

# THE MANTA - General information



# Just for you.

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Switch off your noisy, pressurised, polluted electronic world and enter a completely different one – not as a tourist, but as a sentient human being with simple needs – sunshine, fresh air, natural food, a pristine comfortable bed and friendly company to care for you and yours. All to be found folded into the edge of a primitive forest and set on rising land overlooking the purest, most turquoise waters that ever caught your breath – these waters hide secrets of the most exquisite kind coral reefs unspoilt – and they are fringed by snow white, delicately soft sand on one of the most beautiful beaches in the world.

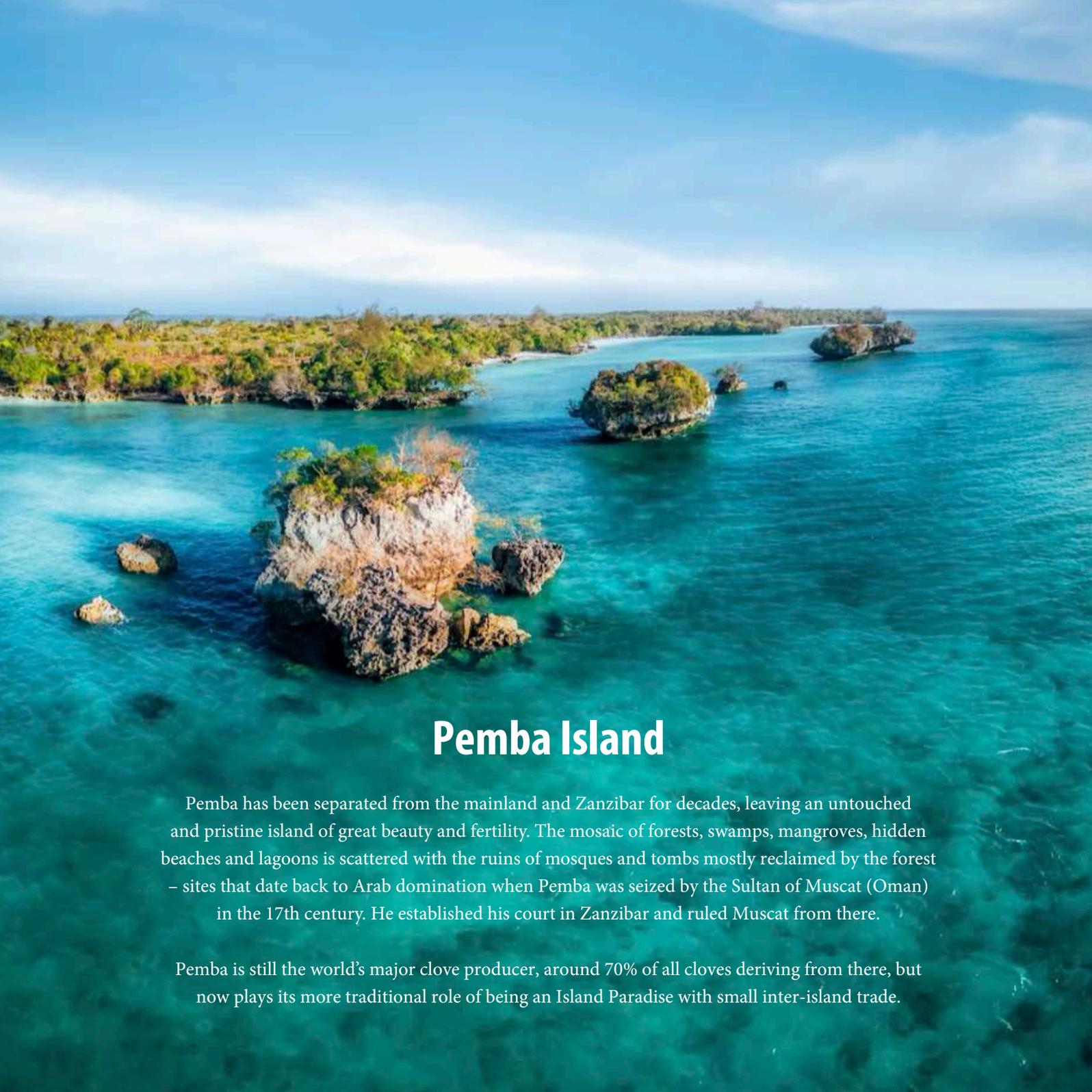
This is Manta, our treasured hideaway where you can feel the simplicity of a naturally evolved traditional Swahili island culture – and timeless peace and quiet.

Feel part of our Pemban family, our local staff, trained from the go to translate their natural unspoilt kindness and happiness into helping you in all ways to enjoy freedom and low-key modern comfort. A group of good people who proudly endeavour to make Manta the special place it is. From the moment you arrive, your every conceivable activity and service during your stay will be all inclusive (with the exception of diving and outside tours).

You will have your own service fundi – a member of staff assigned to assist you personally – even perhaps to take you on visits to his village to meet relatives – if you so wish.

# Pemba Channel





## Pemba Island

Pemba has been separated from the mainland and Zanzibar for decades, leaving an untouched and pristine island of great beauty and fertility. The mosaic of forests, swamps, mangroves, hidden beaches and lagoons is scattered with the ruins of mosques and tombs mostly reclaimed by the forest – sites that date back to Arab domination when Pemba was seized by the Sultan of Muscat (Oman) in the 17th century. He established his court in Zanzibar and ruled Muscat from there.

Pemba is still the world's major clove producer, around 70% of all cloves deriving from there, but now plays its more traditional role of being an Island Paradise with small inter-island trade.

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The do's and dont's on Manta  
and Pemba Island

**Order a sundowner at the beach lounge – a definite  
DO. No one shakes a cocktail like Hamisii .**

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## Airports

Karume Airport, is situated on the Southern part of Pemba, about **1.5 hours** away from The Manta Resort. This is a domestic airport, with daily flights to and from Zanzibar, Dar es Salaam and Tanga. Please note guests are requested to check in one hour prior to departure.

## Arrival and Departure times

Arrival rooms are usually ready at 14:00. We kindly request that you vacate your room by 11:00 on your day of departure. Please advise staff, should you wish to check out of your room later and we will accommodate your request as far as possible.

## Beach Lounge

For your pleasure we have a newly built beach lounge situated close to the swimming pool. This is an open-plan lounge area where we serve drinks, specialty cocktails and snacks throughout the day. It is tradition at The Manta Resort to serve our guests complimentary **sundowner cocktails** every afternoon at the beach lounge. We hope you feel free to join us!

## Bush Babies

Please take note that our natural entertainment in the evenings are our local Lemur species, which we call Bush Babies. This is a small, almost monkey like species. They are vegetarian, which means that you have nothing to fear from them. Please bear with us if things get a bit noisy around your villa at night. This is after all their home, and we are the visitors.

## Car Hire

There are no vehicles for hire on Pemba, but we can arrange for a taxi to take you around the island or to the airport. These are local 'Pemban Style' 4x4's, not the latest models.

## Dietary requirements

Please inform us should you require vegetarian food or if you have any allergies and our chefs will be happy to accommodate you.

## Dress Code

Casual throughout the day and evening. We would like you to feel as laid back as possible during your time with us. Please do respect local customs by not sun bathing topless. Also, should you happen to visit local villages and markets it is customary for women to cover their shoulders and legs.

## Electricity

Our sockets are 220 Volts and international adapters are placed in each villa. Please note that electricity on Pemba is very unreliable, but we do have a backup generator which is used for these instances.

## Excursions

Should you wish to explore the island of Pemba in more depth, there are a number of possibilities for you to consider. We will be happy to arrange these trips once on the island, and they range from half day Ngezi forest trips to full day island trips.

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## **Diving**

The diving team at Dive 360 Pemba, will discuss your dive schedule on the day of your arrival. Please refer to the diving brochure included in this folder for further information.

## **Fire Procedures**

Fire extinguishers are located outside your door and throughout the resort. Should we need to evacuate the resort; the staff will inform you where to assemble depending on where the fire is situated.

## **Guest Laundry**

All our laundry is dried by the sun so we cannot guarantee it will come back the same day. Please complete the laundry list and place it together with your laundry in the laundry basket provided.

## **Internet, E-mail**

We do have island speed wi-fi available in the rooms. This is a complimentary facility. Simply activate your wireless connection on your laptop.

## **Kipepeo Spa**

The Kipepeo Spa is situated on the beach, overlooking the ocean.

For more information please refer to the treatment menu at the Spa.

## **Lighthouse**

This historical building is situated a mere 25 minute walk from The Manta Resort. This walk is a very interesting cultural experience, as you will be passing through our local village called Mnarani. Alternatively, please have a chat to us about the tide times and have a walk to this building along the beach. This structure was built in the early 1900's, and offers a breathtaking view, for a small donation towards the lighthouse's conservation.

## **Malaria**

Please be advised that we are situated in a malaria area and we recommend that all guests speak with their local physician. For divers we recommend taking Malarone not Larium . Insect repellent is available in each room. Please apply insect repellent twice daily around sunrise and sunset.

## **Meal times**

Meal times are flexible and are normally served during these times:

Breakfast between 07:00 and 10:00

Lunch between 13:00 and 15:00

Dinner between 19:00 and 21:00

## **Medical Services**

We do have basic medical facilities at the clinic in Konde and Chake Chake.

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## Mobile Phones

We do have limited cellular coverage and you can roam with your mobile network. The best area to make calls is at the main arrival area in front of reception.

## Ngezi Forest

One of the world's oldest rain forest can be found only a couple of minutes from The Manta Resort. Forest walks can be arranged once at the resort.

## Payment

We accept Visa and Mastercard. We also accept Euro, US Dollar as well as Tanzanian Shillings. Please have a chat to us about the latest exchange rates offered for these currencies.

## Security

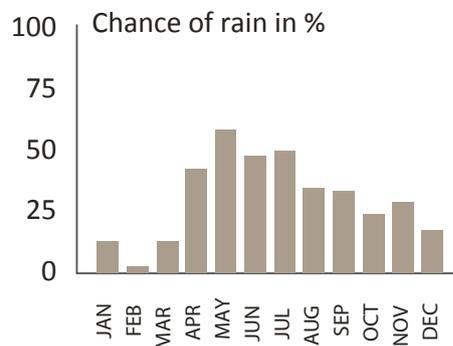
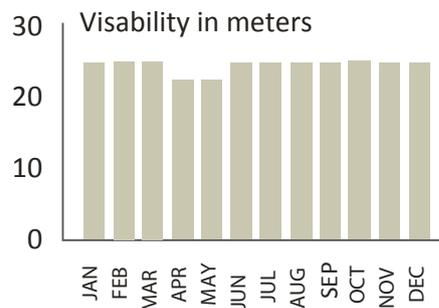
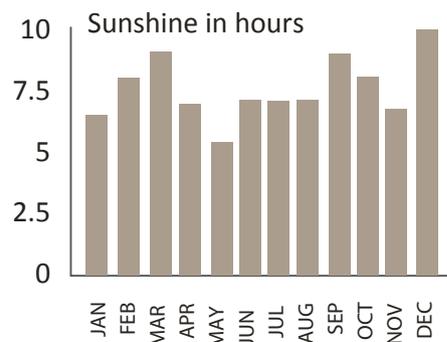
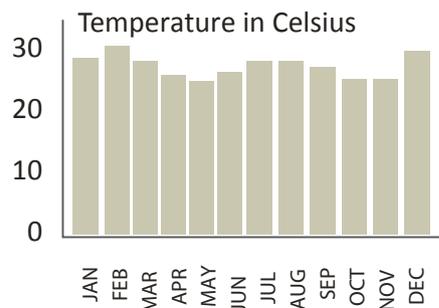
Please note that The Manta Resort cannot be held responsible for the loss of any guest items while at the Resort. Please hand any valuable items in to the manager on duty for safekeeping.

## Smoking

We ask that guests refrain from smoking inside the guest villas. Ashtrays are available on the guest balconies as well as at the main lounge areas.

## Special Occations

Please share your special occasion with us. Please note that we offer a private Beach Dinner, or Sandbank Dinner, depending on the weather and tides. The meal consists of a delicious seafood platter for two, including lobster, as well as a bottle of wine. Please feel free to request this with the manager on duty.



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## **Swimming Pool**

Our pool operates on a chlorinated system. Your service team will refreshments should you require this service.

We do place towels on the sun loungers throughout the day. For additional towels please ask any member of staff or check with the dive centre.

## **Water**

All bottled water is served complimentary during your visit.

## **Weather**

As The Manta Resort is located very close to the equator the temperature and climate is very stable. The western Indian Ocean is dominated by two monsoon winds.

The KazKazi comes southwards from December till April. Then the Kusi arrives in April and blows back north till October. Then we have two mini seasons

between these monsoons when the wind blows very gently as the seasons change. The light rains are in November but usually are brief showers between long stretches

of sunshine. The beginning of each new season brings rains. The heavy rains fall between late April and early June. The hottest season is January to March but there is usually a refreshing sea breeze. Daytime temperatures usually vary between 26 and 32 degrees centigrade.

## Star gazing

As you will notice on a moon-free night at Manta, there are more stars in the sky than you ever imagine. For the best experience, ask us to arrange some star gazing on the beach. Simply an unforgettable experience.





Iddi, and the entire Manta family are committed to making your stay with us fun, relaxing, memorable and a wonderful adventure. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can do for you! Enjoy your stay with us and may it be filled with many special memories.

Warm regards,  
The Manta family

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