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Dar Es Salaam City Tour

A half day trip - city tour of Dar es salaam

Raised from the humble surroundings of a Fishing Village just over a century ago, Dar Es Salaam blossomed into one of the most beautiful sea-side capitals. Many beautiful and unspoilt beaches are within easy reach of Dar Es Salaam, literally translated as "The Heaven of Peace". Our most popular excursion in the city for tourists in transit enroute to the game parks of the North or South, or for Business clients with some leisure time, is the half day Dar Es Salaam City Tour.

Here is a sample of the sights and sounds you will experience during the tour:

Mnazi moja park: This is near Jamhuri and Uhuru Streets. On one side is seen the Uhuru Torch Monument erected to symbolise the Freedom Torch placed at the peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro upon Tanzania's attainment of independence. On the other side of the park is the Republic Fountain which commemorated the foundation of the republic in 1962.

Kariakoo market: This beautiful main market has an interesting local colour and a diversity of peoples as well as exotic fruits, fresh fish, food products, handicrafts, local textile material and many other locally made products. The market's colour, charm and character makes it a must for every visitor.

University: The University is superbly laid out amidst lawns and gardens on the Ubungo Observation Hill, some 14 kms. Away from the city. The hill offers magnificent open view of Dar Es Salaam city. The main campus area is built on three low hills, well wooded with cashew trees.

Village museum: This is 10 kms. Along Bagamoyo Road and has a collection of authentically constructed traditional houses of various Tanzanian tribes. It displays several distinct architectural styles with building materials ranging from sand, grass and poles to mud and rock. Villagers demonstrate their ancient skills of carving and weaving and offer their products for sale.

House of crafts (Nyumba ya sanaa): Near the heart of Dar Es Salaam there is a unique centre for creating and selling Tanzanian arts and crafts. Many of the artists working here have developed their talents through training which enable them to transform traditional materials, designs and motifs into contemporary forms. At 'Nyumba ya Sanaa', one finds many exciting creative activities to become absorbed in like painting, drawing, figurative wax batik and etching. Carvings of ebony are made as well as jewelers, ceramics and 'tie-and-dye' dresses for men, women and children.

National museum: The outstanding attraction is the Hall of Man where Dr. Leakey's finds from Olduvai Gorge including the skull of Nutcrackerman (*Zinjanthropus bosei*) and other human fossils are displayed. The Museum offers an outstanding ethnographic collection of tribal ornaments, head-dresses, witch-craft paraphernalia and traditional musical instruments collected from various regions in Tanzania. Also, the history of the East African Coast is well portrayed with Chinese porcelain glazed pottery, trade wide beads from India and a series of copper coins from the Sultan of Kilwa.

State house: The State House accommodates the offices of the President. It has an ornate structure reflecting a blend of African and Arabic architecture, partly built on the foundation of the old German Palace in 1922.

Other Historical sites It is possible to visit various historical sites i.e. at Pugu almost 20 km to see Suleiman Mamba (believed to be Kinjikitile) grave along other Germans soldiers graves remains of Maji Maji war and several other visits of historical nature.

Bagamoyo

A day trip - excursion to Bagamoyo

Bagamoyo lies 75kms north of Dar es Salaam. Bagamoyo was the starting point of the slave caravan routes and also the terminus of the white missionaries. While in Bagamoyo, visit most Islamic historical sites at the Kaole Ruins (dating back to the earlier part of the 15th century), and the first Roman Catholic Church in Tanganyika built by the Germans in the 1880's. Do not forget the museum, which houses numerous historical artifacts. There is also a splendid beach where one can swim and enjoy a picnic lunch. Bagamoyo was founded towards the end of the 18th century as a small port trading in dried fish, gum, cobalt and salt. Bagamoyo also served as a caravan entrepot, with traders coming from distant areas of the interior, as far as Morogoro and Usambara. Later on, the use of this town for Ivory and slave trade increased its importance in the 19th century.

Bagamoyo's importance began to decline when in 1940 the Sultan of Oman, Seyyid Said, decided to move his capital from Muscat to Zanzibar, to be closer to his dominion along the Eastern African coast.

Kilwa Kisiwani

A 2 days trip

Almost 200 km south of Dar es Salaam and six hour drive to Kilwa Masoko, It is possible to visit the island of Kilwa Kisiwani and see the rich historical remains of Islamic civilization back to 8th century. The town is located within the Kilwa District the Lindi Region. Visit an extraordinary Islamic historical sites and remains which have been declared as World Heritage sites by UN in 1981. The coastal town of Kilwa Masoko can be reached by road from Dar es Salaam, and is served also by Coastal aviation. The visit to historical Kilwa Kisiwani will be by local boat / dhow or ferry from Masoko.

You will get an opportunity to explore various historical structures includes the great 12th century Great Mosque, Sultan's Palace Husuni Kubwa, Gereza (Prison) , Malindi Mosque and other historical sites. It is also possible to have an extra day to go more south to Mikindani - Mtwara and spend a night at Mikindani Hotel being one of the remains features of the Kilwa Islamic Empire.