

TANZANIA

Ocean Odyssey



- Guided by passion - Driven by the wild -

10 NIGHT ITINERARY

FEATURED CAMPS:

- The Manta Resort

The Manta Resort:

ABOUT PEMBA

Nestled in the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean off the coast of Tanzania, Pemba Island is a pristine and biodiverse destination unlike any other. Known for its dramatic coral reefs, lush coastal forests, and extensive mangrove systems, Pemba is a magnet for nature lovers, birders, and passionate divers alike.

Pemba supports an extraordinary range of wildlife, including several species found nowhere else on Earth. Among the island's most iconic inhabitants is the Pemba flying fox — a large fruit bat endemic to the island's forests and mangroves, playing a crucial role as a pollinator and seed disperser in local ecosystems.

The island is also part of an Endemic Bird Area, with four truly endemic bird species, such as the Pemba green pigeon, Pemba white-eye, and Pemba scops owl, alongside many other tropical birds that make it a rewarding destination for birdwatching.

Inland, the Ngezi Forest Reserve protects some of Pemba's last tracts of original forest — a mosaic of dense canopy, coral rag woodland, and mangrove fringes that support monkeys, duikers, birds, and charismatic fauna in a setting of remarkable ecological richness.

At sea, Pemba's pristine coral reefs — from nearshore bommies to dramatic far reef walls — teem with vibrant marine life, making it one of the Indian Ocean's most compelling and less-traveled diving destinations.

INTRODUCTION

Ocean Odyssey is a slow, immersive marine conservation journey designed for those who want to understand the ocean — not just visit it.

Based on the remote and unspoiled island of Pemba, this expedition blends world-class diving and snorkeling with mangrove exploration, forest walks, community engagement, and expert-led conservation insight.

Each day unfolds at a natural pace, guided by tides, weather, and the rhythm of island life. Expect learning, connection, and space to simply be — above and below the water.

Day 1 — Arrival on Pemba Island | Welcome to the Blue

Arrive at Pemba Airport and transfer to your island resort, your home for the expedition. After check-in, enjoy a relaxed lunch overlooking the Indian Ocean and time to settle in.

In the early evening, gather on the terrace for sunset drinks, introductions, and a detailed expedition briefing. Your guides will outline the week ahead — including diving protocols, conservation themes, and what to expect from life on Pemba.

Evening: A group dinner under the stars.



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DAY 2 — DIVE ORIENTATION & NEAR REEF EXPLORATION

The day begins with coffee and light snacks before heading to the dive centre for a full orientation and safety briefing with the PADI dive team.

Your first near-reef dive takes place at a sheltered site such as House Reef or Scorpions Secret — ideal for acclimatisation and observing coral structures, reef fish behaviour, and tropical species diversity.

You'll then return for breakfast and a relaxed debrief.

The afternoon is intentionally unstructured — enjoy wellness treatments, the pool, or the beach. As the day cools, head out for a guided sunset snorkel within the conservation zone, where turtles, rays, and reef fish are often encountered.

Evening: Dinner at the resort.

DAY 3 — DUAL DIVES & MARINE CONSERVATION INSIGHTS

After an early coffee, depart for two morning near-reef dives, focusing on coral ecology, fish interactions, and reef health.

Return for breakfast and lunch, followed by rest and reflection.

Late afternoon brings a marine conservation talk with a local expert from the Kwanini Foundation, exploring sustainable fishing practices, community involvement, and reef protection efforts on Pemba.

Evening: Sunset drinks at the beach bar, followed by dinner.

Day 4 — MANGROVES, SHORELINE & SLOW EXPLORATION

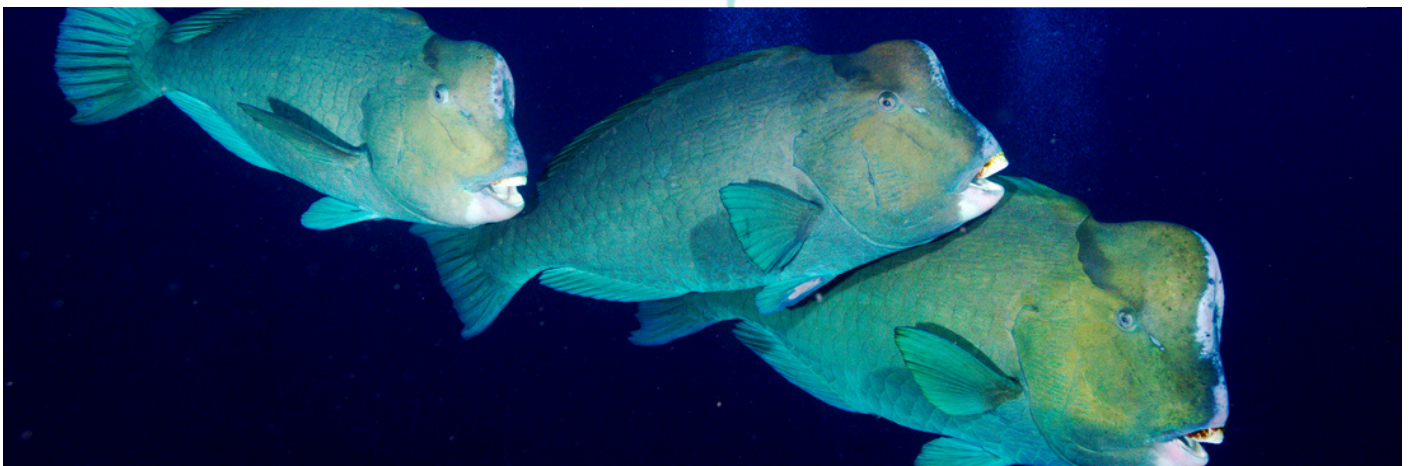
Start the morning with an optional conservation-focused snorkel, contributing directly to reef monitoring initiatives.

Later, head out on a guided mangrove excursion, exploring one of the ocean's most important nurseries. Learn how mangroves protect coastlines, filter water, and support juvenile marine life.

After lunch, the afternoon is free for rest or wellness.

As evening approaches, enjoy a guided beach walk and sunset meditation, grounding the day in stillness and reflection.

Evening: Dinner at the resort.



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DAY 5 — SANDBANK SUNRISE & COMMUNITY CONNECTION

An early departure by boat takes you to a remote sandbank (tide and weather dependent). Watch sunrise paint the ocean while enjoying a simple breakfast surrounded by endless blue.

Return to the resort for lunch and rest.

In the afternoon, visit the Kwanini Foundation to learn more about community-driven conservation projects on land and sea.

Evening: Dinner at the resort.

DAY 6 — FAR REEF ADVENTURE

After coffee and a light breakfast, depart by boat for two far-reef dives at sites such as Njao Gap or Fundu Gap.

These deeper, more dramatic reefs feature vertical walls, soft corals, and the possibility of pelagic encounters. Snacks and refreshments are served between dives onboard.

Return to the resort for lunch and a slow afternoon of rest, spa treatments, or ocean-view relaxation.

Evening: Dinner and shared stories of the deep.

DAY 7 — FAR REEF & NGALAWA SUNSET SAIL

The morning includes two additional far-reef dives, focusing on megafauna, coral formations, and current-driven ecosystems.

After lunch and leisure time, set sail on a traditional Ngalawa sunset cruise, gliding along the coastline as the sky turns gold and pink.

Evening: Dinner at the resort.

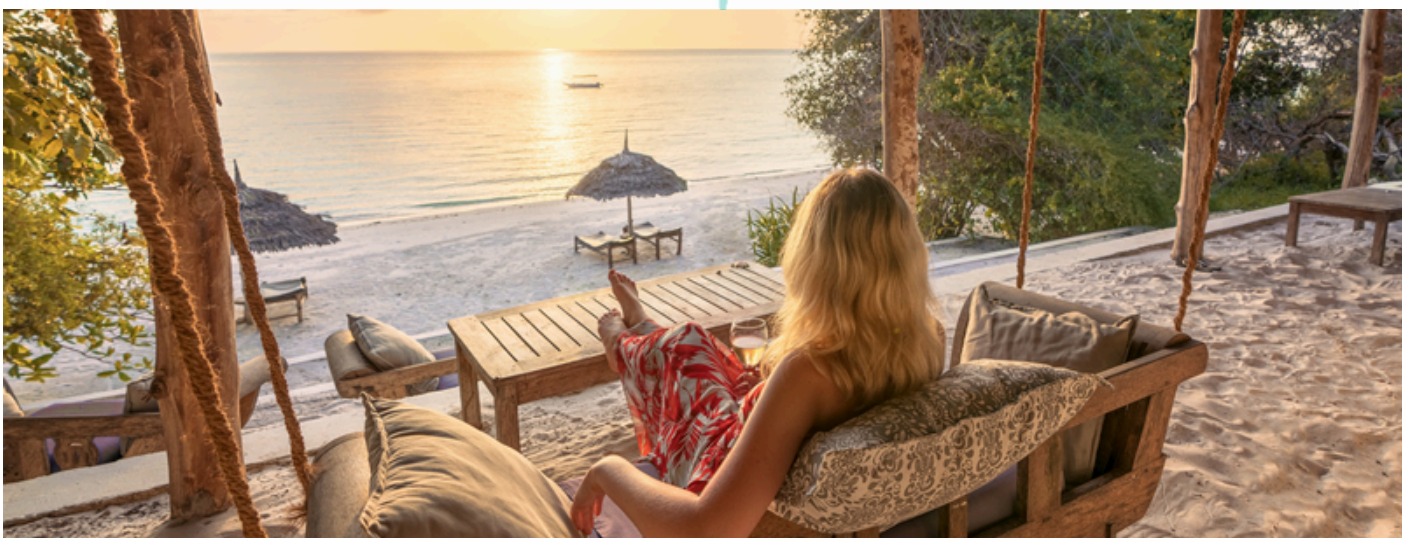
DAY 8 — FINAL FAR REEF DIVE & ISLAND EXPLORATION

After a light breakfast, head out for your final far-reef dive, a last opportunity to fully absorb Pemba's underwater world.

Return for lunch, followed by an optional lighthouse visit or quiet time by the pool.

This afternoon is intentionally unhurried — space to journal, reflect, or simply watch the tide roll in.

Evening: Dinner beneath the stars.



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DAY 9 — FOREST WALK, BIRDLIFE & BEACH CELEBRATION

An early morning guided walk in Ngezi Forest Reserve introduces Pemba's unique terrestrial biodiversity. Look out for endemic bird species, flying foxes, and lush forest vegetation shaped by millions of years of isolation.

Return for breakfast and a relaxed morning.

In the evening, gather for sunset drinks and a beach barbecue, celebrating the journey with firelight, ocean air, and shared experience.

DAY 10 — REEF REFLECTIONS & FAREWELL DINNER

Begin the day with an optional final conservation snorkel — a quiet, meaningful farewell to the reef.

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and a free day to reflect, pack, and savour the last moments on the island.

Evening: A celebratory farewell dinner, closing the expedition together.

DAY 11 — DEPARTURE | CARRY THE OCEAN WITH YOU

After breakfast, transfer to Pemba Airport for onward travel.

You leave with more than memories — carrying the rhythm of the ocean and a deeper understanding of the living systems that sustain it.



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OCEAN ODYSSEY - WHATS INCLUDED

10 nights accommodation at Manta, Pemba Island
All meals as per itinerary (breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Scheduled group activities, including:

- Guided scuba dives (as per itinerary)
- Snorkelling experiences (including Snorkelling for Conservation)
- Mangrove excursion
- Sandbank experience (tide dependent)
- Ngalawa sunset cruise
- Ngezi Forest walk

Daily briefings and guided experiences with specialist hosts and guides

Conservation & community engagements, including:

- Visit to the Kwanini Foundation
- Talks on conservation, sustainable fishing, and community initiatives

Boat excursions related to diving, snorkelling, and marine activities

Snacks and drinks on dive boats

Group sunset drinks and select hosted experiences

Two private guides accompanying the group (maximum 8 guests)

OCEAN ODYSSEY - WHAT'S EXCLUDED

International and domestic flights (all flights are own arrangement)

Airport transfers to and from Pemba (unless quoted separately)

Scuba diving certification courses (if required)

Rental dive equipment (unless specified in final booking confirmation)

Wellness treatments and spa services (available at additional cost, pre-arranged)

Conservation & tourism levies, Impact contribution

Personal expenses, including:

- Alcoholic beverages not specified
- Gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Laundry

Optional activities not listed in the confirmed itinerary

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