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TANZANIA

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GENERAL UPDATES

Asilia Africa has sold Matemwe in Zanzibar to Attitude Hotels, effective 1 December 2023 (subject to conditions, including approval by the government and local authorities). Until then Asilia will continue to operate and manage Matemwe Beach House, Matemwe Lodge and Matemwe Retreat. Attitude is a collection of eco-focused hotels in Mauritius, offering responsible travellers an exceptional holiday experience. The lodges will be closed from 1 December 2023 for renovations and will re-open in 2024.

SPECIALS

Xanadu Villas is extending off-peak rates to include 1 September through 31 October 2023. Off-peak rates were previously only from 1 November to 20 December 2023.

Pole Pole Bungalows Couple's Promotion. Couples booking a family room receive 20% discount. Applicable to all new bookings, valid until 20 December 2023.

FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

Ianka Van Wyk and Bavisha Budhia, recently travelled on an East Africa educational, and visited our partner properties in Zanzibar.

Baraza Resort

On arrival in Abeid Amani Karume International Airport, we collected our luggage and exited the airport where we were met by a Meet & Greet representative of Zanzibar Travel Services. The transfer vehicle was clean and comfortable; however, the road infrastructure in Zanzibar is poor, which added to our travelling time from the airport to the hotel, taking about two hours. On arrival at Baraza Resort, we were welcomed by Simone. We checked in and were taken to our room by our personal concierge, Khalid. The hotel has a lovely Arabian / Moroccan feel to it. We stayed in a two-bedroomed Garden Villa which is huge; each room has its own en-suite bathroom and is separated by a lounge. It also has a small garden, plunge pool and sunbed.

There are multiple restaurants one can dine at – Chai Tea at the Chai Lounge, Ocean Lounge, Livingstone Terrace, Dhahabu Bar & Lounge, and Sultans Lounge. On Thursday nights after dinner they hold a beach party for hotel guests. The great thing about this property is that even though the hotel was full, it didn't feel crowded or busy, as there is such a variety of options where one can relax. They have one of the best beaches we viewed in Zanzibar. It's a public beach, but it's not congested.



Zuri Zanzibar

Zuri Zanzibar is located on the northern point of the island, an approximately 2h30 transfer from the airport. The welcome is warm and inviting, which leaves you quite intrigued about what they have to offer. We were met by the duty manager, given a full briefing and shown to our room. The property has a lot of stairs so if you have elderly guests who might have difficulty with stairs or walking please share this with the property, as they have a golf cart service available.

This is an absolutely stunning 5-Star property. It has a total of 56 rooms, which consist of bungalows, suites and villas. Much of the décor is crafted from recycled materials, and they work closely with local communities and projects. Dining is available at the main pool and beach restaurant as well as the Dhow Bar located on the beach. The beach is open to the public, so it can get a bit busy, but the views are amazing! The hotel also has a spa on site, and guests can also participate in yoga and meditation sessions. Guests can book on arrival or pre-book; over the high season pre-booking is recommended. Activities on offer include sunset cruises, snorkelling, diving, Stone Town / Spice Tour, a complimentary signature Zuri Spice Tour and a Village Tour.



Guest feedback from a recent East Africa journey

A guest who travelled to East Africa shared the following feedback on their Kilimanjaro trek, Lake Manyara Tree Lodge, Chem Chem Lodge, One Nature Serengeti and Fanjove Island in Tanzania, and Angama Mara in Kenya: "The Kili climb was epic".

“Fell in love with Chem Chem and had some nice lion sightings”.

“One Nature in the Serengeti was incredible; staff, food, service, atmosphere, guiding and location”.

“LOVED Fanjove, the décor was beautiful, understated but perfect for the island, loved it”.

“Angama Mara – wonderful with best guiding here”.
