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Zanzibar recorded **91,611** international visitors in December 2024, an increase of **30.5** percent compared with **70,186** visitors recorded in December 2023 and **36.6** percent compared with **67,049** visitors recorded in the preceding month (November 2024).

European tourists dominated the market by accounting for **68.1** percent of the total visitors in December 2024. Country-wise, the Italians dominated the Tourism market by accounting for **13.7** percent of all visitors entered in December 2024, followed by South Africa (**7.9** percent) while Japan recorded less than one percent (**0.2%**), the least. Other performances are as shown in (**Table 1**).

The data shows that in December 2024, **82,154** visitors, equivalent to **89.7** percent of the total visitors, entered through the Airport. **69,779** visitors entered by international flights and **12,375** by domestic flights. The remaining **9,457** visitors entered through the seaport, of whom **1,332** were entered by cruise ship and **8,125** were by sea ferry from Tanzania Mainland, as shown in **Figure 1** and **Table 2**.

Information on the purpose of visit (**Table 3**) shows that in December 2024, **90,880** visitors equivalent to **99.2** percent, came for holidays, **0.4** percent for visiting friends and relatives, and **0.4** percent for other purposes.

Table 4 and Figure 2 show that 40,596 visitors (44.3 percent) were male and 51,015 (55.7 percent) were female. The number of males and females increased by 22.4 and 50.6 percent, respectively, compared with November 2024.

The ages of the visitors were categorized into three broad groups: those younger than 15 years who are regarded as children, those 15 to 64 years who are regarded as working age population, and those 65 years and older are considered retirees. The overall results show that **9,137** visitors (**10.0** percent) visitors were aged less than 15 years, **77,104** visitors (**84.1** percent) were aged 15 to 64 years, and **5,370** visitors (**5.9** percent) were aged 65 years and older (**Figure 3 & Table 5**).

The number of visitors from emerging markets in December 2024 (Poland, India, Russia, Israel, China, and Ukraine) increased by **26.6** percent compared with the number of visitors recorded in December 2023. Other performances are shown in (**Figure 4 & Annex I**).

Table 6 shows that a higher percentage of visitors (22.9 percent) stayed in the country for seven days in December 2024. Visitors' average intended length of stay in December 2024 was eight (8) days.

A total of **779,216** bed spaces were available in December 2024. Estimates of **720,102** beds were sold during December 2024, representing a bed occupancy rate of **92.4** percent (**Table 7**).

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Nationality	1	December 2023		N	lovember 2024		I	December 2024		% Change December 2024 and November	%Change, December2024 and December 2023
	Number	%Share	Rank	Number	% Share	Rank	Number	% Share	Rank	2024	2020
EUROPE											
Scandinavian	2,693	3.8	7	2,970	4.4	7	4,065	4.4	8	36.9	50.9
British	4,247	6.1	5	3,206	4.8	5	4,068	4.4	7	26.9	-4.2
German	4,189	6	6	5,385	8.0	4	5,333	5.8	5	-1.0	27.3
Italian	8,602	12.3	1	7,519	11.2	1	12,552	13.7	1	66.9	45.9
French	5,784	8.2	2	6,299	9.4	2	6,572	7.2	3	4.3	13.6
Dutch	1,714	2.4	11	2,459	3.7	10	3,295	3.6	10	34.0	92.2
Belgium	700	1	16	870	1.3	15	1,305	1.4	16	50.0	86.4
Russian	952	1.4	13	928	1.4	13	1,009	1.1	17	8.7	6.0
Turkish	505	0.7	19	564	0.8	19	724	0.8	19	28.4	43.4
Polish	5,727	8.2	3	5,558	8.3	3	5,916	6.5	4	6.4	3.3
Ukrainian	756	1.1	14	733	1.1	17	1,622	1.8	12	121.3	114.6
Czech Republic	2,301	3.3	10	2,346	3.5	11	3,234	3.5	11	37.9	40.5
Spanish	746	1.1	15	1,185	1.8	12	1,478	1.6	14	24.7	98.1
Other European	11,845	16.9		8,897	13.3		11,226	12.3		26.2	-5.2
Subtotal	50,761	72.3		48,919	73.0		62,399	68.1		28	23
ASIA											
Japanese	155	0.2	22	124	0.2	23	174	0.2	24	40.3	12.3
Chinese	526	0.7	18	927	1.4	14	982	1.1	18	5.9	86.7
Indian	988	1.4	12	869	1.3	16	1,353	1.5	15	55.7	36.9
Israeli	143	0.2	23	293	0.4	22	628	0.7	21	114.3	339.2
Other Asian	1,845	2.6		1,883	2.8		2,109	2.3		12.0	14.3
Subtotal	3,657	5.2		4,096	6.1		5,246	5.7		28.1	43.5
AFRICA											
Kenyan	2,372	3.4	9	2,476	3.7	9	4,260	4.7	6	72.1	79.6
South African	4,500	6.4	4	3,059	4.6	6	7,252	7.9	2	137.1	61.2
Egyptian	369	0.5	21	322	0.5	21	261	0.3	22	-18.9	-29.3
Other African	4,347	6.2		3,893	5.8		4,989	5.4		28.2	14.8
Subtotal	11,588	16.5		9,750	14.5		16,762	18.3		71.9	44.6
AMERICA											
American	2,527	3.6	8	2,504	3.7	8	4,006	4.4	9	60.0	58.5
Canadian	622	0.9	17	722	1.1	18	1,572	1.7	13	117.7	152.7
Other American	470	0.7		554	0.8		729	0.8		31.6	55.1
Subtotal	3,619	5.2		3,780	5.6		6,307	6.9		66.9	74.3
OCEANIA											
Australian	445	0.6	20	382	0.6	20	699	0.8	20	83.0	57.1
New Zealand	109	0.2	24	122	0.2	24	180	0.2	23	47.5	65.1
Subtotal	554	0.8		504	0.8		879	1.0		74.4	58.7
Not stated	7	0		0	0.0		18	0.0			
TOTAL	70,186	100		67,049	100.0		91,611	100.0		36.6	30.5

Table 1: International Visitors by Nationality December 2024, November 2024, and December 2023

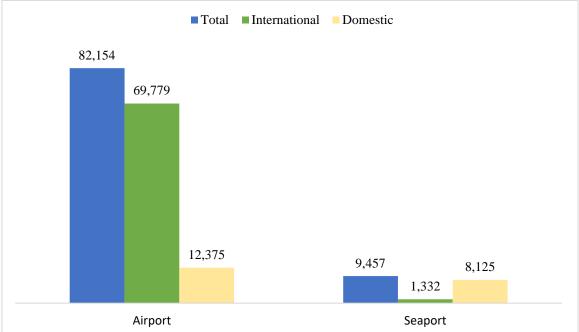


Figure 1: International Visitors by Entry Points, December 2024

		Airport	Seaport			
Nationality	International Flight	Domestic Flight	Total	Cruise Ship	Sea ferries	Total
EUROPE						
Scandinavian	2,773	768	3,541	4	520	524
British	2,806	455	3,261	346	461	807
German	4,281	482	4,763	89	481	570
Italian	11,893	535	12,428	2	122	124
French	5,654	521	6,175	4	393	397
Dutch	2,518	529	3,047	29	219	248
Belgium	864	348	1,212	12	81	93
Russian	809	142	951	0	58	58
Turkish	477	168	645	0	79	79
Polish	5,828	0	5,828	1	87	88
Ukrainian	1,456	157	1,613	1	8	9
Czech Republic	2,944	261	3,205	0	29	29
Spanish	850	521	1,371	12	95	107
Other Europeans	7,949	2,760	10,709	49	468	517
Subtotal	51,102	7,647	58,749	549	3,101	3,650
ASIA						
Japanese	46	79	125	3	46	49
Chinese	322	245	567	0	415	415
Indian	712	305	1,017	0	336	336
Israeli	452	160	612	0	16	16
Other Asians	1,391	256	1,647	70	392	462
Subtotal	2,923	1,045	3,968	73	1,205	1,278
AFRICA						
Kenyan	2,634	447	3,081	0	1179	1,179
South African	6,443	642	7,085	0	167	167
Egyptian	99	91	190	0	71	71
Other Africans	2,471	1,071	3,542	4	1443	1,447
Subtotal	11,647	2,251	13,898	4	2,860	2,864
AMERICA						
American	2,418	495	2,913	552	541	1,093
Canadian	1,033	242	1,275	130	167	297
Other Americans	298	351	649	8	72	80
Subtotal	3,749	1,088	4,837	690	780	1,470
OCEANIA						
Australian	301	242	543	12	144	156
New Zealand	39	102	141	4	35	39
Subtotal	340	344	684	16	179	195
Not stated	18	0	18	0	0	0
TOTAL	69,779	12,375	82,154	1,332	8,125	9,457

Table 2: International Visitors by Nationality through Entry Points, December 2024

Nationality	Holidays	Visiting Friends and Relative	Seeking Employment	Temporary Employment	Business and Conference	In Transit	Others	Total
EUROPE	Hondays	Relative	Employment	Employment	Conterence	mmansit	Oulers	10001
Scandinavian	4,042	16	0	0	2	0	5	4,065
British	4,044	16	0	0	2	3	2	4,068
German	5,321	7	1	0	0	0	4	5,333
Italian	12,497	, 45	4	0	0	1	5	12,552
French	6,533	33	2	0	2	0	2	6,572
Dutch	3,275	15	0	0	0	2	3	3,295
Belgium	1,295	6	0	0	2	2 0	2	1,305
Russian	1,005	2	0	0	- 0	0	2	1,009
Turkish	720	- 4	0	0	0	0	0	724
Polish	5,891	18	3	0	0	0	4	5,916
Ukrainian	1,610	9	0	0	0	0	3	1,622
Czech Republic	3,218	11	0	1	0	0	4	3,234
Spanish	1,468	10	0	0	0	0	0	1,478
Other Europeans	10,947	34	4	0	4	0	237	11,226
Subtotal	61,866	226	14	1	13	6	273	62,399
ASIA	,							
Japanese	174	0	0	0	0	0	0	174
Chinese	976	0	0	0	0	0	6	982
Indian	1,345	0	0	4	0	0	4	1,353
Israeli	628	0	0	0	0	0	0	628
Other Asians	2,088	19	0	0	0	0	2	2,109
Subtotal	5,211	19	0	4	0	0	12	5,246
AFRICA								
Kenyan	4,230	22	0	0	2	2	4	4,260
South African	7,207	40	2	0	2	0	1	7,252
Egyptian	251	7	3	0	0	0	0	261
Other Africans	4,953	31	0	0	2	0	3	4,989
Subtotal	16,641	100	5	0	6	2	8	16,762
AMERICA								
American	3,966	23	0	0	3	0	14	4,006
Canadian	1,572	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,572
Other Americans	727	2	0	0	0	0	0	729
Subtotal	6,265	25	0	0	3	0	14	6,307
OCEANIA								
Australian	699	0	0	0	0	0	0	699
New Zealand	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	180
Subtotal	879	-	0	0	0	0	0	879
Not stated	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
TOTAL	90,880	370	19	5	22	8	307	91,611
TOTAL PERCENT	99.20	0.40	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.34	100

Table 3: International Visitors by Nationality and Purpose of Visit, December 2024

Nationality	Male	Female	Total
EUROPE	muie	I childre	1000
Scandinavian	1,782	2,283	4,065
British	1,541	2,203	4,068
German	2,564	2,769	5,333
Italian	5,766	6,786	12,552
French	2,848	3,724	6,572
Dutch	1,526	1,769	3,295
Belgium	580	725	1,305
Russian	454	555	1,009
Turkish	403	321	724
Polish	2,677	3,239	5,916
Ukrainian	592	1,030	1,622
Czech Republic	1,441	1,793	3,234
Spanish	653	825	1,478
Other European Country	5,103	6,123	11,226
Subtotal	27,930	34,469	62,399
ASIA		- 1,107	
Japanese	88	86	174
Chinese	455	527	982
Indian	740	613	1,353
Israeli	221	407	628
Other Asian	1,082	1,027	2,109
Subtotal	2,586	2,660	5,246
AFRICA			
Kenyan	1,373	2,887	4,260
South African	3,011	4,241	7,252
Egyptian	146	115	261
Other African	2,434	2,555	4,989
Subtotal	6,964	9,798	16,762
AMERICA			
American	1,627	2,379	4,006
Canadian	743	829	1,572
Other American	305	424	729
Subtotal	2,675	3,632	6,307
OCEANIA			
Australian	356	343	699
New Zealand	77	103	180
Subtotal	433	446	879
Not stated	8	10	18
TOTAL DECEMBER 2024	40,596	51,015	91,611
TOTAL NOVEMBER 2024	33,165	33,884	67,049
TOTAL PERCENT % CHANGE, DECEMBER 2024 AND	44.3	55.6	100
NOVEMBER 2024	22.4	50.6	36.6

Table 4: International Visitors by Nationality and Sex, December 2024

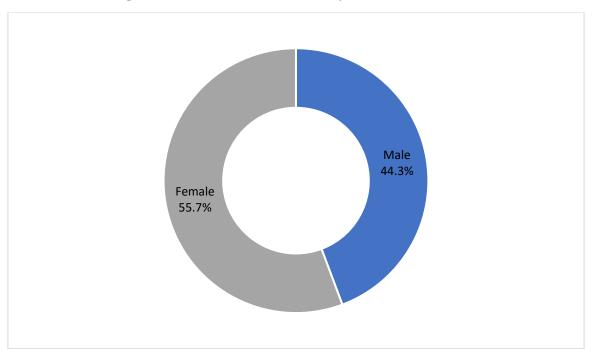


Figure 2: International Visitors by Sex, Dcember 2024

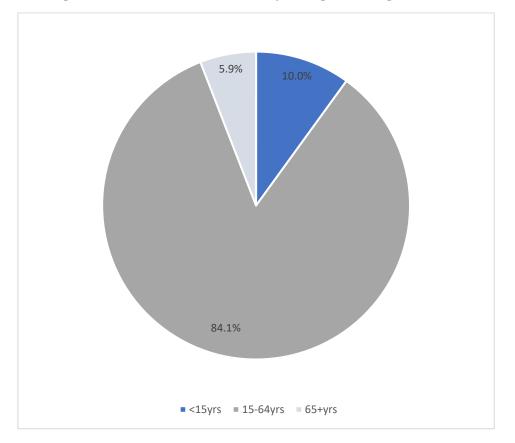


Figure 3: International Visitors by Categorized Age, December 2024

Nationality	<15 yrs	15 -64 yrs	65+ yrs	Total
EUROPE				
Scandinavian	523	3,338	204	4,065
British	414	3,264	390	4,068
German	333	4,554	446	5,333
Italian	1,212	10,427	913	12,552
French	545	5,539	488	6,572
Dutch	299	2,719	277	3,295
Belgium	154	1,055	96	1,305
Russian	99	851	59	1,009
Turkish	53	660	11	724
Polish	529	5,083	304	5,916
Ukrainian	169	1,405	48	1,622
Czech Republic	302	2,694	238	3,234
Spanish	78	1,329	71	1,478
Other European	1,251	9,496	479	11,226
Subtotal	5,961	52,414	4,024	62,399
ASIA				
Japanese	14	146	14	174
Chinese	75	888	19	982
Indian	142	1,177	34	1,353
Israeli	59	517	52	628
Other Asian	129	1,834	146	2,109
Subtotal	419	4,562	265	5,246
AFRICA				
Kenyan	666	3,406	188	4,260
South African	826	6,159	267	7,252
Egyptian	20	238	3	261
Other African	608	4,225	156	4,989
Subtotal	2,120	14,028	614	16,762
AMERICA				
American	326	3,402	278	4,006
Canadian	161	1,351	60	1,572
Other American	46	602	81	729
Subtotal	533	5,355	419	6,307
OCEANIA				
Australian	80	571	48	699
New Zealand	24	156	-	180
Subtotal	104	727	48	879
Not stated	-	18	-	18
TOTAL	9,137	77,104	5,370	91,611
TOTAL (%)	10.0	84.1	5.9	100

Table 5: International Visitors by Nationality and Categorized Age, December 2024

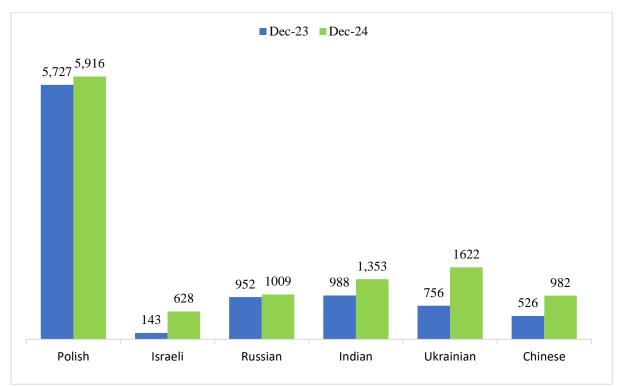


Figure 4: Visitors Arrival from Emerging Markets, December 2024 and December 2023

Intended Length of	Nur	nber of Arrival		Percentage	Total Nights		
Stay	Male	Female	Total	Share	Male	Female	Total
1	508	608	1,116	1.2	508	608	1,116
2	492	700	1,192	1.3	984	1,400	2,384
3	771	1,046	1,817	2.0	2,313	3,138	5,451
4	1,043	1,466	2,509	2.7	4,172	5,864	10,036
5	7,254	4,942	12,196	13.3	36,270	24,710	60,980
6	1,987	8,853	10,840	11.8	11,922	53,118	65,040
7	9,580	11,371	20,951	22.9	67,060	79,597	146,657
8	7,780	8,896	16,676	18.2	62,240	71,168	133,408
9	2,737	3,120	5,857	6.4	24,633	28,080	52,713
10	2,511	3,366	5,877	6.4	25,110	33,660	58,770
11	1,148	1,245	2,393	2.6	12,628	13,695	26,323
12	1,267	1,422	2,689	2.9	15,204	17,064	32,268
13	419	537	956	1.0	5,447	6,981	12,428
14	1,231	1,371	2,602	2.8	17,234	19,194	36,428
15	602	689	1,291	1.4	9,030	10,335	19,365
16	248	300	548	0.6	3,968	4,800	8,768
17	87	123	210	0.2	1,479	2,091	3,570
18	109	113	222	0.2	1,962	2,034	3,996
19	73	80	153	0.2	1,387	1,520	2,907
20	129	133	262	0.3	2,580	2,660	5,240
21	166	149	315	0.3	3,486	3,129	6,615
22	48	48	96	0.1	1,056	1,056	2,112
23	33	35	68	0.1	759	805	1,564
24	35	50	85	0.1	840	1,200	2,040
25	40	42	82	0.1	1,000	1,050	2,050
26	9	26	35	0.0	234	676	910
27	12	8	20	0.0	324	216	540
28	43	39	82	0.1	1,204	1,092	2,296
29	16	19	35	0.0	464	551	1,015
30	208	196	404	0.4	6,240	5,880	12,120
31+	10	22	32	0.0	310	682	992
Total	40,596	51,015	91,611	100.0	322,048	398,054	720,102
			Intended Averas	ge Length of Stay ¹	7.9	7.8	7.9

 Table 6: Intended Length of Stay and Sex of International Visitors, December 2024

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

Length of Stay	Number of visitors	Percentage Share	Total Nights
1	1,116	1.2	1,116
2	1,192	1.3	2,384
3	1,817	2.0	5,451
4	2,509	2.7	10,036
5	12,196	13.3	60,980
6	10,840	11.8	65,040
7	20,951	22.9	146,657
8	16,676	18.2	133,408
9	5,857	6.4	52,713
10	5,877	6.4	58,770
11	2,393	2.6	26,323
12	2,689	2.9	32,268
13	956	1.0	12,428
14	2,602	2.8	36,428
15	1,291	1.4	19,365
16	548	0.6	8,768
17	210	0.2	3,570
18	222	0.2	3,996
19	153	0.2	2,907
20	262	0.3	5,240
21	315	0.3	6,615
22	96	0.1	2,112
23	68	0.1	1,564
24	85	0.1	2,040
25	82	0.1	2,050
26	35	0.0	910
27	20	0.0	540
28	82	0.1	2,296
29	35	0.0	1,015
30	404	0.4	12,120
31+	32	0.0	992
Total	91,611	100.0	720,102
	Number of be	eds available in December 2024	779,216
		Bed Occupancy Rate	92.4

Table 7: International Visitors' Nights and Estimated Bed Occupancy Rate, December2024

Nationality	December 2023	November2024	December2024	% Change December 2024 and December 2023	% Change December 2024 and November 2024
Russian	952	928	1,009	6.0	8.7
Polish	5,727	5,558	5,916	3.3	6.4
Ukrainian	756	733	1,622	114.6	121.3
Chinese	526	927	982	86.7	5.9
Indian	988	869	1,353	36.9	55.7
Israeli	143	293	628	339.2	114.3
Total	9,092	9,308	11,510	26.6	23.7

Annex I: Visitors Arrival from Emerging Markets, December 2023 and December 2024 & November 2024

Annex II: International Visitors by Month, 2020 - 2024

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	61,461	49,868	42,443	68,813	73,468
February	61,752	51,574	46,995	65,430	71,095
March	33,801	43,821	38,762	45,915	51,873
April	334	13,839	20,540	27,666	28,995
May	197	9,280	20,450	26,620	29,995
June	353	20,416	34,013	47,595	51,559
July	3,079	29,714	58,157	58,711	68,223
August	4,366	34,425	61,388	61,466	72,296
September	5,422	25,817	46,338	53,839	60,731
October	12,157	31,826	57,547	54,961	69,860
November	29,128	35,438	55,150	57,296	67,049
December	48,594	48,167	66,720	70,186	91,611
Total	260,644	394,185	548,503	638,498	736,755

Glossary

Information on the number of visitors, their nationality, and age distribution are among the important economic indicators. The tourism industry has contributed significantly to Zanzibar's economy and it is therefore necessary that such information is made available promptly. 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 traveling 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 traveling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment for less than twelve months and whose main purpose of the trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

This release categories visitors into four groups in terms of mode of transport:

- (i) International flight comprising visitors entering the country directly from abroad;
- (ii) Domestic flight comprising of visitors entering Zanzibar via Tanzania Mainland;
- (iii) Cruise ship comprising of visitors (**excursionists**) entered Zanzibar by cruise ship; and
- (iv) Sea ferries comprising visitors entered Zanzibar by using local sea boats.

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