



## One Ocean Kizimkazi



**The Zanzibar Dive Centre, One Ocean Ltd, is Zanzibar's first Five Star Dive Centre. We offer the most professional and organized operation on the island. You can be confident that you and your clients will receive the best and safest service available. Good, well-maintained equipment, comfortable and reliable boats, adherence to all safety procedures and friendly and professional staff assure your clients comfort and safety all the way.**

With five operations on the island, The Zanzibar Dive Centre, One Ocean can meet all your diving requirements from the north, east, south and west coast of Zanzibar. One Ocean now has the island covered.

Most of the dives are double dives with a traditional Zanzibar light lunch refreshments included in the cost. We endeavour to show our divers a variety of dive sites and to take them to the best sites available. The variety of coral is excellent and reef fish abound. Our dive instructors and dive masters aim, not to simply lead a dive, but to reveal the mysteries of the reef to our divers.

The original operation based in Stone Town offers dives on the stunning coral reefs and wrecks of the west coast. Our fifth dive centre opened early 2007 and is based in Kizimkazi, along the southern part of the island; they have a small fibreglass boat Kelsey as well as a traditional Dhow Sunny. The south is famous for dolphin sightings and some of the best diving in Zanzibar. All boats have two engines, experienced crew, radios, oxygen and first-aid kits onboard.

For those who wish to learn to dive the calm, clear waters of Zanzibar are an ideal learning ground. Our courses are conducted in accordance to the PADI regulations and standards. We choose the dive sites for our open water students very carefully to ensure that conditions are suitable for novice divers.

A suggestion to enhance a holiday in Zanzibar: In order to complete your Open Water Course in Zanzibar it is not necessary to spend 2 days of valuable holiday time in a classroom! It is possible to complete the academic and confined water (swimming pool sessions) modules of a PADI Open Water Course over a weekend at home, Then the exciting part, the Open Water (diving in the ocean) modules can be completed in the clear, warm water of Zanzibar. This is known as a Referral Course and can be done through any accredited PADI dive centre. Please ensure that all class records and files are brought with to Zanzibar.

PADI has introduced a new **e-learning** program, which allows you to do all the theory online with PADI which saves you a day while on Zanzibar.

For more information please take a look on the PADI page [www.padi.com](http://www.padi.com) quoting store number S 35442.

## **Kizimkazi**

Kizimkazi is not so much a park as it is a village. Two villages in fact, each consisting of a cluster of huts and a couple of simple dukas, all backing onto their own small sandy bay.

Since the villages are at the end of the road, they get no through traffic and village life takes place on the street. Children run laughing in front of the vehicle and sleepy heads roll around to check out the new arrivals. A man sits with a battered violin held half mast to his biceps and an entrancing Arabic tune wafts through the village, as does the overpowering aroma (?) of drying fish, hanging from mats in front of the huts. Down at the shore, through a row of shady trees, ningalawa (fishing boats) rest hauled up on the burning sand or bob gently up and down in the turquoise sea.

In the Southern part of the village (Kizimkazi Mkunguni) a sandy cove provides moorings for fishing vessels and fishermen wander amongst the palms in wide-brimmed straw hats, making cane-work fishing traps and pushing kapok into gaps to seal their hulls. Two great baobab trees dominate the front, one towering over the bar, the other over the schoolhouse. The latter is estimated to be over six centuries old.

Kizimkazi is best known for it's dolphins. From this South beach, villagers run excursions to swim with the water mammals. The trips can be great fun and the prospects of seeing dolphins from the boat are very good. However, those with visions of clapping flippers and riding of dorsal fins will usually be disappointed. These creatures are intelligent enough to disappear when half a dozen flippered humans jump simultaneously into the water.

Travellers lucky enough to catch a school of dolphins when they are feeling social are amazed by these incredibly intelligent, gentle and caring mammals. However close you manage to get, the outing is a great way to spend the day enjoying island life.

## **Kizimkazi Dive Sites**

### **Kizidi Reef,**

This site is a mini wall with the top at only three to four meters and sloping down to the sandy bottom at twelve to fifteen meters and gently continuing to slope away. It is located a convenient 10 minutes from the resort by boat. This gem of a reef has an abundance of soft corals, hard corals, interesting mommies, areas of sea grass and lots and lots of fish; big Emperors, Potato Groupers, Angel fish, Black Spot Sweet lips, Blue Spotted Rays, an occasional turtle, and for the observant you may find Pipefish, Leaf fish, Nudibranches including the amazing Spanish Dancer and others. This site is excellent for the beginning diver, those doing a Discover Scuba Diving experience, for the experienced diver who enjoys searching out the small stuff, and for a nice day of snorkelling.

### **White Reef, Mwamba Mweupe**

This is a lovely coral plateau at ten to fourteen meters which can have a bit of current when the tide is running. It is approximately a 30 minute boat trip from the resort and is appropriate for experienced divers. At this site you will find an abundance of Black Spotted Sweet lips, One Spot Snapper, Unicorn Fish and a variety of Angelfish.

### **Angel Garden.**

Named for the variety and size of angelfish found at this site, you will be amazed at the amount of life here. Semicircular, African, Royal and Goldbar Angelfish abound as well as schools of Fusiliers, Sweet lips and occasional Jacks. There are large coral outcropping from the bottom at only 12 meters which seem to attract the massive number of fish. You will almost always find a slight of current running at this site.

### **Tindiji Reef.**

This shallow reef offers a beautiful coral garden at a depth of four to six meters then sloping away to the sandy bottom at ten to twelve meters. The healthy hard corals offer a haven for the usual suspects on our tropical coral reef; Moorish Idol, Butterfly fish, Trumpet fish, Angelfish... If you look a bit closer and have some luck you may find Pipefish, Electric rays, Blue spotted rays, Ribbon eels, Cleaner shrimp, Moray Eels or even a giant frog fish.

### **Dolphin Wall (25 meter wall).**

Named for its proximity to dolphin viewing, you are lucky if you see dolphins while diving. But the dive site won't disappoint. The top of this wall starts at 18 to 16 meters and goes down to 25 to 28 meters. We have seen big rays, Ribbon Eels, Groupers and Napoleon Wrasse at this site. Keep one eye out to the blue as there are often passing schools of Barracuda, Jacks and the occasional Sailfish.

### **Groupers Grotto (30 meter wall).**

As you would guess from the name there are Grouper at this site, some of them massive. This site is to the east of the island and is a sloping wall to depths around 35 meters where the sandy bottom gently continues to slope away. Here also have an occasional look into the blue where you may see a Black Tip Reef Shark cruising by. We have seen big rays on this site. At the top of the slope when a current is running the can be masses of fishes schooling and feeding. This is a good site for a drift dive.

### **One Palm Reef or Mnasi Mmoja.**

This site is easily found by looking for the solo palm on the shore. It is a sloping wall on the east of the island with the top at approximately 12 meters and sloping steeply down to 35 meters where the sandy bottom slopes gently away. Lots of varieties of Grouper are found here as well as Napoleon Wrasse. We also see green turtles at this site on occasion. With the current running this can be a fast ride drift dive. Great fun!0

# Island Day Trip

Visit the island of Pungume during your stay in Kizimkazi, with its white sand beaches it is ideal to relax for the day.

Watch for dolphins during your trip on the traditional dhow boat, maybe combine this with a stop for snorkelling or diving on the way.

Once you arrive the staff will set up a place for you to have lunch whilst you explore the area both on land and in the ocean.

## **PADI Courses**

We are a PADI Five Star dive centre and offer a full range of PADI certifications from first time Discover Scuba for those who have never dived before up to PADI Dive master. All of our Instructors are members of PADI and all courses are conducted in accordance to PADI Standards and syllabus. PADI, the Professional Association of Dive Instructors is the largest and most popular training association in the world.

Why not let One Ocean introduce you to the rewarding sport of Scuba Diving, or if you are already qualified you can increase your knowledge, skills and confidence by continuing your dive education.

Courses on offer include the following plus others on request.

### **Discover Scuba Diving (DSD)**

Not sure you want to do the course? This takes one day and gives you an experience of being underwater. You dive with an instructor after a short pool session to a maximum of 12m, this can count as credit towards the open water certification.

### **Scuba Diver**

The quickest way to get a certification in diving, takes just 2 days and you complete 2 dives to a maximum of 12m. Can be upgraded to the full open water any time and anywhere.

### **Open Water**

The most popular entry level course in the world, takes 4 days and you are then qualified to dive to 18m. The time could be reduced to 3 days if you complete the e-learning for the theory prior to arrival.

### **Advanced Open Water**

Develop your skills and confidence to beyond what you experience in the open water course, open up new sites for your diving and experience new diving techniques.

### **Rescue Diver**

Get more perspective on diving and other divers, gain the skills needed to assist someone or manage an incident.

### **Divermaster**

Increase your diving experience to enable you to organize and conduct diving activities, assist instructors as they teach students and lead qualified divers on dives in the local area. Enter the first level of being a PADI professional.

### **Specialities**

Learn more on what interests you. Learn to take great photos with the digital photography course, learn what you are looking at and how the ecosystem works with our Naturalist or Fish ID course, want to go deep? Learn how to get to 40m with our deep diver specialty, fascinated by wrecks, learn more about them in our wreck diving course., many more on offer ask for details.