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Zanzibar: The Spice Island

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Swahili coast safari

Zanzibar has been welcoming travelers, merchants and explorers for more than a thousand years.

A mix of cultures from Africa, the Middle East and Asia have blended language, cuisine, architecture and design into what is the birthplace of Swahili culture. The "Spice Island" is famous for its turquoise waters and laid-back spirit, fragrant spice farms, coral reefs and white sand beaches. Its main city, Stone Town, is a UNESCO World Heritage site, an ancient trading city and architectural stunner featuring narrow alleys of Arabesque buildings and busy bazaars. The night market pulses with street food vendors and locals while the harbor bustles with yachts, ocean vessels and sailing *dhows*.

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Welcome to Deeper Africa

Wildlife encounters, at once spontaneous and beyond imagination, result from our in-depth knowledge of seasonal wildlife migrations and patterns. Our guides possess a lifetime of African lore and all the skills of a master tracker. *It's being in the perfect place at the perfect time.*

As a worldwide team with vast experience, we provide you with exceptional personal service. We attend to every detail. We help you learn about Africa's important conservation issues. *Arrive in Africa fully prepared and ready to explore.*

We believe that local African communities must benefit and prosper from the conservation and enjoyment of Africa's wildlife. They ensure the future. Your dollars protect wildlife and wild lands, as well as support and nurture local small businesses that in turn support our safari business. *Your dollar makes change.*

Experience wondrous wildlife, enjoy local culture and discover more about the vibrant people and complicated politics unique to Africa. *We love this wild continent.*

Swahili coast safaris

with Deeper Africa

Step off the mainland and be welcomed by warm breezes, warm water, and warm Swahili people.

Explore the origins of Swahili culture. Navigate narrow, winding city streets. Awaken the senses at exotic spice farms. Sail in traditional dhow boats used by fisherman for centuries. Dive, snorkel or paddle crystal clear turquoise waters. Or just relax and rejuvenate on some of the most secluded, beautiful tropical beaches on the Indian Ocean.

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Safari schedule at a glance

International flight #1

Departs: TBD Arrives: TBD

International flight #2

Departs: TBD Arrives: ZNZ

Days 1 & 2:

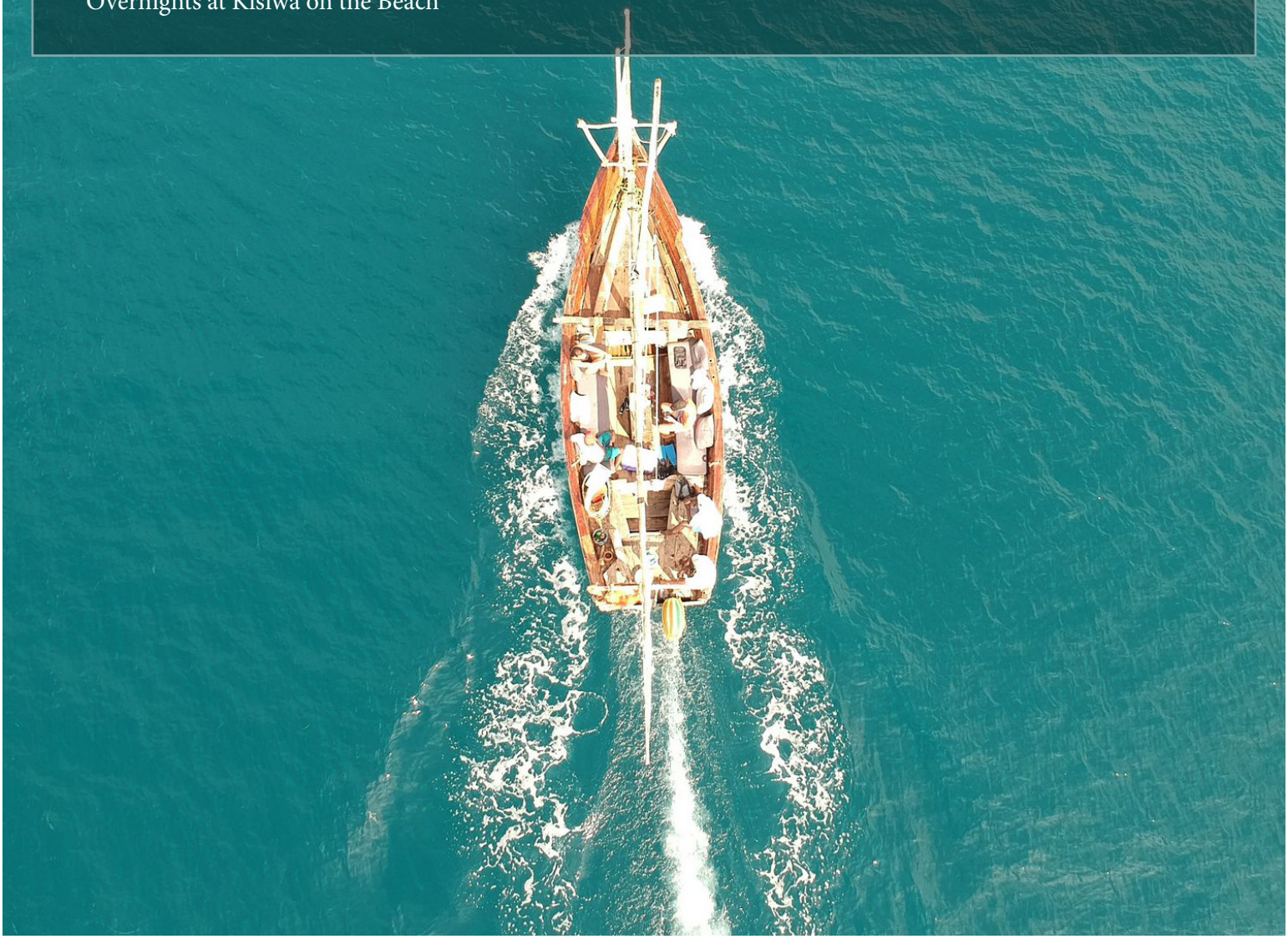
Arrival in Zanzibar
Transfer to Stone Town
Overnights at Seyyida Hotel

Days 3, 4 & 5:

Transfer to south east coast of Zanzibar
Overnights at Kisiwa on the Beach

Day 6:

Transfer to Zanzibar airport for international flights



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DAYS 1 & 2

The Seyyida Hotel & Spa, Zanzibar

Look for your Deeper Africa driver once you clear customs and immigration. He'll be waiting with a Deeper Africa sign with your name on it. He'll transfer you into nearby Stone Town.

Includes:
Breakfast
WiFi

Activites Included
Keep your camera close

Stone Town tour

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DAY 2

Stone Town Tour

Stone Town is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the seat of Zanzibari and Swahili civilization. Zanzibar was once nestled in the middle of an ancient mercantile civilization that included independent coastal and island city states stretching from the Somali coast to the Zambezi river. For centuries merchant vessels arrived from India, Arabia, Persia, China, Japan, and Russia. Coastal Africans fused their traditions with Arab customs until the "Swahili" became a distinct race with their own language, cuisine, rulers, art, and decoration.

Your Deeper Africa guide will take you on a morning walking tour of Stone Town. Stone Town is a magical labyrinth of narrow twisting streets and bustling bazaars. Bazaar stalls and street vendors can be found in all but the quietest spots. There are fresh vegetables for sale, baskets of tropical fruits, and an amazing seafood market with some exotic catches. The houses are whitewashed stucco rising up unevenly three to four stories above the street. Lights and shadows dance across the alleys.

Afternoon free to explore Stone Town. Dine on the roof of Emerson on Hurumzi. Enjoy a Zanzibari dinner and learn about island traditions.

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DAY 3

Spice Farm Tour

On Zanzibar, spices are as important to the economy and culture as they were a thousand years ago. Your Deeper Africa driver will pick you up this morning. You'll move inland to one of Zanzibar's spice farms. As you walk through the farm, savor the fresh aromas and vibrant colors of classic spices and fruits you know and love. You might even make some new discoveries. Sample spices such as cinnamon, vanilla, coriander and tamarind. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch cooked with foods and spices from the plantation.

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DAYS 3, 4 & 5

Kisiwa on the Beach Paje Beach

Paje Beach on Zanzibar's barrier reef protected east coast, is famous for its beautiful white sand beaches and tropical marine life in its coral reefs, rocks and shipwrecks. It offers excellent diving and snorkeling. The dramatically low tides expose small lagoons filled with starfish, sea urchins and small minnows while high tide provides perfect conditions for surfing, kayaking and other water sports. The kitesurfing here brings people from all around the world.

Wildlife viewing *Get your checklist ready*	Activities included *Keep your camera close*
Angel fish, Bottlenose dolphin, Butterfly fish, Eel, Lion fish, Moorish idol, Octopus, Sea star, Sea cucumber, Trumpet fish	Spice Farm tour Swahili cooking class 1000 Hands Tour of Zanzibar Safari Blue day on the dhow Relax at the beach

Includes:
Breakfast
Swimming Pool
WiFi

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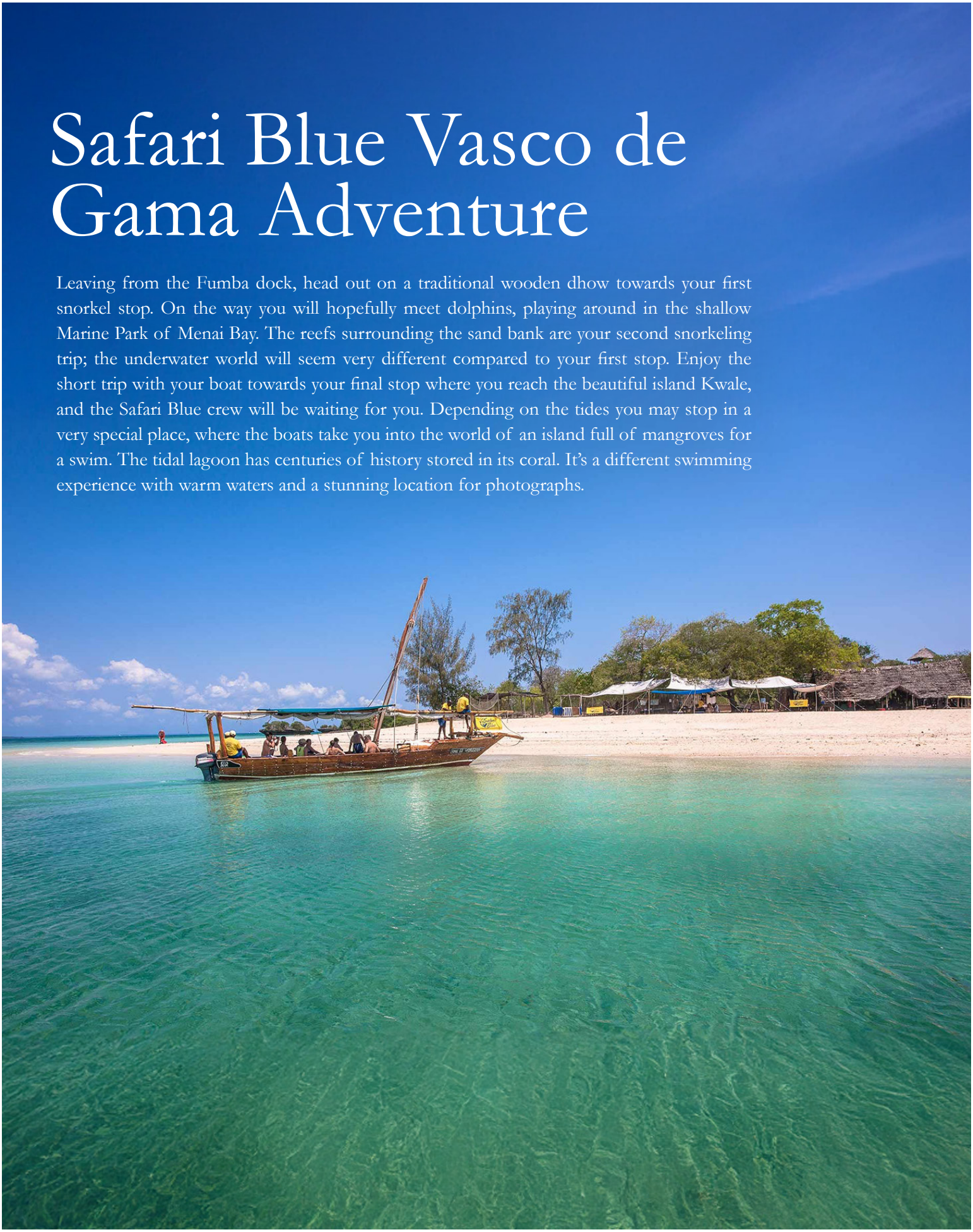
Safari Blue Vasco de Gama Adventure

Leaving from the Fumba dock, head out on a traditional wooden dhow towards your first snorkel stop. On the way you will hopefully meet dolphins, playing around in the shallow Marine Park of Menai Bay. The reefs surrounding the sand bank are your second snorkeling trip; the underwater world will seem very different compared to your first stop. Enjoy the short trip with your boat towards your final stop where you reach the beautiful island Kwale, and the Safari Blue crew will be waiting for you. Depending on the tides you may stop in a very special place, where the boats take you into the world of an island full of mangroves for a swim. The tidal lagoon has centuries of history stored in its coral. It's a different swimming experience with warm waters and a stunning location for photographs.



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1000 Hands of Zanzibar

Experience the heart of Zanzibar's culture through 1000 Hands. This immersive excursion for the day takes you to the nearby village of Makunduchi, where local artisans demonstrate traditional crafts like coconut rope-making and seaweed farming. You'll see the whole process; how rope is made from coconut husks and then used to make boats, beds and chairs.

Next visit the Seaweed Centre in Paje and see how seaweed is planted, grown and manufactured into oils and soaps. Explore the rich heritage of the community, witness daily life in Zanzibar, and gain a deeper appreciation for the craftsmanship and traditions passed down through generations.

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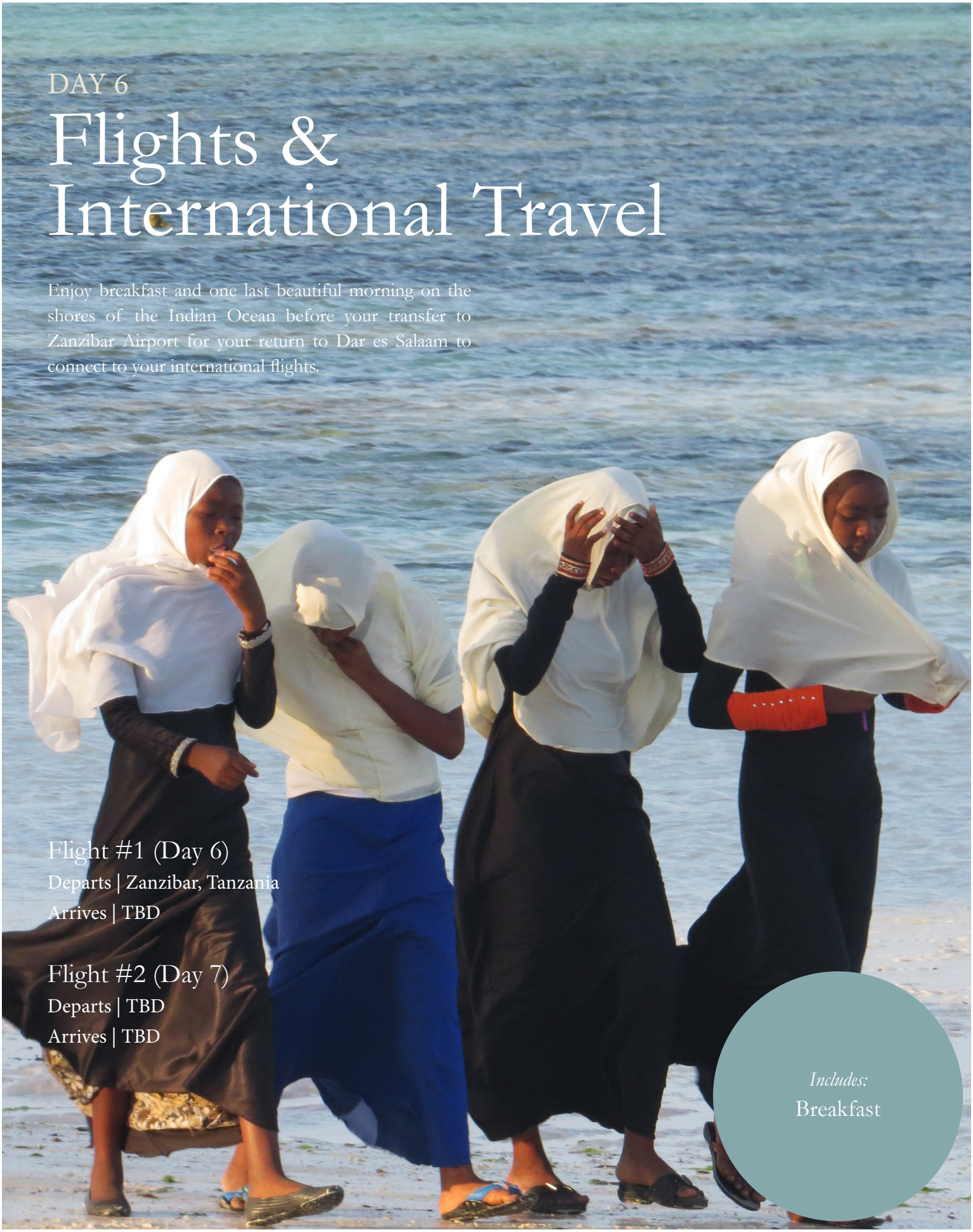

DAY 6

Flights & International Travel

Enjoy breakfast and one last beautiful morning on the shores of the Indian Ocean before your transfer to Zanzibar Airport for your return to Dar es Salaam to connect to your international flights.

Flight #1 (Day 6)

Departs | Zanzibar, Tanzania

Arrives | TBD

Flight #2 (Day 7)

Departs | TBD

Arrives | TBD

Includes:

Breakfast

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