

Fact File

Official Languages:

Kiswahili and English

Currency:

The Tanzania shilling (Tsh or TZS), divided into 100 cents, is the national currency. Credit cards (Access, MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Eurocard, and Diners) are accepted by large tourist hotels around the country. Travellers' cheques in Pounds Sterling or US dollars are recommended, although Euros are also accepted.

Banking:

Banks and forex bureaux are available at airports and in all major towns. Banking hours are from Monday - Friday 08h30 - 14h30, Saturdays 08h30 - 13h30. A few branches in the major towns are open until 16h00. ATM and 24 hour cash machines are available in branches of major banks and accept international VISA cards. Please note that banks are closed on Sunday.

Time:

Local time is GMT + 3

Electric Current:

220 volts AC50Hz

Communications:

International Direct Dial is available. The country code for Tanzania is +255. The outgoing international code is 00 for the United States, or 000 for all other countries. Public call boxes in post offices and main towns operate on a card system, available from most small shops. Several cellular phone companies operate in Tanzania and roaming lines work near most major cities and towns. Internet cafes are plentiful in major city centres.

International Airports:

Dar es Salaam International Airport is located 15km southwest of Dar es Salaam and takes approximately 25 minutes to reach by car from downtown. Airport facilities include a duty-free shop, car hire, post office, banking and bureau de change, and a bar and restaurant.

Zanzibar International Airport is located approximately 7km from the centre of Stone Town and takes approximately 15 minutes to reach by car. Facilities include a restaurant and bureau de change.

Kilimanjaro International Airport lies 40km from Arusha and takes approximately 1 hour to reach by car. Facilities include curio shops, a post office, and a bar and restaurant. Shuttle bus services to the airport run regularly from both Arusha and Moshi.

Health:

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required to enter Zanzibar. As requirements and regulations are subject to change at short notice, visitors are advised to contact the nearest Tanzanian Embassy or their travel health advisor well in advance of their intended date of departure.

Public holidays:

Unless otherwise advised, the public holidays in Tanzania remain the same every year.

. New Year - January 1

. Zanzibar Revolutionary Day - January 12