

# Fundu Lagoon

## PRE-TRAVEL CHECKLIST

### VISA APPLICATIONS

A valid passport with a Tanzania visa will be required. Contact your nearest Travel Advisor or Tanzania Embassy or High Commission. We recommend at least 10 days notice be given.

### VACCINATIONS AND HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

We recommend that you check with your doctor on current health certificate requirements. You should take with you adequate supplies of any medication that you are taking.

Tanzania is a yellow fever endemic zone, but you do not currently require this vaccination for travelling to Fundu Lagoon in Pemba. Please consult with your local doctor or travel clinic regarding the requirements for all countries of travel.

Zanzibar/Pemba are malaria zones, and it is recommended that you consult your doctor or a registered travel clinic before departure. Accommodation at Fundu Lagoon has robust mosquito nets over beds and mosquito proof windows, but we recommend that you bring a good personal mosquito repellent for use in the evenings.

The water at Fundu comes from our own wells and is clean and there is also plenty of bottled water available.

Part of your journey will include a short boat ride. Seasickness pills may help if you are particularly sensitive in this respect- but do buy these in advance of your journey.

Fundu Lagoon has access to a doctor from Zanzibar if required in an emergency.

### MONEY AND INSURANCE

Local currency is the Tanzanian Shilling (TShs.), which is not a hard currency and is therefore not available internationally. Visitors are advised to bring a mix of hard currency, preferably US dollars to get the best local exchange rates in traveller's cheques and cash. Fundu Lagoon and larger establishments accept Visa and MasterCard but please be aware that extra charges apply for this service.

Please ensure that you have taken out the appropriate travel insurance for your own personal requirements.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- The official languages of Zanzibar are Swahili and English
- Zanzibar is GMT + 2 hours in British summer & 3 hrs in British winter
- Electricity: 220-240V AC, 50Hz; plugs are three square pin
- International dialling code: +255 followed by local number
- On arrival, please hand in your tickets, passports and valuables at reception for safekeeping
- Departure Tax: an airport tax of 5,000 TSh. is charged on departure for local internal flights. An aviation safety fee of 1,000 Tsh is also charged.
- If you wish to tip, please do not do so to individual staff. One tip at the end of your stay will be shared amongst all staff.
- Fundu Lagoon boutique offers a range of toiletries, gifts, sandals, sunglasses and beachwear but please bring plenty of film and a spare battery for your camera
- Trips to the Tanzanian mainland and Zanzibar Stonetown can be arranged by our staff
- A wide variety of watersports is on offer, including scuba-diving, snorkelling, canoeing the mangroves, sunset dhow cruises and nature trails.
- Please note that shorts, singlets and swimwear are not appropriate in the restaurant after 6 pm.

## **CLIMATE AND SUN PROTECTION**

Pemba Island is close to the Equator so effective sunscreen for a tropical sun is therefore essential, as are good sunglasses, sun hats and lightweight, natural fibre clothes. Humidity is generally quite high; average daytime temperatures are around 26°C (80F).

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Fundu Lagoon has cellular phone/fax facilities but please note that these are an expensive means of communication although we also have email facilities.

We have satellite television for those who wish to keep abreast of world affairs and sport.

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