

# NUNGWI BEACH

## Zanzibar Island (Tanzania)

Located in a buzzing fishing village of the same name on **Zanzibar Island**, **Nungwi Beach** is one of **Tanzania's** most-hyped attractions. A big part of the appeal is Nungwi's fantastic coral sand, which seems to emit a pale, otherworldly glow. Pristine, easy-swimming water, craggy rocks, and lovely sunsets dipping below the dhow-dotted sea complete the picture. With hype comes commerce: The area has a heavy concentration of restaurants, beach vendors, bars, resorts, and outfitters for water sports and excursions (deep-sea fishing, sunset cruises, and trips to the incredible Nakupenda Beach sandbank off of Stone Town are especially popular).

**Nungwi** is the second-largest settlement, after Stone Town on Zanzibar's main island Unguja. Once a hub for dhow building, **Nungwi** straddles the line between modernity and tradition. Although the tourism industry has significantly developed the area, you can still watch the dhow boats cast off for a night of deep-sea fishing. The clear blue waters are beautifully calm, thanks in part to its tip-of-the-island location, where the changing of tides is less dramatic than some other islands.

**Nungwi** is a tourist hotspot due to its prime location on the main island, exquisite beauty, activities and accommodation to suit all budgets. Places to stay range from swanky 5-star hotels overlooking the white dove sands to boutiques, cottages and budget backpackers with dormitory-style rooms.

If you're looking for a quiet and secluded beach stay, then **Nungwi** may not be the right choice for you. However, if you want an action-packed beach getaway in a place with a thriving nightlife and don't mind the touristy (normally younger) crowds, then **Nungwi** is for you. No beach holiday is complete without spending hours reading a book while you lie on the soft white sand and soak up the sun. **Nungwi** is perfect for this, as tide changes are very calm, meaning most of the beach stays unaffected, and you undisturbed.