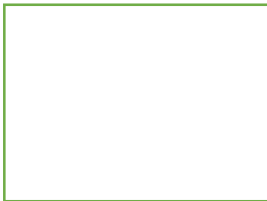


THE AIYANA PLAYS HOST TO A MYRIAD OF LEISURELY PURSUITS THAT RANGE FROM THE ENERGETIC TO THE COMTEMPLATIVE... FOR THE MORE YOUTHFUL AND THOSE WISHING TO FEEL SO... ON DRY LAND OR OTHERWISE...

PURE EXPERIENCES

THE AIYANA IS YOUR OUTPOST INTO THE FIRST STEPS OF THE WILDNESS AND TRANQUILITY OF PEMBA. RECONNECT WITH NATURE AND EXPERIENCE A LAND RICH IN LIFE AND UNINHABITED SPACE. OUR EXPERIENCES ARE SHAPED BY PLEASURE RATHER THAN DESIGN, OFFERING SOMETHING FOR TRUE ADVENTURERS AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE ISLAND AT A MORE LYRICAL AND SLOWER PACE.

WE OFFER GUESTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTAKE IN ACTIVITIES TO EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE ISLANDS MOST SPECTACULAR AND SCENIC EXCURSIONS.



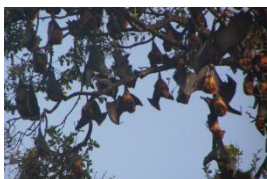
THE ART OF DOING NOTHING

WE MAKE THINGS HAPPEN--AND HAPPEN FAST. WHILE RUSHING ALONG, THE DAYS SEEM TO GET SHORTER AND SHORTER. IF ONLY TIME WOULD HOLD STILL, JUST A LITTLE BIT, TO LET US SAVOR LIFE'S SIMPLEST MOMENTS. DOING NOTHING AT THE AIYANA WILL HELP TO EASE THESE BEAT-THE-CLOCK JITTERS. THE STRESS-REDUCING TECHNIQUES DESCRIBED HERE REQUIRE NO TIME, NO SKILL, AND NO COMMITMENT. A PRACTICAL PLACE TO REST AND RELAX, IT USHERS US INTO A WORLD WHERE "BEING" IS MORE COMPELLING THAN "DOING."



VARIETY DINING

EVERY MEAL IS SETUP UP IN A DIFFERENT, PRIVATE SETTING EACH NIGHT. WE GIVE YOU THE OPTION TO DECIDE WHERE YOU HAVE YOU MEAL, IT CAN BE EITHER THE FORMAL RESTAURANT OR THE CASUAL BEACH SETTING, UNDER THE MAKUTI UMBRELLA OR STARS, IN THE ORGANIZED LANDSCAPED BUSHES, AT THE WHITE SANDY BEACH OR EVEN AT THE ISLAND IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL TO GIVE YOU THE ULTIMATE BLISS OF HAVING A PERFECT SUNSET WITH DRINKS AND BITES.



PEMBA FLYING FOX FOREST

THE PEMBA FLYING FOX IS A SPECIES OF FLYING FOX IN THE FAMILY PTEROPODIDAE. IT IS ENDEMIC TO THE ISLAND OF PEMBA IN TANZANIA. ITS NATURAL HABITATS ARE SUBTROPICAL OR TROPICAL MOIST LOWLAND FORESTS AND SUBTROPICAL OR TROPICAL MANGROVE FORESTS.



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VISIT CHAKE CHAKE AND ITS CRUMBLING BUILDINGS AND STALL-FILLED ALLEYWAYS, TAKING IN THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET, TRYING OUT THE STICKY PASTE MADE FROM TAMARIND, GINGER, SUGAR, NUTMEG, AND CLOVES, AND WATCHING THE GRAZING HUMP-NECKED COWS INTERRUPT AN IMPROMPTU FOOTBALL MATCH IN FRONT OF THE MOSQUE.



DHOW TRIP

EXPERIENCE THE ISLANDS' WATERS ON A TRADITIONAL SAILING DHOW. HANDMADE AND CARVED FROM MANGO WOOD THIS DHOW PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE PEMBA THROUGH THE STRONG CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THIS LOCAL VESSEL.



SANDBANK TRIP

AT LOW TIDE A SANDBANK PROTRUDES TO OFFER A WALK ON THE PUREST WHITE CORAL SAND SURROUNDED BY AZURE BLUE WATERS. THIS EXCURSION RELIES HEAVILY ON THE TIDES, CURRENTS AND WEATHER CONDITIONS AND IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE. THIS IS A 10 MINUTE BOAT RIDE FROM THE RESORT. AFTER LUNCH RELAX ON THE SANDBANK LISTENING TO THE BIRD LIFE AROUND YOU AND THE HUSH OF WAVES LAPPING AGAINST THE SHORE.



NGALAWA SUNSET CRUISE

AN NGALAWA IS THE TRADITIONAL SAILING VESSEL USED BY FISHERMEN ON THE ISLAND. LEAVING FROM THE BEACH AT AROUND 5:00 PM, YOU WILL CRUISE ALONG THE SHORELINE OVER THE REEFS ENJOYING THE SUNSET, THE THRILL OF THE SAIL AND A REFRESHMENT.



CHWAKA

THESE ARE THE RUINS OF AN 18TH CENTURY TOWN THOUGHT TO BE THE CAPITAL AT THE TIME. THE MAZRUI FAMILY REMAINS LIE IN SIX TOMBS. THE FAMILY WERE OVERTHROWN IN THE 19TH CENTURY AND THE TOWN FELL INTO DECAY. LOCALLY THIS PLACE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN A SANCTUARY TO A LOCAL MAN NAMED SHARIF WHO WAS BOTH LOVED AND HATED BY THE PEOPLE OF PEMBA.



MKAMA NDUME

THE FORTRESS. THIS HISTORICAL SITE SHOWS INSIGHT THROUGH THE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY SHOWING ARAB, SWAHILI AND A PORTUGUESE INFLUENCE. LOCALLY, THERE IS A DIFFERENT SIGNIFICANCE. AS LOCAL LEGEND HAS IT, THE HOUSE BELONGED TO A VERY WEALTHY MAN, WHO KEPT TWO WIVES ON EITHER SIDE ON A LARGE WALL SEPARATING THE HOUSE. THE WIVES LIVED THERE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE OTHER EXISTED.



SPICE FARM TOUR

SPICE PLANTATION TOURS CAN BE ARRANGED TO PEMBA'S CLOVE AND SPICE PLANTATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE SPICE TOUR INDUSTRY IS NOT AS DEVELOPED AS IN ZANZIBAR, PEMBA ACTUALLY PRODUCES THE MAJORITY OF SPICES EXPORTED FROM TANZANIA. DURING A SPICE TOUR, EXPECT TO SEE CLOVES, LEMONGRASS, CINNAMON, CARDAMOM, NUTMEG, BLACK PEPPER AND VANILLA. AFTER THE SPICE TOUR, VISIT THE ESSENTIAL OIL DISTILLERY TO SEE HOW SPICES ARE MADE INTO OIL.



NGEZI RAINFOREST

THE NGEZI PENINSULA IS THE NORTHERNMOST POINT ON PEMBA. MUCH OF THE AREA IS TAKEN UP BY THE NGEZI FOREST, WHICH IS THE LAST REMAINS OF A HUGE TRACT OF INDIGENOUS FOREST WHICH USED TO COVER MOST OF PEMBA. NGEZI IS HOME TO THE PEMBA FLYING FOX, A BAT ENDEMIC TO THE ISLAND. THE FOREST ITSELF IS A PROTECTED AREA. ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE NGEZI PENINSULA IS VUMAWIMBI BEACH, AN IMMACULATE BEACH WITH MILES OF WHITE SAND FLANKED BY A PRISTINE FOREST. ON THE WESTERN SIDE IS VERANI BEACH WITH THE 'PANGO YA WATORO' OR 'THE CAVE OF THE FUGITIVES'. ALSO THE "MPAPINDI" THE TREES WHICH ARE ENDEMIC TO NGEZI FOREST AT VERANI WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE INTERNATIONAL LIST OF ENDANGERED SPICES CAN BE FOUND HERE. STOP IN THE NGEZI FOREST TO OBSERVE A TROOP OF VERVET MONKEYS EASILY RECOGNIZABLE BY THEIR BRIGHT BLUE COLOR BOUNCILY CROSSING THE ROAD. A LITTLE SHY AT FIRST, THEY HID AMONGST THE TREES ONCE KNOW ANY VEHICLE IS PASSING BY!



MISALI ISLAND TOUR

THIS SMALL ISLAND LIES TO THE WEST OF CHAKE CHAKE TOWN AND IS SURROUNDED BY A CORAL REEF. THE NOTORIOUS PIRATE CAPTAIN KIDD IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE HAD ONE OF HIS HIDEOUTS HERE IN THE 17TH CENTURY. SOME BELIEVE HE ACTUALLY BURIED TREASURE HERE TOO. THESE DAYS, LOCAL FISHERMEN USE THE ISLAND AS A TEMPORARY BASE AND SET UP SIMPLE CAMPS. IT HAS SOME PRISTINE BEACHES AND EXCELLENT SWIMMING AND SNORKELLING AND DIVING AS, UNLIKE MOST PLACES IN PEMBA, THE TIDES MAKE NO DIFFERENCE TO THESE ACTIVITIES. AMONG THE LOCALS, MISALI HAS RELIGIOUS STATUS AS THEY BELIEVE THE PROPHET HADHARA USED THE ISLAND AS HIS PRAYER MAT



PEMBA CULTURAL TOUR

THE ISLAND OF PEMBA HAS A UNIQUE CULTURE THAT MAKES TOURISM HERE A RICH AND MULTICULTURAL EXPERIENCE. PEMBA IS FAMOUS FOR IT'S TRANQUIL LIFE WHERE RELIVING BYGONE DAYS IS THE STYLE. MOST OF THE RESIDENTS ARE FISHERMAN ALTHOUGH THERE ARE ALSO SOME SMALL FARMERS. TYPICAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE FISHING, FOOD GATHERING, ARTISANSHIP AND BUSINESSES. YOU WILL ENJOY SEAFOOD AND LOCALLY GROWN FRUITS AND ROOT CROPS SUCH AS CASSAVA, BANANAS AND COCONUTS TOO. THIS TINY ISLAND WITH ITS SWAHILI ARCHITECTURE IS TRULY THE WORLD IN MINIATURE OR RATHER WHAT THE WORLD SHOULD BE!



PEMBA CREEK SAFARI

SILENCE CAN SOMETIMES BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MUSIC. IT CREATES A PEACEFUL AND RELAXING ATMOSPHERE THAT INVITES YOU TO OBSERVE NATURE IN ITS MINUTIAE. AND OUT OF SILENCE APPEAR ALL THOSE LITTLE DETAILS THAT USUALLY GO UNNOTICED SO EASILY. TONS OF SMALL CRABS DANCE AT A RAPID PACE ON TREE TRUNKS. COLOURFUL BIRDS CHIRP, TIMIDLY...



PEMBA BULL FIGHTING TOUR

THE ISLAND OF PEMBA IS FAMED FOR ITS TRADITIONAL SPORT OF BULL FIGHTING. UNLIKE ITS SPANISH COUNTERPART, THIS SPORT DOES NOT INVOLVE KILLING THE BULLS, BUT IS A HANGOVER FROM THE DAYS OF PORTUGUESE RULE IN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES. THE TRADITION, AS IT IS PRACTICED TODAY, INVOLVES PROFESSIONAL TOREROS (ALSO CALLED TOREADORS) WHO EXECUTE VARIOUS FORMAL MOVES WHICH CAN BE INTERPRETED AND INNOVATED ACCORDING TO THE BULLFIGHTER'S STYLE OR SCHOOL. TOREROS SEEK TO ELICIT INSPIRATION AND ART FROM THEIR WORK AND AN EMOTIONAL CONNECTION WITH THE CROWD TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE BULL. SUCH MANEUVERS ARE PERFORMED AT CLOSE RANGE, WHICH PLACES THE BULLFIGHTER AT RISK OF BEING GORED OR TRAMPLED.



PEMBA'S ESSENTIAL OIL DISTILLERY

PEMBA'S ESSENTIAL OIL FACTORY, JUST OUTSIDE CHAKE CHAKE, IS A REAL GEM. WITH AN AMBIENCE BEST DESCRIBED AS TROPICAL-INDUSTRIAL, IT PRODUCES OILS FROM THE ISLAND'S NATURAL RICHES, SUCH AS LEMONGRASS, CINNAMON AND CLOVE. A TOUR GUIDE WILL WALK YOU ROUND THE FACILITY AND SHOW YOU HOW THE OILS ARE PRODUCED. YOU CAN ALSO BUY YOUR OILS TO TAKE HOME.



PEMBA ISLAND DEEP SEA FISHING

THE PEMBA CHANNEL IS WIDELY KNOWN, NOT ONLY AS THE BEST PLACE TO FISH IN ZANZIBAR AND TANZANIA BUT PROBABLY THE BEST PLACE IN THE WHOLE OF AFRICA. WE CAN ACCOMMODATE SALMON FISHERMEN, FLY FISHERMEN, DEEP-SEA ANGLERS AND COMPLETE NOVICES WITH THE HELP OF OUR VERY PROFESSIONAL SKIPPERS AND CREWS, WHO HAVE A COMBINED EXPERIENCE OF OVER 20 YEARS! THE PEMBA CHANNEL IS AFRICA'S PREMIER MARLIN DESTINATION. STRIPED, BLACK AND BLUE MARLIN, SAILFISH, BROADBILL, MAKO, TIGER AND OTHER SHARKS, WAHOO, YELLOWFIN TUNA, DORADO, GIANT TREVALLY AND MANY OTHER LESSER GAME FISH.



KAYAKING

USE THE LATEST IN KAYAK DESIGNS TO DISCOVER THE CRYSTAL BLUE WATERS OF PEMBA ISLAND. THE KAYAKS ARE DESIGNED TO CARRY 2 PEOPLE EACH. GO ALONE, WITH A FRIEND OR TAKE A GUIDE TO FOLLOW YOU ALONG. IF PADDLING WITH THE CURRENT IT IS NOT HARD WORK. ARRANGE WITH THE OTHER BOATS, DIVING OR SNORKELING IN THE SAME AREA, TO MEET YOU UP AND BRING YOU BACK - SO YOU ONLY WORK ONE WAY. KAYAKING IS A GREAT WAY TO SPEND AN AFTERNOON OR EVEN DAYS ON THE WATER. BUT IN ORDER TO BE SAFE AND SECURE, PACKING THE RIGHT KAYAKING GEAR IS ESSENTIAL. WHETHER YOU BRING ALL OF THESE ITEMS OR JUST A FEW, YOU'LL WANT TO ENSURE YOU'RE WELL PREPARED KAYAKING.



WIND SURFING

WHETHER YOU WANT TO LEARN TO WINDSURF OR HONE YOUR EXISTING SKILLS IN A NEW DESTINATION OUR LIST OF DESTINATIONS IS EXTENSIVE, EXCITING AND EXHILARATING. THE LAGOONS ARE AN EXCELLENT PLACE FOR WINDSURFING. OUR MODERN SELECTION OF BOARDS AND SAILS MEAN WE HAVE EQUIPMENT SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE FROM BEGINNERS TO PROFESSIONALS. THE WIND BLOWS ONSHORE FOR A LOT OF THE YEAR AND THE TIDES MEAN YOU CAN START OFF IN NICE SHALLOW WATER AND MOVE OUT INTO THE DEEP WHEN YOU FEEL READY.



SCUBA DIVING

THE DIVING AROUND PEMBA ISLAND, ZANZIBAR IS NOTHING ELSE BUT BREATHTAKING. THE UNTOUCHED CORAL REEFS SURROUNDING THE ENTIRE ISLAND MAKE PEMBA ONE OF THE TOP DIVE SITES IN THE WORLD. PEMBA, TANZANIA IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO START YOUR DIVE ADVENTURE WITH ONE OF THE HEALTHIEST CORAL REEFS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, A WATER TEMPERATURE AVERAGING AT 26°C AND THE BEST VISIBILITY OF EAST AFRICA OF 30-40 METERS.



WATER SKIING

PEMBA'S WATER SKIING OFFERS THE THRILL OF RIDING OVER THE WATER AND WAVES WHILE COOLING DOWN FROM THE HOT SUMMER SUN. FOR THOSE WATER LOVERS THAT JUST ARE NOT FOND OF WATER SKIING, THERE ARE A VARIETY OF ALTERNATIVES THAT STILL ALLOW THEM ENJOY TO THE SUN AND WATER. WATER SKIING IS A FUN AND RELAXING ACTIVITY THAT CAN BE RELATIVELY CHALLENGING FOR FIRST-TIMERS, AS IT REQUIRES A FAIR SENSE OF BALANCE AND A DECENT AMOUNT OF ATHLETIC ABILITY.



UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY

IF YOU LIKE PHOTOGRAPHY THEN WE HAVE DIGITAL UNDERWATER CAMERAS AVAILABLE IN THE BOATHOUSE AND RUN PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES TO HELP IMPROVE YOUR PICTURES. THIS COURSE TEACHES RECREATIONAL DIVERS TIPS AND TECHNIQUES REQUIRED TO TAKE PICTURES SUCCESSFULLY UNDERWATER IN AN AWARE MANNER. TRAINING COVERS ISSUES SUCH AS REDUCED LIGHT, WATER CLARITY AND EQUIPMENT SET-UP AND CARE.



CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

A LARGE SCREEN, FASTENED BETWEEN TWO PALMS, FLICKERS INTO LIFE AND YOU'RE TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER WORLD – OF BLOCKBUSTERS, FAMILY CLASSICS AND WORLD CINEMA. IT WOULDN'T BE THE MOVIES WITHOUT THE NIBBLES, SO THERE'S FRESH POPCORN ON THE HOUSE, ICE CREAM AND DRINKS SERVED RIGHT TO YOUR BEANBAG.



TRACKING ANIMALS

ONE OF OUR WELL-TRAINED FIELD GUIDES WILL LEAD YOU IN A QUEST TO RECOGNIZE AND TRACK ANIMAL SPOOR – OFTEN LEADING YOU WITHIN 15 METERS OF THESE MAJESTIC ANIMALS. WILD-LIFE SAFARIS AROUND TANZANIA CAN ALSO BE ORGANIZED.



PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPEDITIONS

OUR PROFESSIONAL WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHERS SPEND A DAY WITH YOU, SHOWING YOU HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR CAMERA TO GET THOSE GREAT WILDLIFE SHOTS AROUND THE IDYLIC SETTING FOUND ONLY IN PEMBA ISLAND.



VUMAWIMBI BEACH PICNIC

THE TRIP IS A SHORT DRIVE AWAY AND IS POSSIBLY THE MOST PICTURESQUE BEACH IN TANZANIA. STRETCHING FOR TWO KILOMETERS, THE WIDE WHITE SAND BEACH IS FRINGED BY TROPICAL FOREST ON ONE SIDE AND THE CLEAR TURQUOISE WATER OF THE INDIAN OCEAN ON THE OTHER. VUMAWIMBI HAS NOT YET BEEN DEVELOPED FOR TOURISM, MAKING A VISIT AN INTIMATE EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER IN TANZANIA. HERE YOU CAN ENJOY A SNORKELING IN THE SEA AND A PICNIC LUNCH.



TUMBE'S FISH MARKET

IT IS AROUND NOON AND THE SUN IS SHINING VIVIDLY ON THE SMALL VILLAGE OF TUMBE, LOCATED ON THE EAST COAST OF PEMBA, 20 MINS DRIVE FROM THE ESTATE. FROM THE SEASHORE, YOU CAN SEE DOZENS OF FISHING BOATS SLOWLY APPEARING ON THE HORIZON. WITHIN AN HOUR, A CROWD OF MEN INVADERS THE BEACH, WHICH SUDDENLY TURNS INTO A LIVELY FISH MARKET. ARRIVING ON BICYCLES FROM THE NEIGHBORING VILLAGES, THE CROWD OF BUYERS JOSTLE TO WELCOME THE FISHERMEN. BUCKETS FILLED WITH FISHES OF ALL KINDS ARE TOSSED ON THE SAND, REVEALING THE CATCH OF THE DAY. AND THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! IT'S A MUST VISIT SCENARIO.



LIGHTHOUSE WALK

THIS WALK IS ONLY 20 MINS AWAY FROM THE PROPERTY. YOU CAN RIDE THERE BY BICYCLE AND ENJOY THE RIDE WHILE HAVING COCONUT WATER AND MEETING LOCAL VILLAGERS ON THE WAY. IT'S WORTH CLIMBING ONE OF THE OLDEST LIGHT HOUSE IN THE WORLD TO HAVE A BREATH TAKING VIEW OF THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE LIGHT HOUSE GUARD WILL BE HONORED TO SPEAK ABOUT THE HISTORY AND IMPORTANCE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE.



SEAWEED CULTURE

IT MAY LOOK LIKE PARADISE WITH WHITE SAND BEACHES AND TURQUOISE WATER - BUT LIFE IS NOT SO IDYLIC FOR THE FARMERS. DURING THE LOW TIDE, YOU WILL SEE THE LOCAL VILLAGERS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, TENDING THE SEAWEED FARMS. IT IS ALTOGETHER AN EXPERIENCE OF A DIFFERENT WORLD. THE FARMS ARE MADE UP OF LITTLE STICKS IN NEAT ROWS IN THE WARM, SHALLOW WATER. ROPES ARE TIED BETWEEN THE STICKS AND THE SEAWEED SEEDLINGS ARE STRUNG BETWEEN THE TWO.



MAGIC OF MOTHER NATURE

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A COCONUT TREE TRUNK LIKE A SPRING? A TREE WITH ITS TRUNK AS WIDE AS A CAR? OR A PALM TREE HAVING MULTIPLE BRANCHING? A VISIT TO THESE FEW UNIQUE AND UNUSUAL TREES AROUND THE ISLAND IS A MUST, SHOWING THE AMAZING MAGICAL EXPERIENCE OF OUR MOTHERLAND.