## TOURISM STATISTICAL RELEASE SEPTEMBER - 2018





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Tourist Arrivals in Zanzibar decreased by 34.7 percent to **37,138** in September from **56,861** in August 2018 and decreased by 4.7 percent compared with corresponding month in 2017. Tourists from Europe continue to dominate the Zanzibar market which accounts 56.0 percent of the total visitors in September and decreased by 14.8 percent compared with corresponding month in 2017. In country wise, America (4,305) dominated the Tourism market by accounting 11.6 percent of all visitors entered in September, followed by Germany (11.3 percent) and Italy (8.7 percent) while New Zealand recorded the least (0.3 percent). Other performances are as shown in table 1.

The data from table 2 shows that **31,802** visitors entered through Airport, among them **18,842** visitors came by international flights and **12,960** by domestic flights and remaining **5,336** visitors by Sea Ferries.

Generally, Zanzibar has received **363,059** visitors from January -September, 2018 which is an increase of **20.0** percent compared with the corresponding months (January - September) 2017. Most of visitors were from Europe (**58.2** percent). In country wise, Italy (10.0 percent) is a leading market for the first nine months in Zanzibar tourism market. About **310,940** visitors entered through airport which is equivalent to **85.6** percent while the remaining visitors entered through seaport that accounting **14.4** percent (**Table 3**).

Information on the purpose of visit (**Table 4**) shows that, in September 2018, about 32,945 visitors equivalent to **88.7** percent of visitors came for holidays, followed by 'visiting friend and relatives' that accounts for only 7.1 percent.

**Table 5** shows that among the visitors there were **19,156** males (**51.6** percent) and **17,982** females (**48.4** percent) in September 2018. Both males and females decreased by 32.6 percent and 36.8 percent respectively compared with the preceding month.

The ages of the visitors were categorized into three broad groups: those younger than 15 years, 15 to 64 years, and 65 years and older. The overall results presented in **Table 6** show that **1,062** (2.9 percent) visitors were aged less than 15 years; **33,848** (**91.1** percent) were aged 15 to 64 years and **2,228** (6.0 percent) were aged 65 years and older.

**Table 7** shows that 20.7 percent of all visitors in September 2018 stayed in the country for Seven days. Only 1.2 percent of visitors stayed in the country for at least a month. The overall average intended length of stay for visitors in August, 2018 was about Seven (7.2) nights.

The visitors from emerging markets decreased by 11.6 percent in September 2018 compared with corresponding month in 2017 and they decreased by 10.6 percent compared with previous month. Visitors from Russia increased by more than hundred percent (125.0 percent) compared with the corresponding month in 2017 and decreased by 6.9 percent compared with previous month. Other performances are shown in **Table 8**.

The total of **507,900** bed-spaces was available in September 2018. Out of these bed-spaces, estimates of 268,836 hotel-beds were sold during that month representing a bed occupancy rate of **52.9** percent (**Table 10**).

**Table1: International Visitors by Nationality, September 2018** 

	Visitors by Nationality, September 2018  September 2017 August 2018 September 2018		3	% Change, August 2018 to	% Change, Sept 2017 to Sept						
Nationality	Number	% share	Rank	Number	% share	Rank	Number	% share	Rank	Sept 2018	2018
EUROPE											
Scandinavian	1,127	2.9	9	1,158	2.0	10	852	2.3	10	-26.4	-24.4
British	3,876	9.9	3	4,128	7.3	4	2,781	7.5	4	-32.6	-28.3
German	5,101	13.1	1	4,002	7.0	5	4,192	11.3	2	4.7	-17.8
Italian	4,370	11.2	2	8,385	14.7	1	3,249	8.7	3	-61.3	-25.7
French	2,148	5.5	7	4,568	8.0	3	2,049	5.5	6	-55.1	-4.6
Dutch	930	2.4	10	2,128	3.7	7	906	2.4	9	-57.4	-2.6
Belgium	628	1.6	15	1,007	1.8	13	624	1.7	14	-38.0	-0.6
Russian	324	0.8	19	783	1.4	17	729	2.0	12	-6.9	125.0
Turkish	401	1	18	436	0.8	19	147	0.4	21	-66.3	-63.3
Polish	688	1.8	12	804	1.4	16	600	1.6	15	-25.4	-12.8
Ukrainian	264	0.7	21	122	0.2	23	130	0.4	22	6.6	-50.8
Czech Republic	303	0.8	20	193	0.3	22	196	0.5	19	1.6	-35.3
Spanish	1,392	3.6	8	2,879	5.1	6	1,163	3.1	8	-59.6	-16.5
Other European	2,869	7.4		4,361	7.7		3,185	8.6		-27.0	11.0
Subtotal	24,421	62.7		34,954	61.5		20,803	56.0		-40.5	-14.8
ASIA											
Japanese	228	0.6	22	230	0.4	20	150	0.4	20	-34.8	-34.2
Chinese	667	1.7	14	1,082	1.9	12	524	1.4	16	-51.6	-21.4
Indian	413	1.1	17	606	1.1	18	351	0.9	18	-42.1	-15.0
Israeli	3,114	8	4	2,009	3.5	8	2,499	6.7	5	24.4	-19.7
Other Asian	1,222	3.1		2,634	4.6		1,487	4.0		-43.5	21.7
Subtotal	5,644	14.5		6,561	11.5		5,011	13.5		-23.6	-11.2
AFRICA											
Kenyan	808	2.1	11	868	1.5	15	505	1.4	17	-41.8	-37.5
South African	2,343	6	6	1,322	2.3	9	1,397	3.8	7	5.7	-40.4
Other African	1,446	3.7		2,488	4.4		1,455	3.9		-41.5	0.6
Subtotal	4,597	11.8		4,678	8.2		3,357	9.0		-28.2	-27.0
AMERICA											
American	2,452	6.3	5	5,338	9.4	2	4,305	11.6	1	-19.4	75.6
Canadian	686	1.8	13	974	1.7	14	650	1.8	13	-33.3	-5.2
Other American	420	1.1		2,169	3.8		1,381	3.7		-36.3	228.8
Subtotal	3,558	9.1		8,481	14.9		6,336	17.1		-25.3	78.1
OCEANIA											
Australian	605	1.6	16	1,125	2.0	11	797	2.1	11	-29.2	31.7
New Zealand	113	0.3	23	196	0.3	21	102	0.3	23	-48.0	-9.7
Subtotal	718	1.8		1,321	2.3		899	2.4		-31.9	25.2
Not stated	39	0.1		866	1.5		732	2.0			
TOTAL	38,977	100		56,861	100		37,138	100.0		-34.7	-4.7

**Table 2: International Visitors by Nationality Through Entry Points, September 2018** 

Table 2: International	, 121012 2 J 1 (W	Airport	. <del> </del>	2 02203, 5 0	Seaport	010
Nationality	International Flight	Domestic Flight	Total	Cruise Ship	Sea ferries	Total
EUROPE						
Scandinavian	301	371	672	0	180	180
British	984	1,183	2,167	0	614	614
German	1,540	2,114	3,654	0	538	538
Italian	2,648	455	3,103	0	146	146
French	623	1,127	1,750	0	299	299
Dutch	174	559	733	0	173	173
Belgium	148	339	487	0	137	137
Russian	527	87	614	0	115	115
Turkish	64	31	95	0	52	52
Polish	331	194	525	0	75	75
Ukrainian	104	16	120	0	10	10
Czech Republic	153	22	175	0	21	21
Spanish	285	784	1,069	0	94	94
Other Europeans	1,722	1,157	2,879	0	306	306
Subtotal	9,604	8,439	18,043	0	2,760	2,760
ASIA						
Japanese	22	50	72	0	78	78
Chinese	98	229	327	0	197	197
Indian	61	91	152	0	199	199
Israeli	1,767	684	2,451	0	48	48
Other Asians	1,022	187	1,209	0	278	278
Subtotal	2,970	1,241	4,211	0	800	800
AFRICA						
Kenyan	148	52	200	0	305	305
South African	1,000	245	1,245	0	152	152
Other Africans	844	168	1,012	0	443	443
Subtotal	1,992	465	2,457	0	900	900
AMERICA						
American	2,166	1,740	3,906	0	399	399
Canadian	95	425	520	0	130	130
Other Americans	1,010	275	1,285	0	96	96
Subtotal	3,271	2,440	5,711	0	625	625
OCEANIA						
Australian	358	275	633	0	164	164
New Zealand	10	58	68	0	34	34
Subtotal	368	333	701	0	198	198
Not stated	637	42	679	0	53	53
TOTAL	18,842	12,960	31,802	0	5,336	5,336

Table 3: International Visitors by Nationality Through Entry Points, January-September 2018

	January-	September	2017		Janu	ary-September 20	18		% Change, Jan-
Nationality	Number	% share	Rank	Number (Airport)	Number (Seaport)	Total Number	% Share	Rank	Sept 2017 to Jan Sept 2018
EUROPE									
Scandinavian	14,528	4.8	8	13,598	3,326	16,924	4.7	6	16.
British	26,748	8.8	3	17,201	4,689	21,890	6.0	4	-18.
German	29,767	9.8	2	24,581	3,911	28,492	7.8	3	-4.
Italian	37,166	12.3	1	34,752	1,708	36,460	10.0	1	-1.
French	16,381	5.4	7	18,139	2,483	20,622	5.7	5	25.
Dutch	10,509	3.5	9	8,592	1,862	10,454	2.9	10	-0.
Belgium	5,077	1.7	15	5,103	806	5,909	1.6	15	16.
Russian	3,425	1.1	20	10,144	969	11,113	3.1	9	224.
Turkish	2,122	0.7	21	1,607	546	2,153	0.6	21	1.
Polish	8,584	2.8	10	9,323	533	9,856	2.7	12	14.
Ukrainian	4,006	1.3	18	2,455	151	2,606	0.7	20	-34.
Czech Republic	4,128	1.4	17	4,701	318	5,019	1.4	18	21.
Spanish	8,118	2.7	11	7,279	833	8,112	2.2	13	-0.
Other European	22,204	7.3		28,200	3,404	31,604	8.7		42.
Subtotal	192,763	63.7		185,675	25,539	211,214	58.2		9.
ASIA									
Japanese	1,265	0.4	22	711	501	1,212	0.3	22	-4.
Chinese	5,571	1.8	13	3,837	1,913	5,750	1.6	17	3.
Indian	4,855	1.6	16	2,441	2,188	4,629	1.3	19	-4.
Israeli	20,400	6.7	4	12,796	325	13,121	3.6	8	-35.
Other Asian	11,418	3.8		14,765	3,095	17,860	4.9		56.
Subtotal	43,509	14.4		34,550	8,022	42,572	11.7		-2.
AFRICA					,	,			
Kenyan	7,849	2.6	12	3,962	2,454	6,416	1.8	14	-18.
South African	16,966	5.6	6	13,674	1,188	14,862	4.1	7	-12.
Other African	9,868	3.3		9,758	4,325	14,083	3.9		42.
Subtotal	34,683	11.5		27,394	7,967	35,361	9.7		2.
AMERICA				Ź	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			
American	17,704	5.9	5	28,573	5,669	34,242	9.4	2	93.
Canadian	5,373	1.8	14	4,499	1,396	5,895	1.6	16	9.
Other American	3,220	1.1		10,106	1,196	11,302	3.1	10	251.
Subtotal	26,297	8.7		43,178	8,261	51,439	14.2		95.
OCEANIA				43,170	0,201	31,437	14.2		70.
Australian	3,869	1.3	19	8,526	1,552	10,078	2.8	11	160.
New Zealand	882	0.3	23	568	260	828	0.2	23	-6.
Subtotal	4,751	1.6		9,094	1,812	10,906	3.0	23	129.
Not stated	526	0.2		11,050	517	11,567			129.
	302,529	100		·			3.2		-
TOTAL				310,941	52,118	363,059	100		20.0

Table 4: International Visitors by Nationality and Purpose of Visit, September 2018

			J	Nationality	Visiting					
Nationality	Returning Residences	Prospective Resident	Seeking Employment	Temporary Employment	Friends and Relatives	Holidays	Business and Conference	In Transit	Others	Total
EUROPE										
Scandinavian	0	0	0	1	97	754	0	0	0	852
British	1	1	0	1	249	2,465	1	1	62	2,781
German	1	2	0	0	437	3,737	0	0	15	4,192
Italian	0	0	0	0	323	2,875	0	0	51	3,249
French	0	0	0	1	207	1,829	0	0	12	2,049
Dutch	0	1	0	0	59	842	0	0	4	906
Belgium	0	0	0	0	33	574	0	0	17	624
Russian	0	0	0	0	47	680	0	0	2	729
Turkish	0	0	0	0	16	131	0	0	0	147
Polish	0	0	0	0	50	548	0	0	2	600
Ukrainian	0	0	0	0	16	114	0	0	0	130
Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	54	142	0	0	0	196
Spanish	0	0	0	0	103	1,059	0	0	1	1,163
Other Europeans	0	0	0	0	280	2,716	0	0	189	3,185
Subtotal	2	4	0	3	1,971	18,466	1	1	355	20,803
ASIA		<del>1</del>	U	3	1,9/1	10,400	<u> </u>	1	333	20,003
Japanese	0	0	0	0	8	141	0	1	0	150
Chinese	0	0	0	0	59	464	1	0	0	524
Indian	0	0	0	0	24	325	2	0	0	351
Israeli	0	0	0	1	48	2,422	0	0	28	2,499
Other Asians	0	0	2	1	88	1,225	1	0	170	1,487
Subtotal	0	0	2	2	227	4,577	4	1	198	5,011
AFRICA						ĺ				
Kenyan	0	1	0	0	41	458	2	1	2	505
South African	1	0	0	0	71	1,324	0	1	0	1,397
Other Africans	0	1	1	0	64	1,232	1	0	156	1,455
Subtotal	1	2	1	0	176	3,014	3	2	158	3,357
AMERICA				<u> </u>	2.0	2,021			200	2,007
American	1	1	1	0	152	3,781	2	0	367	4,305
Canadian	0	0	0	0	48	594	0	6	2	650
Other Americans	0	4	0	0	38	1,157	0	0	182	1,381
Subtotal	1	5	1	0	238	5,532	2	6	551	6,336
OCEANIA										3,223
Australian	0	0	1	0	36	694	1	0	65	797
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	3	99	0	0	0	102
Subtotal	0	0	1	0	39	793	1	0	65	899
Not stated	0	0	0	0	3	563	0	0	166	732
TOTAL	4	11	5	5	2,654	32,945	11	10	1,493	37,138
TOTAL PERCENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	88.7	0.0	0.0	4.0	100

Table 5: International Visitors by Nationality and Sex, September 2018

Nationality	Male	Female	Total
EUROPE	111110	T cinuic	1000
Scandinavian	316	536	852
British	1,339	1,442	2,781
German	1,801	2,391	4,192
Italian	1,477	1,772	3,249
French	899	1,150	2,049
Dutch	394	512	906
Belgium	301	323	624
Russian	316	413	729
Turkish	70	77	147
Polish	238	362	600
Ukrainian	44	86	130
Czech Republic	80	116	196
Spanish	491	672	1,163
Other European Country	1,881	1,304	3,185
Subtotal	9,647	11,156	20,803
ASIA			
Japanese	86	64	150
Chinese	281	243	524
Indian	221	130	351
Israeli	1,046	1,453	2,499
Other Asian	1,139	348	1,487
Subtotal	2,773	2,238	5,011
AFRICA			
Kenyan	258	247	505
South African	492	905	1,397
Other African	1,036	419	1,455
Subtotal	1,786	1,571	3,357
AMERICA			
American	2,322	1,983	4,305
Canadian	244	406	650
Other American	1,150	231	1,381
Subtotal	3,716	2,620	6,336
OCEANIA			
Australian	508	289	797
New Zealand	48	54	102
Subtotal	556	343	899
Not stated	678	54	732
TOTAL SEPTEMBER, 2018	19,156	17,982	37,138
TOTAL AUGUST, 2018	28,410	28,451	56,861
TOTAL % SEPTEMBER	51.6	48.4	100
% CHANGE, AUGUST TO SEPT 2018	-32.6	-36.8	-34.7

Table 6: International Visitors by Nationality and Categorized Age, September 2018

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Nationality	<15 yrs	15 -64 yrs	65+ yrs	Total
EUROPE				
Scandinavian	28	773	51	852
British	32	2,502	247	2,781
German	53	3,874	265	4,192
Italian	119	3,038	92	3,249
French	23	1,909	117	2,049
Dutch	13	820	73	906
Belgium	9	587	28	624
Russian	25	691	13	729
Turkish	4	138	5	147
Polish	14	575	11	600
Ukrainian	4	125	1	130
Czech Republic	2	186	8	196
Spanish	19	1,111	33	1,163
Other European	68	2,954	163	3,185
Subtotal	413	19,283	1,107	20,803
ASIA				
Japanese	0	147	3	150
Chinese	7	488	29	524
Indian	4	335	12	351
Israeli	242	2,179	78	2,499
Other Asian	51	1,353	83	1,487
Subtotal	304	4,502	205	5,011
AFRICA				
Kenyan	12	478	15	505
South African	74	1,257	66	1,397
Other African	33	1,388	34	1,455
Subtotal	119	3,123	115	3,357
AMERICA				
American	107	3,690	508	4,305
Canadian	9	528	113	650
Other American	48	1,266	67	1,381
Subtotal	164	5,484	688	6,336
OCEANIA				
Australian	26	688	83	797
New Zealand	3	78	21	102
Subtotal	29	766	104	899
Not stated	33	690	9	732
TOTAL	1,062	33,848	2,228	37,138
TOTAL PERCENT	2.9	91.1	6.0	100

Table 7: Intended Length of Stay and Sex of International Visitors in Zanzibar, September 2018

Intended Length of	Nun	nber of Arrival		Percentage		Total Nights	
Stay	Male	Female	Total	Share	Male	Female	Total
1	414	254	668	1.8	414	254	668
2	674	556	1,230	3.3	1,348	1,112	2,460
3	1,220 1,699	1,173 1,701	2,393 3,400	6.4 9.2	3,660 6,796	3,519 6,804	7,179 13,600
4	1,835	1,701	3,550	9.2	9,175	8,575	17,750
5	1,712	5,166	6,878	18.5	10,272	30,996	41,268
6 7	4,844	2,845	7,689	20.7	33,908	19,915	53,823
	2,069	1,417	3,486	9.4	16,552	11,336	27,888
8	662	498	1,160	3.1	5,958	4,482	10,440
9	1,007	736	1,743	4.7	10,070	7,360	17,430
10	442	330	772	2.1	4,862	3,630	8,492
11	599	347	946	2.5	7,188	4,164	11,352
12	225	145	370				4,810
13				1.0	2,925	1,885	
14	671	450	1,121	3.0	9,394	6,300	15,694
15	381	197	578	1.6	5,715	2,955	8,670
16	110	71	181	0.5	1,760	1,136	2,896
17	53	40	93	0.3	901	680	1,581
18	56	39	95	0.3	1,008	702	1,710
19	15	13	28	0.1	285	247	532
20	49	33	82	0.2	980	660	1,640
21	73	31	104	0.3	1,533	651	2,184
22	9	10	19	0.1	198	220	418
23	8	7	15	0.0	184	161	345
24	11	6	17	0.0	264	144	408
25	14	7	21	0.1	350	175	525
26	9	9	18	0.0	234	234	468
27	6	7	13	0.0	0	189	189
28	15	15	30	0.1	420	420	840
29	6	4	10	0.0	0	116	116
30	90	54	144	0.4	2,700	1,620	4,320
31+	178	106	284	0.8	5,518	3,286	8,804
Total	19,156	17,982	37,138	100.0	144,572	123,928	268,500
		Av	erage intende	d Length of Stay <sup>1</sup> _	7.5	6.9	7.2

Source: Zanzibar Commission for Tourism & Department of Immigration Zanzibar

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The average intended length of stay is determined by dividing the number of visitor nights by the number of international visitors

**Table 8: Visitors Arrival from Emerging Markets, September 2018** 

Nationality	September 2017	August 2018	September 2018	% Change, September 2017 to September 2018	% Change, Aug 2018 to September 2018
Russian	324	783	729	125.0	-6.9
Polish	688	804	600	-12.8	-25.4
Ukrainian	264	122	130	-50.8	6.6
Chinese	667	1082	524	-21.4	-51.6
Indian	413	606	351	-15.0	-42.1
Israeli	3,114	2,009	2,499	-19.7	24.4
Total	5,470	5,406	4,833	-11.6	-10.6

Source: Zanzibar Commission for Tourism & Department of Immigration Zanzibar

Table 9:Summary of Visitors by Mode of Travel Through Entry Point, September 2018

Category	Airport	Seaport	Total
International flight/ Cruise Ship	18,842	0	18,842
Domestic flights/ Sea ferries	12,960	5,336	18,296
Total	31,802	5,336	37,138

Table 10: International Visitors nights and Estimated Bed Occupancy Rate in Zanzibar, September 2018

Length of Stay	Number of visitors	Percentage Share	Total Nights
1	668	1.8	668
2	1,230	3.3	2,460
3	2,393	6.4	7,179
4	3,400	9.2	13,600
5	3,550	9.6	17,750
6 7	6,878	18.5 20.7	41,268
8	7,689	9.4	53,823
9	3,486	3.1	27,888
10	1,160	4.7	10,440
10	1,743 772	2.1	17,430 8,492
12			
13	946 370	2.5 1.0	11,352 4,810
13	1,121	3.0	
15	578	1.6	15,694 8,670
	181	0.5	
16 17	93	0.3	2,896
18			1,581
19	95 28	0.3 0.1	1,710 532
20	82	0.2	1,640
20	104	0.2	2,184
22	19	0.1	
23	15	0.0	418
23	17	0.0	345 408
25	21	0.1	525
26	18	0.0	468
27	13	0.0	351
28	30	0.1	840
29	10	0.0	290
30	144	0.4	4,320
31 Total	284	0.8	8,804
Total	37,138 of beds available in Septer	100.0	268,836 507,900
Number (	_	11001 2010	
	Bed Occupancy Rate		52.9

Glossary

Information on the number of visitors, their nationality and age distribution are among the

important economic indicators. Tourism industry has contributed significantly to the Zanzibar's

economy and it is therefore necessary that such information is made available on a timely manner.

This release reports on arrivals of foreign visitors. Detailed information on the age and sex

distribution; mode of travel; nationality and regional distribution; and purpose of travel of visitors

are also provided. The information was captured using the Arrival Declaration cards on visitors

who entered Zanzibar through both the airport and sea ports.

**Definition and Concepts** 

**Tourist:** refers to any person travelling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment

for less than 12 months and whose main purpose of the trip is other than the exercise

of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.(According to the United

Nations World Tourism Organization -UNWTO)

**Visitor:** refers to any person travelling to place other than that of his/her usual environment

for less than twelve months and whose main purpose of trip is other than the

exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

Visitors are classified as tourists if they spend the night away from home.

This release categories visitor into four groups in term of mode of transport:

(i) International flight – comprising of visitors entered the country direct from abroad;

(ii) Domestic flight – comprising of visitors entered Zanzibar via Tanzania Mainland;

(iii) Cruise ship – comprising of visitors (excursionist) entered Zanzibar by cruise ship;

and

(iv) Sea ferries – comprising of visitors entered Zanzibar by using local sea boats.

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