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Fact Sheet

Sultan Sands Island Resort

Welcome to the Sultan Sands Island Resort.



The Sultan Sands Island Resort is the newest resort of the Bluebay Hotels Group, having received its first guests in July 2008.

It is a uniquely constructed magical Africa resort, with a choice of 76 rooms, with the latter 56 built in single storey African style rondavels – each with two tastefully decorated rooms with a separate changing room leading into the superbly appointed en-suite bathroom.

The Sultan Sands Island Resort stands where, until 2006, the La Villa Beach Club stood – then a standard 20 roomed hotel.

After its acquisition by the Group, it was transformed into a unique, one-of-a-kind holiday facility. It is now a resort befitting its name association with the fabled Omani Sultans who ruled the Zanzibar Islands for centuries.

The resort offers a wide range of facilities in addition to those available at the Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa which it shares the expansive white beaches.

About Zanzibar

Zanzibar Island, whose local name is *Unguja*, is one of two main islands that make up the semi-autonomous state of Zanzibar. It is a partner state in the United Republic of *Tanzania*, the largest country in the east coast of Africa.

Zanzibar is located in the Indian Ocean, about 35 km off the coast of mainland Tanzania, at Longitude 39 degrees East and Latitude 6 degrees south of the Equator. The highest point of the island is 150 meters above sea level.

Getting to Zanzibar: By air from Nairobi, Kenya, the region's largest city with air-links to virtually every major world city. Or from Dar es Salaam city on the coast of mainland Tanzania. Or by sea ferry from Dar es Salaam. A number of European tour operators also operate regular weekly charter flights directly to the island.

Location



The Sultan Sands Island Resort nestles besides its sister resort, the Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa, on the beachfront of a 25 acre stretch of subtly landscaped gardens decked with over 1000 palm trees. It sits on the beachfront of the wide, sparkling beaches of Kiwengwa in the east coast of Zanzibar. The Zanzibar Island lies 35 KM off the eastern coast of Africa and is one of the two main islands of an autonomous state within the larger republic of Tanzania.

GPS Location: E 39:22'29.17" # S 5:58'33.19

The Resort is less than a leisurely hour's drive from the Zanzibar International Airport on an all weather tarmac road. To fly into Zanzibar, visitors take a 45-minutes flight from Nairobi, Kenya, which is the region's largest city with air-links to virtually every major world city. East African Safari Air, Kenya Airways and KLM fly into Zanzibar daily from Nairobi. Many other international airlines fly to Dar es Salaam, a city on the coast of mainland Tanzania, from where you can take a local flight to the island or choose to cross over by ferry. The trip by sea last approximately 2 hours.

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Rooms and Suites



The Sultan Sands Island Resort has a total of 76 rooms. Each room has a spacious bedroom, separate dressing room, en suite bathroom and a verandah or balcony.

The furnishings are tasteful traditional Zanzibar furniture – including either one large bed or two queen size beds with mosquito nets, separate dressing room, ensuite bathroom with a shower and a spacious verandah. A touch of modernity is added by the split-level air conditioners, ceiling fans, satellite TV's, mini-bars,

hair dryers, safes and telephones. Smoke detectors and fire alarms complete the picture.

The rooms at the resort are categorized into two groups.

Pwani Rooms:

These are the newly constructed rooms, set on rising grounds in beautiful landscaped gardens, facing out to the Ocean. They are built in single storey traditional rondavels, each with two tastefully decorated bed rooms with separate changing rooms leading into superbly appointed en-suite bathrooms.



Bahari Rooms:

These are the original La Villa Beach Club rooms but now carefully modernised and refurbished to be at par with the newer Pwani Rooms. They still bear the original concept of La Villa: right at the Ocean edge, toes-in-the-sand theme. They are all Sea View and a supplement is applicable for this wing over the Pwani Rooms.

Dining & Wining

The Sultan Sands Island has a choice of 4 restaurants and bars.

MWAMBAO Restaurant:

This is the main dining facility for the Resort. It is beautifully located with views over the swimming pool and the ocean beyond.

The restaurant is a table d'hote restaurant featuring buffet Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Dinners are themed with cyclic menus every 7 days. Themed evenings include Indian, Italian, Swahili, BBQ Nyama Choma, Oriental, Trip around the World, Zanzibar and Seafood.

There are Smoking and Non-smoking areas in the restaurant.



Mawimbi Bar is the main drinks outlet at the resort. It is a fabulous place for guests to sip cold drinks as they look out to the swimming pool, the beach and the ocean beyond. The restaurant serves guests at the pool and the MWAMBAO Restaurant from 1000 hrs to 2400 hrs.



KIVULI Bar & Restaurant is located right on the Beach and provides the invaluable toes-in-the-sand mid day culinary delight for our guests. The menu emphasizes on light foods such as salads, sandwiches and grilled main dishes – in addition to featuring a section of 'Zanzibari Tappas'. Beverages for guests around the pool and the beach come from here.



CASABLANCA Lounge is the only late night drinks facility for both the Sultan Sands guests as well as those of the Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa. It is an easy going, comfortable late night haunt serving all manner of cocktails and beverages.

Recreation and Sports

Recreation & Water Sports Centre: The Sultan Sands Island Resort caters to a variety of water sports and recreation activities. Facilities include Windsurfers, Single and Double Kayaks, Sail Boats, Peddle Boats, Hobie Cats, Water trampoline and Body Boards.

Tours and Excursions: A variety of daily tours and excursions are available, with the most popular being the *Spice Tour*, the *Stone Town Tour*, the *Jozani Forest Tour*, the *Dolphin Adventure* and the safari *Blue*.



SCUBA Diving: Our Scuba Centre is the first Five-Star PADI Dive Centre in Zanzibar. Whether you are an experienced scuba enthusiast or simply in the mood to try something new, the Dive Centre is well positioned to meet all your diving and snorkeling requirements.



Big Game Fishing: We organize big game fishing in the renowned big game fishing grounds on the waters between Zanzibar and its smaller sibling island, Pemba. Or to the almost untouched waters of Mafia Island and Latham Island further south.



Sports: Besides a Fitness Centre featuring a range of modern equipment, the Resort also provides a flood-lit tennis court with tennis equipment, beach volleyball, and bicycles for a ride in the wide beach, table tennis, snooker and billiards – besides a myriad of table games such as cards, black gammon and monopoly.

Personal Care facilities

Boutique:

The Sultan Sands Island Resort operates a well stocked boutique offering fashion garments and accessories sourced primarily from the East African region. There is also a general supplies shop offering a wide range of products from African books to postcards and suntan lotions to toiletries.

The Oasis Spa:

Guests at the Sultan Sands Island Resort have full access to the Oasis Spa, the choicest treat on the eastern coast of Zanzibar. It is a resplendent tropical island Spa, complete with a wooden deck, a thatch roof built with palm trees growing up through it and the splashing water amid an abundance of beautiful exotic plants.

The Oasis is also known for the professional massages that come with the natural



airy sea view overlooking the beach and the turquoise ocean beyond. For a really memorable experience, ask your therapists to blend and mix the local spices and fruits right in front of you. All these natural, aromatic and freshly prepared treatments are famous for their virtues to relax the mind.

Children's Club

For a beautiful holiday with the kids – yet with enough time 'away from the children' – Sultan Sands Island Resort provides a Children's Club for the little ones of ages 3 to 13 years.

The Club provides days filled with fun activities with both outdoors and indoors weekly themed programmes. The children are also introduced to the *swahili* culture including basic *swahili* language besides the arts and crafts lessons.

The Children's Club is run by highly trained children's animators most of whom have worked as kindergarten teachers. As a rule, all the staff handling the children have undergone specialist first aid training and most have an ear for foreign languages.

We also provide professional *Ayah* Services – baby sitters - at a nominal charge, either for day time or evening minding of children.

Business, Groups & Incentives

Conferences: Sultan Sands Island Resort seamlessly combines state of the art conference and business facilities with the charm and sheer luxury of a tropical island. Besides the 80 people capacity state-of-the-art Baraza Conference Room at the Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa, our guests have a meeting room at the Sultan Sands Island Resort that can sit a further 40 people theatre style.

Business Centre: The resort has a fully equipped business point providing secretarial services, computers, 24-hour Internet Access, and Fax and Photocopying Services.

Groups & Incentives: We have a variety of value added incentives frills and extras geared towards team building, bonding and the sheer 'spoiling' of special groups of guests. And we do not



stop at the expected: many times we have organized out-of-the -ordinary special incentives at short notice to meet specific requirements of our guests. To date, we have hosted group incentives for local enterprises as well as multinational corporations and non-governmental organizations from all corners of the world.

Weddings & Honeymoons

Honeymoons: Honeymoon at Sultan Sands Island Resort is an unforgettable experience. After the stress of planning the biggest day of your life -and in appreciation of your changed status and circumstances- we ensure that this is a time of relaxation and 'enjoyment' of each other's company and love.



In order to be part of those memories, we welcome our honeymoon couples with a bottle of sparkling wine and a bouquet of flowers upon arrival - and an upgrade to a superior room category where possible. A couple booked in one of our suites will receive an 'under the stars' dinner served either on the verandah of their room or on the beach with a bottle of wine at dinner, of course! And a minimum 7-night stay will accorded our couple complimentary dinner at the Bluebay premier restaurant, the *Bahari Restaurant* or on the beach, according to the guests' preference.



Weddings: Every year an average of 30 couples from across the world choose our two resorts as the setting for their wedding. The reason is that we know just how stressful wedding preparations can be for the couple so we make sure the process is efficient and hassle-free yet as spectacular, fun and exotic as only a wedding on an idyllic African resort can be. Ever seen a wedding with a full Maasai warriors' guard-of-honour for the couple?

The Civil wedding ceremonies are conducted on a spot of the couple's choice within our gardens or the beach - or even on a wooden deck overlooking the Ocean. Religious Ceremonies require adequate notice for an Anglican Minister to be at hand.

The certificates issued in our weddings are internationally recognized.