

# The latest news on Zanzibar's most exclusive beach resort



## THE FRANGIPANI SPA

The Frangipani spa in Baraza is an oasis featuring its own lap pool with underwater music, indoor and outdoor relaxation rooms, the Sultans bath-our signature treatment for two as well as a yoga center, fitness center and tennis court.

In this beautiful setting, reflecting a sophisticated Swahili style enhanced with candlelight and spice scented aromas, you can enjoy a variety of treatments and therapies, all aimed at relieving the negative impacts of a modern lifestyle such as stress & exhaustion.

Our professional therapists come from Thailand, Bali and India and offer a wide array of specialized massage techniques and treatments, including the renowned Thai massage. The highest quality natural skin care products are utilized in all our treatments, as well as a selection of local spiced essential oils. The beautiful Frangipani Spa is a tranquil sanctuary, designed to stimulate your senses and allow you to experience a complete relaxation of body & mind.



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## From Our Guestbook:

*"We have had the most amazing time during our stay at Baraza. The hospitality and genuineness were at a level we had never seen before. Thank you so much and we will most certainly be back."*  
*The Ghali Family*



## CONDE NAST HOUSE & GARDEN

"Rock the kasbah at this East African getaway. Hop on an early flight and arrive in time to hit the white sand by lunch.

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## TATLER TRAVEL GUIDE

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"Remember the Chedi in Muscat in its early, uncrowded days? Well, add a bit of the beauty of Amanjena and park it on the east coast of Africa with its dhows and blue seas, and you have Baraza. Half of its 30 villas can house families.

There's diving and sailing and, when the tide is out, weird surfing the beach on land boards dodging the sea urchins.

The pool is surrounded by plush salas and, when you're exhausted, little ones can be dispatched to the kids' club, a skip away from the boutique (the best store on the island, stocked with proper East African treasures, rather than a whole load of tat that doesn't travel well). Lots of space, a good spa –

Baraza is something fresh on a frankly rather traditional family hotel scene."

## EXPERIENCE BARAZA

Baraza is a painstaking architectural interpretation of Swahili design and features handcrafted details that have been incorporated in the architecture to celebrate skills of the local craftsmen. We have honored and reinforced iconic designs, traditions and skills in a celebration of Swahili design. The name Baraza itself means "meeting place" and



represents community, social interaction, and relations.

We searched to find craftsman on the island who were skilled in the art of cement carving. As a result, beautiful diverse handmade designs inlaid in plaster are a feature on all the Villas and buildings.

All the Zanzibari furniture in Baraza is hand made by local artisans who have perfected the art of wood carving, for which Zanzibar is so famous. Architecturally, Baraza itself is a journey through the grand, beautiful designs of the style of Sultans Palaces of Zanzibar.

We feature traditional Swahili dancers and singers and our Taarab band plays music that would have been heard in the Court of Sultan bin Said in 1880. This is our effort to support and celebrate the cultural identity of Zanzibar and preserve this iconic art form.



#### Cultural and educational activities

Our Library features a wonderful selection of historical and educational books on Zanzibar and is a comprehensive resource on the History of Zanzibar and East Africa.

We also have a great selection on books with information on animals, trees, spices and fish relative to the Island and East Africa.

We organize classes "under the Palm trees" featuring Mwalimu (teacher) giving Swahili classes and lessons on the History of Zanzibar.

Guests can learn Palm weaving on the beach. Cooking classes are organized regularly where guests learn to prepare some classical Swahili dishes with our excellent chefs who talk about the local spices and their use and importance.

Aside from the Tours and Excursions that are offered at our Guest Relations Desk, Baraza features a selection of activities designed to explore our area and interact with the community



#### Exploring Zanzibar

##### The Mangrove Forest and Dhow Trip

The day begins with a leisurely cruise around the mangroves in a traditional Swahili Dhow where the guides will show the guests some of the abundant marine and wildlife thriving in these forests. After the visit to the mangroves the guests are instructed on how to hand line fish as it has been done on the island for hundreds of years. This is just one small way that the reefs and marine life are preserved on the island as there is no trolling, dynamiting or mass fishing. The boats do not anchor but rather drift with the currents whilst the guests fish. The guest's catch is then brought back to the hotel and after a short meeting with our chef, prepared for their dinner that evening.

**A visit to our local village of Bwejuu:** Guests pay \$20 for the trip and Baraza provides the transport and tour free of charge with all proceeds going to our charity Baraza for Bwejuu. Our guests have the opportunity to visit the local school, dispensary, mosque have a soda in the village and take a walk through a typical Zanzibari

fishing village. All the proceeds of this trip go to our charity Baraza for Bwejuu which is engaged in giving back to the village. (Please see what this charity has done in the section sustainability).

**Reef Safari:** At low tide, guests are able to go for a reef safari where you take a walk out to our coral reef and see the spectacular marine life. Guests will be accompanied by a member of staff out on the coral shelf in front of the hotel and will point out many of the juvenile fish that seek refuge in the shallow waters at low tide. The guests will listen to how the coral itself is vital to the island and its inhabitants as well as information about the sea life they encounter.

**World Renowned Diving:** The Zanzibar Archipelago features some of the best diving in the world and Baraza offers diving with the only National Geographic affiliated Diving Center in Zanzibar.



**Turtle Rescue Program:** The Rising Sun which is based in Baraza founded a very successful Turtle Rescue program to discourage local capture of turtles where they pay local fishermen to bring live turtles to our beach. They are then and marked and released back in the ocean.

**Stone Town:** Baraza organizes Educational visits to The World Heritage site of Stone Town, viewing of historic Spice Plantations, the slave chambers, Maruhubi baths and Prison Island on the island of Zanzibar.

**Jozani Forest:** 25 minutes away is the Jozani Forest: home to the Red Colobus Monkey which is indigenous to Zanzibar and only found on the island.



#### THE HONEYMOON TESTERS 2010

"We know instantly when a honeymoon place is special, and that's the feeling we got as soon as we arrived at Baraza. Almost a sense of sadness that one day we'll have to leave. As we walked through the stunning reception with its fountains, baskets of dried doves and seemingly endless sparkling tiled walkways, I wanted to slow down time and I had to remind myself to enjoy our brief visit and not think of our impending flight out of Zanzibar."

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BEACHES IN THE WORLD."  
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