



Our PADI dive centre Unguja Divers offers you a broad range of water activities.

Diving

Menai Bay is a conservation area and offers a few of the best dive sites on Zanzibar: more inside the bay we have some beautiful pristine coral gardens like Kizidi Reef and Tindiye Reef.

More towards the ocean we have some deeper and spectacular dive sites with big groupers, reef sharks and rays, like Dolphin wall and Mnazi Mmoja.

Most spectacular is the remote dive site Hammer Head, obviously named after the impressive sharks that can be found here.

Kizidi Reef:



This site is a mini wall with the top at only three to four meters deep and sloping down to the sandy bottom at twelve to fifteen meters and gently continuing to slope away. It is located a convenient 10 minutes from the lodge by boat. This gem of a reef has an abundance of soft corals, hard corals, interesting mommies, areas of sea grass and lots and lots of fish; big Emperors, Potato Groupers, Angel fish, Black Spot Sweet lips, Blue Spotted Rays, an occasional turtle, and for the observant you may find Pipefish, Leaf fish, Nudibranches including the amazing Spanish Dancer and others. This site is

excellent for the beginning diver, those doing a Discover Scuba Diving experience, for the experienced diver who enjoys searching out the small stuff, and for a nice day of snorkeling.

Nici Reef

Named after the best dive-instructor Unguja Divers has ever seen, this reef will live up to its name, this healthy, shallow reef with its very many different kinds of coral, butterfly fish, parrot fish, Moorish idol and the chance of seeing some really exciting big stuff (stingray, lion fish, moray eels, red snapper,... all usually just half a meter away) makes this our best snorkel spot. Thanks to the sandy bottom at only 12m depth this great site for inexperienced divers and it will almost for sure be our first stop on the Open Water Course.



Kungui

This dive site at the south-east tip of Zanzibar, offers something for everybody, great corals, critter or pelagic, deep or shallow, you name it Kungui has it. A 40 min boat ride takes you to this beautiful coral garden at 14m which then gently slopes down to



20m where it abruptly plunges down to 30m. Check the reef for scorpion fish and stingray and look in all the little holes and cracks for octopus and moray eel. Do look in the blue once and a while as well because it's worth it: king fish, napoleon wrasse, barracuda, fusiliers... and the jack fish hunting them. Ask for the deep wall (starting at 35m until???) , where humongous groupers, big school of barracuda and huge turtles reside, very experienced divers only.

Tindiji Reef

This shallow reef offers a beautiful coral garden at a depth of four to six meters then sloping away to the sandy bottom at ten to twelve meters. The healthy hard corals offer a haven for the usual suspects on our tropical coral reef; Moorish Idol, Butterfly fish, Trumpet fish, Angelfish... If you look a bit closer and have some luck you may find Pipefish, Electric rays, Blue spotted rays, Ribbon eels, Cleaner shrimp, Moray Eels or even a giant frog fish.



Dolphin Wall



Named for its proximity to dolphin viewing, you are lucky if you see dolphins while diving. But the dive site won't disappoint. The top of this wall starts at 18 to 16 meters and goes down to 25 to 28 meters. We have seen big rays, Ribbon Eels, Groupers and Napoleon Wrasse at this site. Keep one eye out to the blue as there are often passing schools of Barracuda, Jacks and the occasional Sailfish.

Groupers Grotto

As you would guess from the name there are Groupers at this site, some of them massive. This site is to the east of the island and is a sloping wall to depths around 35 meters where the sandy bottom gently continues to slope away. Also have an occasional look into the blue here. You may see a Black Tip Reef Shark cruising by. We have seen big rays on this site. At the top of the slope when a current is running there can be masses of fishes schooling and feeding. This is a good site for a drift dive.



One Palm Reef or Mnasi Mmoja

This site is easily found by looking for the solo palm on the shore. It is a sloping wall on the east of the island with the top at approximately 12 meters and sloping steeply down to 35 meters where the sandy bottom. Lots of varieties of Grouper are found here as well as Napoleon Wrasse. We also see green turtles at this site on occasion. With the current running this can be a fast ride drift dive. Great fun!

Abbas Reef

A conveniently close dive site, Abbas reef is great for a quick morning dive before everybody's awake or a lazy after-noon dive. Abbas reef is split up in many parts, the most spectacular one is no doubt the small wall, a 6m-18m drop off teaming with life, lion fish, nudibranch, electric stingrays, leaf fish,... check the top of the wall for the resident red snapper school and cobia.

Hammer Head

Our Crown Jewel dive site! If you like it big this is where you have to be. An undersea mountain coming down from 80m all the way up to 16m, about 1,5 hours away by speed boat, has all the big fish you can think about: king fish, yellow fin tuna, great barracuda, grouper, rainbow runner, sail fish, huge honeycomb moray eel, eagle ray and sharks... all kinds of them: white tips, black tips, grey reef sharks, tiger shark and hammer head sharks. But with massive currents running, the danger of down currents, nitrogen narcosis and decompression illness, only very experienced deep divers can dive this site. Ask for this dive site in advance as it takes a while to organize.

(Only open from mid-October until mid-March)



Snorkeling

Our dive master Saidi takes you out on a 10 to 20 minutes boat ride to explore Kizidi Reef, Nicki Reef or Tindije reef to snorkel. Especially with incoming tide both reefs are very good for snorkeling. The coral is abundant and healthy and you will see lots of fish and other sea life.

Swimming with dolphins

The shallow coastal waters around Kizimkazi in the Menai Bay Conservation area is a place where dolphins are regularly seen, they come here for the reliable food supply, to nurse their calves, rest and socialize. Several bottlenose pods stay at Kizimkazi all year-round. We also see the shy humpback dolphins. Quite often you can watch them from your sea view terrace.

Unguja Divers goes out to find the dolphins about twice a week, early in the morning. We try to do responsible dolphin trips: we offer good snorkeling equipment, we have life jackets aboard and the dive master knows how to behave in a way that the dolphins are not disturbed.

In high season, many local fishermen take many people out on dolphin trips.

Sometimes we see about twenty boats 'chasing' two or three dolphins. This is not something we'd like to get involved with, so, as soon as many boats appear we'll retreat.



Robinson Crusoe day trip



Two times a week Unguja Divers go out for a full day trip exploring Menai Bay. We take you on our traditionally built dhow, the Dina Johanna named after Ralph his mother. On the way we sail, snorkel and we might even see dolphins. The boat ride to Pungume takes about one and a half hour.

At midday we have a picknick lunch, including tasty local snacks, on the sandbank near Pungume Island or on Pungume Island itself. There is plenty of time to swim and relax before we head back to Unguja Lodge at the end of the afternoon. Don't forget to bring lots of sun cream and a long sleeved shirt. Although the boat has a sun cover and we use a sun shade on the island, you still need some extra protection.

Sunset Cruise



Twice a week the Dina Johanna sails out with drinks and snacks to enjoy the sunset. We will sail along the coast until the sun has set. All guests are welcome to join us. We will give notice the day before. Bring mosquito repellent and a light long sleeved blouse.

Price List Unguja Divers 2010

Single dive	\$90.00
Double Dive	\$125.00
Double Dive + refresher in ocean	\$135.00
Double Dive + refresher in pool	\$155.00
Four dives	\$230.00
Six dives	\$330.00
Eight dives	\$420.00
Ten dives	\$480.00
Discover Scuba Dive, 1 dive	\$200.00
PADI Open Water (theory, pool sessions, 4 open water dives)	\$520.00
PADI Open Water Referral (4 open water dives, certification)	\$355.00
PADI Scuba Diver (theory, pool sessions, 2 open water dives)	\$400.00
PADI Advanced Open Water (5 open water dives)	\$470.00
Snorkeling	\$35.00
Dolphin trip	\$45.00, children \$25.00
Robinson Crusoe Daytrip, 2 pax	\$110.00
Robinson Crusoe Daytrip, 4 pax	\$95.00
Robinson Crusoe Daytrip, 6 pax	\$75.00
Kayaking	\$25.00

Prices are per person and include equipment, lunch, snacks and water