to leave the swimming pool. Even the dive sites for beginners are full of exciting things to explore.



Area name / Island name

Paje, Zanzibar, Tanzania

Nearest airport

Kisauni Airport Zanzibar (45 km from Paje)
Dar Es Salaam

Season

All year round
Best seasons:
October – January
and
February - April

Center type

PADI 5 Star IDC Center
Friendly and experienced
International and local instructors and
divemasters
Own pool

Experience level

None

Minimum age for participation
10 Years

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Location

Situated on the beautiful east coast, Paje is the perfect place for not just a diving holiday, but also to explore the Island of Zanzibar. You can easily reach “must see” places like Stone Town, Jozani Forest and Nature Reserve, Spice Farms and of course amazing dive sites! Hang on the beach, chill in the hammocks or go active with kite surfing – a sport that is very popular in the area due to the soft sandy bottom and shallow water. (you’ll love it for floating around in too)

Your resort

The atmospheric accommodation of Ebb & Flow is located in the middle of Paje Beach. A lively, laid-back and youthful town. Ebb & Flow is within 5 minutes walk to restaurants, bars, coffeeshops, shops, kite centers, and public transport. But above all, you are just a stone’s throw away from the sugar-white sand and turquoise-water of Paje’s glorious beach, which you can see from the swimming pool!

Your room

As a standard, you’ll be booked in a mixed dorm room at Ebb & Flow. The dorm rooms are apartment style, with 6 beds spread out on 2 floors. Hot water showers and fan cooling.
For absolute privacy, you can upgrade to your own private apartment when booking your diving package.



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Introduction to course

The PADI Open Water Diver course is the most popular diving certificate worldwide. After completing this 3-4 day course you are certified to dive to 18m independently with a buddy. The course consists of five modules of learning. You study via self-study workbook and complete a knowledge review. This process is assisted by videos accompanying each chapter to reinforce what you have learned. The instructor reviews everything with you to ensure that everything are confidently understood. The practical learning consists of pool sessions and four open water dives. Dive one and two are conducted at a depth of max 12m and dive three and four are conducted at max 18m. The final stage of the PADI Open Water course is an exam, which is a multiple choice exam covering all that you have learnt. Remember that the course is performance based and not time based. The course generally takes 3 to 4 days, with the theoretical, the pool and the open water part successfully passed.

WHEN TAKING THE COURSE

Diving is a very safe sport. It is open to anyone in good health but a medical form must be filled out before starting the course. Students must also be able to swim at least 200m and float for 10 minutes.



The course in short

Number of Dives

5 Confined Water Sessions and 4 Open Water Dives

Knowledge Development

Five theoretical modules

Prerequisites

10 years for Junior Open Water Diver, 15 years for Open Water Diver.
Good health, reasonable fitness and comfort in the water

Materials you'll need

PADI Open Water Crew Pack, Log Book (NOT included in your package)
Buy Locally for USD 105

The price can be subject to change without prior notice.

Equipment you'll use during the course

Mask, fins, snorkel, tank, regulator, buoyancy compensator, weight belt, submersible pressure gauge and a wetsuit (Included in your package)

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Itinerary

The PADI Open Water Course is performance based. That means you have to understand and pass the theory and perform the in-water skills correctly and with ease. Therefore, the itinerary can vary slightly from course to course. The course will take 3 to 4 days depending on the students enrolled. To give you an idea of what to expect, see the itinerary below:

Day 1: Check in and relax, start reading the book

Day 2: Theory and confined water sessions

Day 3: Theory and confined water sessions

Day 4: Theory and open water dives

Day 5: Exam and open water dives
Relax & check out. Or go fun diving!

If you want a longer itinerary, you can add extra days of diving and accommodation upon booking.

Please note

Due to ocean and weather conditions, the itinerary can be subject to change.



Activity starts

Beginner courses are run on a daily basis.
Courses on all levels can start every day.

Please note that daily start times can vary from course to course. You will be notified upon arrival.

Activity start from

The dive center - right on the beach
The best possible reef will be chosen according to weather conditions, experience level and requests

Group Size

No limit Max. 4 divers pr. Instructor

Language

English

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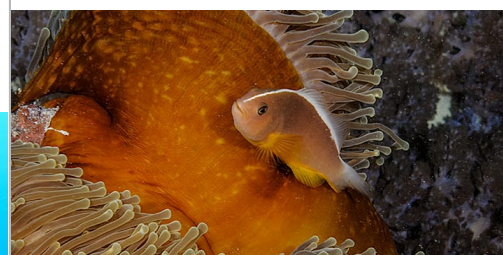
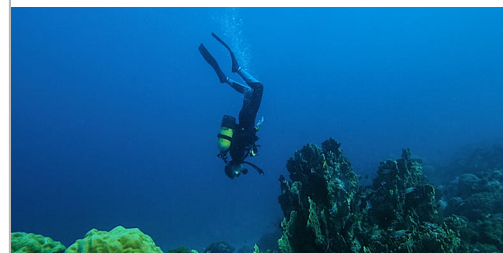
Transfer

Getting from Dar es Salam to Zanzibar can be done in two ways. Either by boat or by plane. Use the contact information on the voucher if you want your hotel to arrange your transfer.

Flights - definitely the easiest option and not much more expensive than the boat. Once you have landed you will have to move from the international airport to the domestic airport. It is less than 1 km and the price for a taxi is normally 5000 TSH (app. 4 dollars). The flying time is around 20 minutes and the price is from 80\$-90\$ Per person depending on time and flight company.

Boats - are cheaper, but involves more time and hassle. Take a taxi from the airport to the harbour. The price is around 20\$ for the taxi. it takes from 20 minutes to 1 ½ hour depending on the traffic in Dar es Salam. It is a good idea to have booked your ferry tickets one day ahead to secure a space. There are many different ferry companies. All are sailing from 7.00 in the morning until 17.00 in the afternoon. It takes 2 to 3 hours and the price starts from 45\$ pr. Person. If you are suffering from seasickness we recommend you to take a pill 1 hour before the sail.

On Zanzibar to Paje - The easiest way is to contact our hotel (see voucher for details) and let them pick you up either at the harbour or at the airport. (Pick-ups can be arranged from all of Zanzibar) Depending on traffic the drive takes approximately 45 minutes from the airport and the transfer fee is 50\$ total.



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Prices below are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

LEARN TO DIVE

Days / Nights	5/4
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	633 EUR

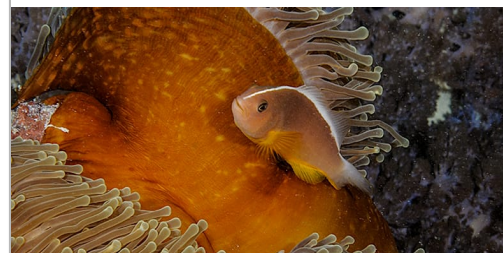
Supplements

Extra day of diving (2 dives)	113 EUR
Extra night of accom. (after)	24 EUR
Extra night of accom. (before)	24 EUR
High season: 15Dec -29Feb & 1Jul-31Aug (pp.pn)	6 EUR
Refresher Dive (added to 1st dive)	38 EUR
Supplemental child (age 3 to 12) per night	12 EUR
supplemental snorkeling trip	23 EUR
Transfer from Airport, Pier or Stonetown	24 EUR
Upgrade from dorm to private room (define nights)	14 EUR

Prices for supplementary accommodation are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

Supplements

A supplement can be chosen to add on your package. All supplements can also be booked on site. In high season, bungalows and boats get filled fast - you might find trouble getting an extra night in your resort or an extra day of diving. If you are booking a course, it is recommended to book an extra night of accommodation prior your course, to get settled and get up front on



Included

PADI Open Water Course
All dive equipment
Instructor
Boat when boat diving
Accommodation as stated
Bed linen & towels
Breakfast
Wifi at hotel

Not included

Transfer
Lunch and dinner
PADI materials (mandatory!)

PLEASE NOTE:

When upgrading to Ebb & Flow private rooms a high season surcharge is applicable between: 16 Dec-28 Feb & 1 Jun to 31 Oct

Please note

PADI Open Water Diver Materials for the course **(mandatory for each student)** can be bought on location for 105 Dollars. You can also do the e-learning through the PADI website www.PADI.com

Also available on site

Extra days of accommodation if available
Extra days of diving

Continuing education

All continuing courses available on site

Cancellation

As written in terms and conditions

Dive insurance

Basic dive travel insurance required

General terms and conditions

GENERAL CONDITIONS

CHANGES OF BOOKINGS:

You can change your booking request or start date free of charge.

If you need to change your booking you must contact the **dive center** directly by e-mail or phone. You will find the contact details on your voucher. For verification purpose, please remember to mention your name and booking ID.

If you want to change your start date, we recommend that you do so minimum 10 days before the beginning of your dive package. Later than this, might cause the accommodation to be fully booked for alternative dates. During high seasons, 10 days might not be sufficient time, please allow extra time for changes in the high season. As a reminder, you will receive an email with general information and contact information of your dive center 10 days prior to your start date.

CANCELLATION RULES:

Any customer has the right to cancel their booking with Blue Venture Diving. In order to do so, you must contact your selling agent. The cancellation fees and rules of your selling agent will apply for your cancellation.

Blue Venture is not liable for any cancellations done by the customer of personal reason such as/or in the same category as sickness, family, missed flights etc, or other circumstances that is beyond reasonable control such as force majeure.

Blue Venture booking cancellation

In the unlikely event that Blue Venture is forced to cancel a booking, the customer will get direct notice. A cancellation will only happen if Blue Venture finds that the contracted dive center can't perform the needed service of the booked package or if the dive standards can't be fulfilled accordingly. Minor changes in the itinerary will not be defined as a valid cancellation reason, as diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity.

Blue Venture will always do their best to find another operator of same or higher standard, but it is up to the customer to decide whether they want to accept the change or get a refund.

INSURANCE:

A cancellation insurance is not included. It is highly advised recommended that you obtain adequate travel insurance prior to your departure from your home country.

REFUNDS:

Medical Statement

To enroll in an Open Water Course, all students **MUST** fill in the Medical Statement. Please ensure that you have received the medical statement from your travel agent. If any questions are replied with a "Yes", the medical statement must be signed by a doctor. Failing the medical statement at the destination, and therefore not being able to enroll in the diving course, you will not be entitled to a refund.

If you have not received your Medical Statement, please make sure to print it from this link.

<https://blueventure.net/files/information/12.pdf>

Restricted dives

Diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity. All diving is performance based. It is up to the discretion of the dive guide/instructor to restrict divers from entering activities that goes beyond their experience level. All guides strive to reach the expectations of the customers. However, if they find that the safety of the group or an individual is jeopardized or at risk by one or several individuals, it is up to the dive guide/instructor to restrict any divers from entering the water.

In this event the dive center or Blue Venture is not obliged to give a refund.

Dives not completed

There is no refund for dives not carried out.

Refund for dives not done for any reason is up to the discretion of the dive center. Most dive centers do not give refunds for dives not done with personal causes such as seasickness, low on air situations or a failure in mastering the equipment etc. All log books will be checked prior to the dive and the dive sites will be chosen accordingly to the experience level. It is however expected that certified divers keep within their limits and do not cross their comfort zone. Blue Venture and your travel agent is never responsible to pay a refund for dives not done.

Courses not completed

There is no refund for courses not completed! All courses are performance based, but it is up to the instructor to pass the student. If a customer can not complete a course with success they will receive their course documents for an optional referral, but the contracted dive center, your travel agent and Blue Venture is not responsible to pay a refund.

Boats or dives not departing

If boats or dives are cancelled due to bad weather or sea conditions, it is up to the dive center to re-schedule and compensate with a similar dive trip when conditions allow. If the customer does not have adequate time to enroll in another trip/course it is up to the customer to make sure the dive center notify Blue Venture of this in order to secure a refund via the sales agent who completed the sale with the customer. There will only be refund on the diving and not the accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION:

Unless mentioned in the destination information folder the accommodation is always part of the package.

If the dive center by any means can't deliver the agreed accommodation, it is up to their discretion to supply immediate accommodation of the same or higher standard. (the destination information folder is found on the Blue Venture website.)

If the accommodation somehow does not live up to satisfactory standards of the customer, the customer must contact Blue Venture by phone or email as soon as possible (preferably while still on site) in order to solve the problem.

DIVE INSTRUCTORS & DIVE GUIDES:

All contracted dive centers has been handpicked based on their level of professionalism and expertise. Blue Venture ensures that all guides and instructors have the correct education and experience. In the unlikely event that a customer suffers a bad experience with any guide, instructor or dive center facilities, Blue Venture is entitled to know, but can't by any means be held liable.

At the end of you dive experience as questionnaire will be sent out to you, that we would like you to answer. By doing this, you help securing a high level of professionalism towards all customers.

MEDICAL STATEMENT & LOGBOOK:

If you are about to enroll in a dive course (entry level only), you must fill out the RSTC Medical Statement before you leave your home country. Please make sure your agent has provided you with the RSTC Medical Statement. You can also print the medical statement from the link, further up on this page. If you need the medical statement reviewed by a doctor, you have 10 days from the date of the booking with the option of cancelling for free.

If you are already certified as a diver and about to go fundiving, you must remember your current dive certificate and your personal logbook or dive computer.