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TOURISM STATISTICS

Zanzibar recorded **68,813** international visitors in January 2023 which is an increase of **62.1** percent compared with **42,443** visitors recorded in January 2022 and increased by **3.1** percent compared with **66,720** visitors recorded in the preceding month (December 2022).

Tourists from Europe continued to dominate the market by accounting (81.9 percent) of the total visitors in January 2023. In country wise, Italy dominated the Tourism market by accounting 15.0 percent of all visitors entered in January 2023, followed by French (12.6 percent) while New Zealand recorded less than one percent which is the least. Other performances are as shown in (Table 1).

The data shows that **65,715** visitors equivalent to **95.4** percent of the total visitors entered through Airport, whereby **58,489** visitors of them entered by international flights and **7,226** by domestic flights. The remaining **3,098** visitors entered through seaport of whom **20** entered Pemba by Sea ferries from Kenya and **3,078** by Sea Ferries from Tanzania Mainland as shown in **Figure 1 & Table 2**.

Information on the purpose of visit (**Table 3**) shows that in January 2023, about **61,695** visitors equivalent to **89.7** percent came for holidays, **1.2** percent came for visiting friends and relatives and **9.1** percent came for other purposes.

Table 4 & Figure 2 shows that **32,835** visitors (**47.7** percent) were male and **35,978** (**52.3** percent) were female. Male and Female increased by **4.9** and **1.6** percent respectively compared with the preceding month of December 2022.

The ages of the visitors were categorized into three broad groups: those younger than 15 years who are regarded as children, 15 to 64 years who are regarded as working age population, and 65 years and older are regarded as retirees. The overall results show that **5,227** (**7.6** percent) visitors were aged less than 15 years, **57,874** (**84.1** percent) were aged 15 to 64 years and **5,712** (**8.3** percent) were aged 65 years and older (Figure 3 &Table 5).

The visitors from emerging markets (Poland, India, Russia, Israel, China and Ukraine) increased by **23.2** percent compared with previous month. Other performances are shown in (Figure 4 & Annex I: Table 6).

Table 7 shows that around one for every five visitors (**21.2** percent) stayed in the country for Six days in January 2023. The overall average intended length of stay for visitors in January 2023 was eight nights.

The total of **701,189** bed-spaces was available in January 2023. Out of these bed-spaces, estimates of **578,719** beds were sold during in January representing a bed occupancy rate of **82.5** percent (**Table 8**).

Table1: International Visitors by Nationality, January 2023, December 2022 and January 2022

Nationality	January-22 mality			De	December-22		January-23		% Change, December 2022 and January	% Change, January 2022 and January	
	Number	% Share	Rank	Number	% Share	Rank	Number	% Share	Rank	2023	2023
EUROPE											
Scandinavian	1,525	3.6	7	2,586	3.9	8	3,588	5.2	5	38.7	135.3
British	1,123	2.6	8	2,944	4.4	6	2,615	3.8	6	-11.2	132.9
German	2,196	5.2	5	4,825	7.2	3	4,634	6.7	4	-4.0	111.0
Italian	546	1.3	13	8,609	12.9	1	10,338	15.0	1	20.1	1793.4
French	5,086	12	3	6,875	10.3	2	8,658	12.6	2	25.9	70.2
Dutch	1,032	2.4	9	1,740	2.6	11	2,524	3.7	7	45.1	144.6
Belgium	893	2.1	11	943	1.4	14	1,001	1.5	12	6.2	12.1
Russian	514	1.2	14	1090	1.6	12	998	1.5	13	-8.4	94.2
Turkish	356	0.8	16	342	0.5	20	541	0.8	16	58.2	52.0
Polish	6,548	15.4	1	3,946	5.9	5	6,102	8.9	3	54.6	-6.8
Ukrainian	5,569	13.1	2	389	0.6	18	508	0.7	17	30.6	-90.9
Czech Republic	2,374	5.6	4	1,945	2.9	10	2,293	3.3	8	17.9	-3.4
Spanish	468	1.1	15	896	1.3	15	636	0.9	14	-29.0	35.9
Other	6,950	16.4	na	8,328	12.5	na			na		
European	·		iiu				11,910	17.3	nu -	43.0	71.4
Subtotal	35,180	83		45,458	68.1		56,346	81.9		24	60
ASIA											
Japanese	14	0	23	117	0.2	23	56	0.1	23	-52.1	300.0
Chinese	137	0.3	20	331	0.5	21	407	0.6	19	23.0	197.1
Indian	178	0.4	18	1014	1.5	13	459	0.7	18	-54.7	157.9
Israeli	76	0.2	21	265	0.4	22	195	0.3	21	-26.4	156.6
Other Asian	509	1.2	na	1,735	2.6	na	1,378	2.0	na	-20.6	170.7
Subtotal	914	2.2		3,462	5.2		2,495	3.6		-27.9	173.0
AFRICA											
Kenyan	638	1.5	12	2,927	4.4	7	1,698	2.5	10	-42.0	166.1
South African	1,947	4.6	6	4,807	7.2	4	1,593	2.3	11	-66.9	-18.2
Egyptian	261	0.6	17	404	0.6	17	152	0.2	22	-62.4	-89.1
Other African	1,396	3.3	na	3,496	5.2	na	3,055	4.4	na	-12.6	-28.0
Subtotal	4,242	10		11,634	17.4		6,498	9.4		-44.1	53.2
AMERICA											
American	950	2.2	10	2,494	3.7	9	1,858	2.7	9	-25.5	1155.4
Canadian	148	0.3	19	652	1.0	16	602	0.9	15	-7.7	192.2
Other American	206	0.5	na	425	0.6	na	542	0.8	na	27.5	-58.4
Subtotal	1,304	3.1		3,571	5.4		3,002	4.4		-15.9	130.2
OCEANIA											
Australian	67	0.2	22	346	0.5	19	381	0.6	20	10.1	2621.4
New Zealand	14	0	23	62	0.1	24	44	0.1	24	-29.0	-45.7
Subtotal	81	0.2		408	0.6		425	0.6		4.2	-41.1
Not stated	722	1.7	na	2187	3.3	na	47	0.1	na		
TOTAL	42,443	100		66,720	100.0		68,813	100.0		3.1	62.1

na: not applicable

7,226
Airport

Domestic Flight/Sea Ferries

3,078

Seaport

Figure 1: International Visitors by Entry Points, January 2023

Table 2: International Visitors by Nationality through Entry Points, January 2023

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Nationality	International Flight	Domestic Flight	Total	Cruise Ship	Sea ferries	Total	
EUROPE							
Scandinavian	2,994	373	3,367	0	217	217	
British	2,181	312	2,493	0	122	122	
German	3,898	598	4,496	0	138	138	
Italian	8,736	1,549	10,285	0	53	53	
French	7,745	814	8,559	0	99	99	
Dutch	2,104	336	2,440	0	84	84	
Belgium	837	121	958	0	43	43	
Russian	901	71	972	0	26	26	
Turkish	474	47	521	0	20	20	
Polish	5,598	484	6,082	0	20	20	
Ukrainian	469	29	498	0	10	10	
Czech Republic	2,095	190	2,285	0	8	8	
Spanish	566	47	613	0	23	23	
Other Europeans	10,703	944	11,647	0	263	263	
Subtotal	49,301	5,915	55,216	0	1,126	1,126	
ASIA							
Japanese	43	6	49	0	7	7	
Chinese	287	45	332	0	75	75	
Indian	323	44	367	0	92	92	
Israeli	177	7	184	0	11	11	
Other Asians	1,136	99	1,235	0	143	143	
Subtotal	1,966	201	2,167	0	328	328	
AFRICA							
Kenyan	968	269	1,237	20	445	465	
South African	1,344	193	1,537	0	56	56	
Egyptian	124	7	131	0	21	21	
Other Africans	2,049	362	2,411	0	644	644	
Subtotal	4,485	831	5,316	20	1,166	1,186	
AMERICA							
American	1,462	146	1,608	0	250	250	
Canadian	442	58	500	0	102	102	
Other Americans	470	48	518	0	24	24	
Subtotal	2,374	252	2,626	0	376	376	
OCEANIA							
Australian	289	25	314	0	67	67	
New Zealand	36	2	38	0	6	6	
Subtotal	325	27	352	0	73	73	
Not stated	38	0	38	0	9	9	
TOTAL	58,489	7,226	65,715	20	3,078	3,098	

Table 3: International Visitors by Nationality and Purpose of Visit, January 2023

		Visiting		_		_	Business			
Nationality	Holidays	Friends and Relatives	Returning Residences	Prospective Resident	Seeking Employment	Temporary Employment	and Conference	In Transit	Others	Total
EUROPE										
Scandinavian	3,314	39	2	1	4	1	0	0	227	3,588
British	2,261	31	2	0	7	2	0	0	312	2,615
German	4,156	39	4	9	3	0	0	0	423	4,634
Italian	8,748	159	13	5	5	2	1	5	1,400	10,338
French	7,787	109	7	8	11	4	1	2	729	8,658
Dutch	2,297	27	3	4	4	1	0	0	188	2,524
Belgium	922	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	1,001
Russian	901	12	2	0	0	1	0	0	82	998
Turkish	456	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	72	541
Polish	5,591	55	0	2	6	0	0	0	448	6,102
Ukrainian	491	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	11	508
Czech Republic	2,163	28	2	0	0	0	0	0	100	2,293
Spanish	587	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	44	636
Other Europeans	10,897	155	7	4	9	4	2	2	830	11,910
Subtotal	50,571	677	44	33	49	17	6	9	4,940	56,346
ASIA										
Japanese	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	56
Chinese	366	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	407
Indian	399	12	0	1	0	1	0	0	46	459
Israeli	189	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	195
Other Asians	1,261	16	1	1	0	0	0	0	99	1,378
Subtotal	2,269	33	1	2	1	1	0	0	188	2,495
AFRICA										
Kenyan	1,390	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	289	1,698
South African	1,429	31	0	0	0	2	5	0	126	1,593
Egyptian	145	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	152
Other Africans	2,663	31	2	5	2	5	1	0	346	3,055
Subtotal	5,627	82	3	6	3	7	7	0	763	6,498
AMERICA										
American	1,728	8	0	0	1	0	1	0	120	1,858
Canadian	562	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	602
Other Americans	493	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	41	542
Subtotal	2,783	14	1	0	2	2	1	0	199	3,002
OCEANIA										
Australian	358	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	18	381
New Zealand	40	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	44
Subtotal	398	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	20	425
Not stated	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
TOTAL	61,695	811	49	43	56	27	14	9	6,109	68,813
TOTAL PERCENT	89.7	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.9	100

Table 4: International Visitors by Nationality and Sex, January 2023

Nationality	Male	Female	Total
EUROPE			
Scandinavian	1,531	2,057	3,588
British	1,302	1,313	2,615
German	2,250	2,384	4,634
Italian	4,970	5,368	10,338
French	4,074	4,584	8,658
Dutch	1,184	1,340	2,524
Belgium	474	527	1,001
Russian	460	538	998
Turkish	257	284	541
Polish	2,810	3,292	6,102
Ukrainian	203	305	508
Czech Republic	1,147	1,146	2,293
Spanish	304	332	636
Other European Country	5,589	6,321	11,910
Subtotal	26,555	29,791	56,346
ASIA			
Japanese	36	20	56
Chinese	239	168	407
Indian	301	158	459
Israeli	113	82	195
Other Asian	832	546	1,378
Subtotal	1,521	974	2,495
AFRICA			
Kenyan	812	886	1,698
South African	685	908	1,593
Egyptian	96	56	152
Other African	1,559	1,496	3,055
Subtotal	3,152	3,346	6,498
AMERICA			
American	794	1,064	1,858
Canadian	298	304	602
Other American	271	271	542
Subtotal	1,363	1,639	3,002
OCEANIA			
Australian	198	183	381
New Zealand	28	16	44
Subtotal	226	199	425
Not stated	18	29	47
TOTAL JANUARY, 2023	32,835	35,978	68,813
TOTAL DECEMBER 2022	31,299	35,421	66,720
TOTAL PERCENT	47.7	52.3	100
% CHANGE, DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY			
2023	4.9	1.6	3.1
Source: OCGS 7CT & Immigration			

Female 52.3%

Male 47.7%

Figure 2: International Visitors by Sex, January 2023

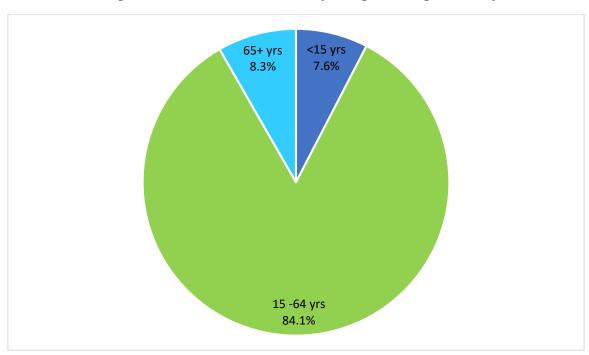


Figure 3: International Visitors by Categorized Age, January 2023

Table 6: International Visitors by Nationality and Categorized Age, January 2023

Nationality	<15 yrs	15 -64 yrs	65+ yrs	Total
EUROPE				
Scandinavian	284	2,986	318	3,588
British	150	2,123	342	2,615
German	248	3,929	457	4,634
Italian	903	8,281	1,154	10,338
French	371	7,344	943	8,658
Dutch	120	2,176	228	2,524
Belgium	57	858	86	1,001
Russian	111	863	24	998
Turkish	85	443	13	541
Polish	689	5,130	283	6,102
Ukrainian	66	413	29	508
Czech Republic	213	1,929	151	2,293
Spanish	33	585	18	636
Other European	979	9,998	933	11,910
Subtotal	4,309	47,058	4,979	56,346
ASIA				
Japanese	3	53	0	56
Chinese	33	362	12	407
Indian	33	409	17	459
Israeli	10	165	20	195
Other Asian	72	1,191	115	1,378
Subtotal	151	2,180	164	2,495
AFRICA				
Kenyan	176	1,467	55	1,698
South African	169	1,343	81	1,593
Egyptian	7	142	3	152
Other African	216	2,781	58	3,055
Subtotal	568	5,733	197	6,498
AMERICA				
American	98	1,549	211	1,858
Canadian	35	462	105	602
Other American	17	503	22	542
Subtotal	150	2,514	338	3,002
OCEANIA				
Australian	45	310	26	381
New Zealand	2	41	1	44
Subtotal	47	351	27	425
Not stated	2	38	7	47
TOTAL	5,227	57,874	5,712	68,813
TOTAL PERCENT	7.6	84.1	8.3	100

6,548 ■ January 2022 ■ January 2023 6,102 5,569 998 508 514 459 407 76 ¹⁹⁵ 178 137 Polish Ukrainian Indian Russian Chinese Israeli

Figure 4: Visitors Arrival from Emerging Markets, January 2022 and January 2023

Table 7: Intended Length of Stay and Sex of International Visitors, January 2023

Intended		Numbe	er of Arrival	_	Total Nights			
Length of Stay	Male	Female	Total	Percentage Share	Male	Female	Total	
1	359	260	619	0.9	359	260	619	
2	458	408	866	1.3	916	816	1,732	
3	854	771	1,625	2.4	2,562	2,313	4,875	
4	931	1,029	1,960	2.8	3,724	4,116	7,840	
5	2,988	2,698	5,686	8.3	14,940	13,490	28,430	
6	5,678	8,931	14,609	21.2	34,068	53,586	87,654	
7	6,153	5,684	11,837	17.2	43,071	39,788	82,859	
8	4,361	4,871	9,232	13.4	34,888	38,968	73,856	
9	3,296	3,547	6,843	9.9	29,664	31,923	61,587	
10	1,798	1,793	3,591	5.2	17,980	17,930	35,910	
11	818	894	1,712	2.5	8,998	9,834	18,832	
12	982	1,051	2,033	3.0	11,784	12,612	24,396	
13	373	380	753	1.1	4,849	4,940	9,789	
14	1,199	1,161	2,360	3.4	16,786	16,254	33,040	
15	788	696	1,484	2.2	11,820	10,440	22,260	
16	237	206	443	0.6	3,792	3,296	7,088	
17	197	192	389	0.6	3,349	3,264	6,613	
18	127	124	251	0.4	2,286	2,232	4,518	
19	61	82	143	0.2	1,159	1,558	2,717	
20	136	135	271	0.4	2,720	2,700	5,420	
21	182	182	364	0.5	3,822	3,822	7,644	
22	37	48	85	0.1	814	1,056	1,870	
23	17	29	46	0.1	391	667	1,058	
24	31	26	57	0.1	744	624	1,368	
25	36	30	66	0.1	900	750	1,650	
26	15	18	33	0.0	390	468	858	
27	13	14	27	0.0	351	378	729	
28	48	49	97	0.1	1,344	1,372	2,716	
29	14	14	28	0.0	406	406	812	
30	204	210	414	0.6	6,120	6,300	12,420	
31+	444	445	889	1.3	13,764	13,795	27,559	
Total	32,835	35,978	68,813	100.0	278,761	299,958	578,719	
		Intended A	verage Len	gth of Stay ¹	8.5	8.3	8.4	

¹ The average intended length of stay is determined by dividing the number of visitor nights by the number of international visitors

Table 8: International Visitors' nights and Estimated Bed Occupancy Rate, January 2023

Length of Stay	Number of visitors	Percentage Share	Total Nights
1	619	0.9	619
2	866	1.3	1,732
3	1,625	2.4	4,875
4	1,960	2.8	7,840
5	5,686	8.3	28,430
6	14,609	21.2	87,654
7	11,837	17.2	82,859
8	9,232	13.4	73,856
9	6,843	9.9	61,587
10	3,591	5.2	35,910
11	1,712	2.5	18,832
12	2,033	3.0	24,396
13	753	1.1	9,789
14	2,360	3.4	33,040
15	1,484	2.2	22,260
16	443	0.6	7,088
17	389	0.6	6,613
18	251	0.4	4,518
19	143	0.2	2,717
20	271	0.4	5,420
21	364	0.5	7,644
22	85	0.1	1,870
23	46	0.1	1,058
24	57	0.1	1,368
25	66	0.1	1,650
26	33	0.0	858
27	27	0.0	729
28	97	0.1	2,716
29	28	0.0	812
30	414	0.6	12,420
31+	889	1.3	27,559
Total	68,813	100.0	578,719
	Number of bed	ds available in January, 2023	701,189
		Bed Occupancy Rate	82.5

Annex I:

Table 6: Visitors Arrival from Emerging Markets, January 2023, December 2022 and January 2022

Nationality	January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	% Change January 2022 and January 2023	% Change December 2022 and January 2023
Russian	514	1,090	998	94.2	-8.4
Polish	6,548	3,946	6,102	-6.8	54.6
Ukrainian	5569	389	508	-90.9	30.6
Chinese	137	331	407	197.1	23.0
Indian	178	1014	459	157.9	-54.7
Israeli	76	265	195	156.6	-26.4
Total	13,022	7,035	8,669	-33.4	23.2

Source: OCGS, ZCT & Immigration Department, Zanzibar

Annex II

Table 10: International Visitors by Month, 2019 - 2023

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	46,133	61,461	49,868	42,443	68,813
February	50,387	61,752	51,574	46,995	
March	33,883	33,801	43,821	38,762	
April	20,242	334	13,839	20,540	
May	15,640	197	9,280	20,450	
June	36,605	353	20,416	34,013	
July	55,947	3,079	29,714	58,157	
August	68,163	4,366	34,425	61,388	
September	49,732	5,422	25,817	46,338	
October	53,023	12,157	31,826	57,547	
November	47,824	29,128	35,438	55,150	
December	60,685	48,594	48,167	66,720	
Total	538264	260644	394185	548503	68,813

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 report provides 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: refer 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.

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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