

Discover
Zanzibar with

Dhow Palace Hotel

Located in the heart of Stone Town, Zanzibar





The History of this stately home on 571 Baghani street can be traced back as its building by sheikh muhsin bin mujbin in 1559. It only passed from his descendant's hands more than three centuries later, when it was bought by the Barwani clan in 1899. Nearly thirty years on, the Barwani family sold it on to Sheikh Masoud bin Mohamedel Riyami in 1927. Muhsin Ali Barwani then leased out property as accommodation and office space to series of five tenants between 1924 and 1958. The first registered tenant in 1924 was Mrs. Kay Poole, wife of captain Poole of the British Royal Navy. Captain Poole's cruiser, the HMS Pegasus, had been sunk on the 20th September 1914 during a first world war sea-battle, by the German warship, SMS Koningberg, just behind Prison (or change) Island. During the first half of the twentieth century, the stone town building consisted of two storeys, with six rooms on the upper level. The tiled –roof building as set around a cool, open central courtyard. The property of 5740 square feet was estimated to be worth Rs 70,000 in 1924. Building renovations during that year came to around Rs 12,750. It was the poole home for thirteen years until 1935, when the couple won a state lottery and returned to England. Ground-floor offices were also occupied by the business of Hassan & Hassan from 1932 to 1933, the clove grower's association (the sole government –licensed buyer of Zanzibar clove) from 1934 to 1937, Messrs Br Balsara and Kanga from 1937 to 1958, and Salim Abdallah from 1958 to 1964. After the liberation revolution in 1964 the government nationalised the property and it was sold to the Muzammils family in 1987. The home was transformed into a hotel in 1993, after a third storey added to the oldest part of house around the fountain courtyard. In 2003, an adjoining plot was cleared so that the new swimming pool, stairwell and poolside room block could be built. the Dhow Palace Hotel now boast 30 rooms and continues its proud heritage of Zanzibar hospitality.

The Dhow

being the heart beat of the east African culture, has been carrying people and treasures to and from Zanzibar for hundreds of years. Today the dhow palace boutique hotel serves as a meeting point of people and artefacts from all over the world, in a truly Zanzibar style. Originally the home of a rich merchant, this graceful building has stood for more than one hundred and fifty years in the heart of stone town, bearing witness to the events of Zanzibar's history and finally being restored to an elegant hotel. Being right in the heart of stone town you do not have to go far to find the shops, restaurants' and the other historical attractions. Walking around the hotel you get the feeling of being in a museum dedicated to furniture, ornaments and pictures which represent all the styles which have been brought to Zanzibar over the years. Traditional Swahili beds, furnished with antiques. Dhow palace now has thirty rooms, fully access equipped with air conditioning, telephone, cables television, hotspot wireless internet, fridge, water heater and hair dryer, most of them with balconies facing the back courtyard of the swimming pool.

With its open-air interior courtyard, the snack bar with the pool side restaurant, the ideal relaxation spot for the guests where they can savour local and international cuisines. Watch the beautiful sunsets in peace and harmony while on the roof top terrace and wrapped up in Zanzibar culture. Let the Dhow Palace sail you through your holiday, explore the history and culture. Enjoy the food, the climate and relax while the hotel takes care of all your desires.



















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