



Country Profile: Tanzania

Tanzania is a developing East African nation noted for both its history of stability and its astounding natural beauty. A robust tourist industry provides all levels of tourist amenities, although higher-end facilities are concentrated mainly in the cities and selected game parks. The United Republic of Tanzania was formed in 1964 with the union of the mainland country of Tanganyika and the Zanzibar archipelago, which comprises the islands of Unguja and Pemba. Unguja is the much larger and more populous of the two islands and it is commonly referred to as Zanzibar, as is its main city, Stonetown. Zanzibar enjoys an autonomous status in many areas of governance and has a separate legal system from the mainland. The legislative capital of Tanzania is Dodoma. The U.S. Embassy is in Tanzania's largest city, Dar es Salaam, the location of most government offices, and the commercial center of the country. Please read the Department of State Background Notes on Tanzania for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Tanzania (including Zanzibar)
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Dar Es Salaam
Boundary Countries:	Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Dar es Salaam: Aga Khan Hospital Moshi: Kilimajaro Christian Medical Center
Main Cities:	Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Dodoma, Mtwara, Songea, Mbeya, Iringa, Sumbawanga, Tanga, Zanzibar, Mkoani, Musoma, Bukoba, Mwanza, Kigoma, Tabora.
Country Size:	945,087 sq km, note: includes the islands of Mafia, Pemba, and Zanzibar
Population:	40,213,160 (*see Mortality Statistics)

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Kiswahili or Swahili (official), Kiunguja (name for Swahili in Zanzibar), English (official, primary language of commerce, administration, and higher education), Arabic (widely spoken in Zanzibar), many local languages note: Kiswahili (Swahili) is the mother tongue of the Bantu people living in Zanzibar and nearby coastal Tanzania; although Kiswahili is Bantu in structure and origin, its vocabulary draws on a variety of sources including Arabic and English; it has become the lingua franca of central and eastern Africa; the first language of most people is one of the local languages.
Currency:	Tanzanian shilling (TZS)
Predominant Religions:	mainland - Christian 30%, Muslim 35%, indigenous beliefs 35%; Zanzibar - more than 99% Muslim
National Holidays:	Union Day (Tanganyika and Zanzibar), 26 April (1964)
Economic Status:	Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world. The economy depends heavily on agriculture, which accounts for more than 40% of GDP, provides 85% of exports, and employs 80% of the work force. Topography and climatic conditions, however, limit cultivated crops to only 4% of the land area.
Security:	Tanzanian People's Defense Force (Jeshi la Wananchi la Tanzania, JWTZ): Army, Naval Wing (includes Coast Guard), Air Defense Command (includes Air Wing), National Service

US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam 686 Old Bagamoyo Road, Msasani Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Tel: 255-22-229-4000
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