



THE  
PALMS  
ZANZIBAR

*The Palms Weddings*

For centuries, the historical Spice Island of Zanzibar has evoked a mystical and magical dream...Zanzibar is the most romantic of wedding destinations as it combines turquoise blue seas, white powder sand and waving palm trees with a rich and mesmerizing Swahili culture, fabulous cuisine, and stunning sunsets over the Indian Ocean.

The fusion of Arab, African, Portuguese, and European cultures has created a pace of life, a style of cuisine, and a colorful tapestry of architecture, heritage, myth and magic that is found nowhere else in the world.

The island is steeped in culture and home to winding alleys, carved doors and the cool courtyards of Stone Town, through the domed bath houses of Sultans, and out on the expanses of the white powder sand of its stunning beaches.

With a palm fringed untouched beach, great attention to detail and a personal touch, The Palms is the perfect romantic getaway to celebrate your special occasion.

We have created a very special wedding itinerary which offers you the ultimate in a luxury getaway wedding whether it is just the two of you or your entire family... you can rest assured that your special day will be in the most romantic of settings with great attention to detail, personal touches and the assistance of The Palms team to assure that your wedding will be both memorable and unique.

*The Palms Escape Wedding*

*or*

*Renewal of Wedding Vows at The Palms*

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# *The Palms Escape Wedding*

(Minimum 3-Night Stay)

This is ideal for those couples who are looking for a beautiful and tastefully arranged ceremony that is romantic yet simple. The Palms will arrange all the logistics and paperwork for this special occasion so you can sit back and leave it to us while you relax at the hotel and enjoy the complimentary massage we have arranged for the Bride and Groom.

The wedding ceremony will take place under a beautiful Palm & Bougainvillea canopy on the white, sandy beach. Following the ceremony, Canapés and Sparkling wine are served after you say I do...in the evening we have arranged for a private and intimate dinner featuring the islands finest produce fused with the spices and flavors of the Indian Ocean...a wedding cake follows your dinner.

After this you will retire to your room for your wedding night where we have arranged a surprise gift from the hotel and a sumptuous breakfast served in bed the following day.

## **The Palms Escape**

- Procurement of Marriage Documents
- Wedding Ceremony on the beach with Minister or Regional Commissioner for Civil
- Wedding Service (or at the Regional Commissioners Office in Stone Town)
- Reception on the beach with canapés & sparkling wine
- Gala Wedding Dinner in romantic private setting
- Wedding Cake (home made)

## *Included:*

- Assistance of Wedding Coordinator
- Transport to Regional Commissioner's Office if necessary
- Bouquet of tropical flowers, fruit platter and sparkling wine upon arrival
- Bottle of Champagne and canapés served by your private plunge pool with candles and flowers on the evening before your wedding day
- Bridal bouquet and flowers for ceremony (please note tropical flowers only)
- Photographer (local photographer with 36 prints)
- Witness (if required)
- Special Gift for Bride & Groom
- Complimentary relaxing massage for Bride & Groom on the morning of the wedding day
- Breakfast in Bed on day after wedding day
- Beach Barbeque lunch under a specially decorated canopy for two on the day after the wedding
- Complimentary Dolphin & Jozani Forest Excursion

## **Terms & Conditions**

Civil ceremonies must be held in the morning and on weekdays only. Civil Wedding will take place on the beach with the Regional Commissioner coming to the hotel to perform the ceremony; however, in the event that this is not possible it will be necessary to go to the Regional Commissioners Office. Upon returning to the hotel, there will be a symbolic ceremony on the beach with a decorated canopy. In this event, the couple will have to exchange their own symbolic vows. All out door and beach activities are dependent on tides and weather. All documentation for the wedding must be received within the time frame specified.

## *Renewal of Wedding Vows at The Palms*

(Minimum 3-night stay)

This is ideal for those couples who are looking for a beautiful and tastefully arranged ceremony that is romantic yet simple. Leave it to us while you relax at the hotel and enjoy the complimentary massage we have arranged for you. The symbolic ceremony will take place under a beautiful Palm & Bougainvillea canopy on the white, sandy beach.

Following the ceremony, Canapés and Sparkling wine are served after you renew your vows...in the evening we have arranged for a private and intimate dinner featuring the islands finest produce fused with the spices and flavors of the Indian Ocean...a wedding cake follows your dinner. After this you will retire to your room for your wedding night where we have arranged a surprise gift from the hotel and a sumptuous tropical breakfast served in bed the following day.

### **Renewal of Vows**

- Wedding Ceremony on the beach with or without a Minister
- Reception on the beach with canapés & sparkling wine
- Gala Wedding Dinner in romantic private setting
- Wedding Cake (home made)

### *Included:*

- Assistance of Wedding Coordinator
- Flowers and fruit plate in the room upon arrival
- Bridal bouquet and flower for ceremony
- Witness (if required)
- Special Gift for Bride & Groom
- Complimentary massage for bride & groom on the wedding day
- Breakfast in Bed on day after wedding day
- Photographer (local photographer with 36 prints)

### **Terms & Conditions**

The renewal of vows ceremony will take place on the beach under specially decorated canopy.

The couple can choose to have a Minister perform the vow renewals or else the couple will have to exchange their own symbolic vows.

All out door and beach activities are dependent on tides and weather.

# *Documentation Requirements:*

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## **Wedding performed by Minister at Hotel**

Need to provide the following in a document certified by a Public Notary: Application letter (must be in English and signed by both parties) indicating that both applicants are single and want to marry in Zanzibar with the intended date of marriage. This document should include the following information: domicile, birth registration information, names, birth dates and birthplace of parents. Statement that you are single (extremely important) this letter should be addressed to:

**The Palms, Zanzibar**

**P.O. Box 1298,**

**Zanzibar, Tanzania**

Please note that you must also send with the letter: Two photocopies of your passport, two passport photographs, Birth registration certificates

## **ANGLICAN WEDDING REQUIREMENTS**

1. Birth Certificate
2. Certificate of Baptism. (This is essential for all church weddings)
3. A statement that both the bride and groom are single
4. A letter from their parish indicating that the parish has no objection to the marriage

## **CATHOLIC WEDDING REQUIREMENTS**

1. Birth Certificate
2. Letter of consent from the parents (or other family elder if the parents are deceased)
3. Letter from their parish indicating that the guests have fulfilled all requirements for to the marriage within the Catholic Church and that the parish has no objections to the marriage. This should also indicate that they have received their 1st Communion as well as Confirmation.

## **Civil Wedding at Regional Commissioners Office or by Regional Commissioner**

Application letter must be in English and signed by both parties indicating that both applications are single and want to marry in Zanzibar with the intended date of marriage. This letter should be certified by a Public Notary and should be addressed to:

**The Palms, Zanzibar**

**P.O. Box 1298,**

**Zanzibar, Tanzania**

- 1) Two photocopies of your passport
- 2) Birth registration certificates
- 3) Certification of domicile
- 4) Two passport photographs.
- 5) A paper stating you are single (extremely important)
- 6) Names, birth dates and birth place of parents.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

Officials in Zanzibar must receive all this information at least 25 days prior to the intended date of marriage. Prior to the ceremony, the couple must meet with the Officials to verify all documentation. This can be the same days as the ceremony.

You must ensure that all documents are received by The Palms, Zanzibar at least 25 days before the intended date of marriage. Documents must be sent by registered mail or courier in order to ensure delivery. We cannot accept responsibility for any documents sent by other means.

Please note that requirements and processing periods in Zanzibar are subject to change without reason or prior notification. The hotel does not accept any liability whatsoever for changes which occur.