

*Africa*



**&BEYOND**

MNEMBA ISLAND

*Zanzibar*



## TANZANIA



More than 1 200 years have passed since the silhouettes of three-cornered Arab dhows were first spotted on the Indian Ocean waters washing Africa's eastern shores. These traders came across an island of such exquisite beauty that they filled their parchment manuscripts with tales of its picturesque sights. This scented land of coconuts and spices was so idyllic that the Sultan of Oman decided to move the seat of his empire to these shores, which they named Zayn Zal Barr, meaning 'fair is the island'. Today the Zanzibar Archipelago is still bathed in the heady scents of cloves and cinnamon and traditional dhows still drift across the horizon.

Off the north-eastern tip of Zanzibar lies the private **&Beyond** Mnemba Island, inhabited only by guests and the staff taking care of them. Just 1.5 km (less than a mile) in circumference, Mnemba is surrounded by an atoll of breath-taking coral reefs and boasts some of Africa's most magnificent dive sites. The calm azure seas surrounding the island offer irresistible snorkelling, scuba diving, kayaking, fishing, stand-up paddle boarding and permanent swimming directly from the beach.

Turtle season peaks between March and June (however, laying can occur year round) and these prehistoric creatures can be seen laying their eggs on the beaches. Within nine weeks, the beaches are filled with tiny turtle hatchlings. This exquisite private island, with its white coral beaches and spectacular coral reefs, is renowned as one of the most romantic ocean destinations in the world, offering a privacy and rustic exclusivity unparalleled on the African coastline.

*{Mnemba Island}*

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Pure barefoot bliss is the allure of Mnemba, where dawn is greeted by the song of doves and the smell of coconut bread baking in a wood stove. Mnemba Island offers an unpretentious paradise where just 12 rustic palm-frond bandas are tucked into a tropical forest fringed by a white coral sand beach. A covered walkway leads to a shuttered ensuite bathroom with a huge glass-beaded shower curtain. Zanzibar is famous for its intricate detailed woodcarvings and the scrolled headboards adorning the beds are created by some of the Island's most skilled artisans. Built-in barazas on the veranda are perfect for afternoon siestas and ten private beach salas feature traditional Zanzibari loungers ideal for languid hours, a table, ceiling fan, personal bar, two day beds and a shower. Thatched dining and sitting or bar areas boast beautiful open views of the beach and spectacular vistas of Zanzibar beyond. Baskets of fresh fruit, fish, lobsters, crabs and prawns sail into Mnemba daily on traditional ngalawa outriggers. Lunch is often served on large wooden carved Zanzibari platters heaped with delicious mezze. Romantic candlelit dinners are served on the beach, with the waves lapping gently at guests' feet. Private beach picnics delight newlyweds and not-so-newlyweds alike. **&Beyond** Mnemba Island is reached by embarking on a 90-minute drive that begins in Stone Town, through the lush spice plantations that cover main Zanzibar Island. Reaching the water's edge, guests then leave their vehicle and wade knee-deep in the balmy ocean waters to board a waiting boat, for a 20-minute crossing to a warm island reception.

### AT A GLANCE

- 12 beachside bandas (including a family banda)
- Private salas
- Overhead fans
- PADI dive school
- Beach Shop

### WHAT SETS US APART

- Private island getaway
- Barefoot luxury
- PADI dive school
- Variety of dive sites and easy availability of boats
- Ideal for swimming and snorkelling
- Beautiful beach walks
- Ideal for romance and relaxation
- House reef can be reached without a boat
- Outstanding marine life
- Situated in a marine conservation area
- Surrounded by a coral atoll
- Inhabited by suni antelope and Ader's duiker
- Turtle nesting sites and hatchlings
- Swimming and snorkelling directly off the beach
- Incredible diving with great coral reefs and sheer wall dives
- Dolphins and endemic Indian ocean species
- Rare coconut crabs



### ACTIVITIES

- Swimming
- Snorkelling
- Diving
- Dhow cruises
- Birdwatching
- Fishing (fishing equipment can be rented with sufficient prior notice and at an additional charge)
- Water sports
- Walking
- Doing absolutely nothing at all

### ACCESS

- The lodge collects guests at Zanzibar International Airport or Stone Town.
  - 1½-hour road trip (the last 20 minutes are on an unpaved, bumpy road)
  - 10 – 15 minutes boat ride in an open ski boat
- As there are no jetties, departures and landings are directly to and from the beach and involve a little wading. Please note that boat transfers are weather dependent.

*“Thank you for making our honeymoon absolutely fabulous! It was magic! We now have endless memories... I had very high expectations and I have to admit that everything was definitely above and beyond them. Ending at Mnemba was absolutely worth it! I could stay there forever!”*

*Tom & Stephanie -  
&Beyond guests*

### ACCOLADES



2015 - **&BEYOND** MNEMBA ISLAND IS A SILVER WINNER AT THE 2015 WORLD RESPONSIBLE TOURISM AWARDS (BEST FOR BEACH TOURISM)



2015 - **&BEYOND** MNEMBA ISLAND IS LISTED AS RUNNER-UP IN THE BEST MARINE SAFARI EXPERIENCE (AFRICA) AT THE SAFARI AWARDS 2016. THE LODGE IS ALSO THE RUNNER-UP IN THE BEST MARINE SAFARI EXPERIENCE (TANZANIA) AND IS FEATURED AS HIGHLY COMMENDED IN THE BEST SAFARI CUISINE (TANZANIA) CATEGORY



2014 - **&BEYOND** MNEMBA ISLAND LISTED IN CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER GOLD LIST 2015: TOP HOTELS IN THE WORLD



## TABLE OF FACTS

NUMBER OF BANDAS	12 (including a family banda)
MAXIMUM GUESTS	22
CHILDREN	Yes
CHILDMINDING	Available at an additional cost
TRIPLES	1 (children 16 and younger)
TWIN BEDS	All convertible to double
OVERHEAD FANS	Yes
MOSQUITO NETS	Yes
BATH	No
INDOOR SHOWER	Yes
SEPARATE W.C	Yes
IN-ROOM SAFE	No
TELEPHONE	Available in Lodge Manager's office (intermittent mobile reception)
HAIRDRYER	Yes
LAUNDRY INCLUDED	Yes
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	Only if wheelchair is equipped with specialist wheels for use on sand
DISTANCE BETWEEN ROOMS	10 – 15m / 33 – 50ft
CHECK IN / CHECK OUT	14h00 / 10h00
KOSHER FOOD	Not available
POWER	220v AC (plug points in rooms)
INTERNET ACCESS	Yes; wifi in guest areas and bandas
PRIVATE BEACH / BANDA DINNERS	Yes

CREDIT CARDS	MasterCard, Visa and American Express
EXERCISE EQUIPMENT	Gym in a basket in all guest bandas
WEATHER	The weather can be humid, although sea breezes bring cooler air and relief from heat and humidity
RAINFALL	The rainfall occurs in two seasons, from April to May and again in November
TEMPERATURE	Average daytime temperatures are 26°C / 79°F from June to October and 28°C / 82°F from December to February. Average water temperature is from 25°C / 77°F to 29°C / 84°F
BEST TIME TO TRAVEL	The best months to visit are from June to March
MALARIA	The island is situated in a low-risk malaria area
AIRSTRIP	No airstrip; closest airport is Zanzibar
GPS COORDINATES	S 05° 49.218' E 039° 22.959'
CAMP CLOSURE	Seasonal closure in April and May; please contact us for exact dates
CURRENCY	US dollar bills printed prior to 2000 are not accepted in Kenya or Tanzania, as there was a large amount of illegal processing of dollar bills in East Africa during that time

## NOTE

- Please note that park fees and government charges may apply. Speak to your travel consultant for more details.
- Drones are not permitted at **&Beyond** reserves, lodges, camps and villas.



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