

The Serena Inn Stone Town, Zanzibar

Set in Zanzibar's Stone Town, this hotel presently provides the most up-market, luxury accommodation and service in the village, operated by the Serena Hotel Group and owned by the Aga Khan.

The Aga Khan's Fund for Economic Development carried out a loving restoration of the old British-built Extelcoms building and the older, neighboring Chinese Doctors Residence, deliberately keeping the outcome in keeping with the surroundings while raising the profile in bid to regain some of the old splendor.

The grand hall has been entirely decked out with antiques and artifacts, including an ancient old telephone from its external communications days, with a view to recreating a sense of the opulence of the Zanzibari hey-days.

It occupies a prime location on the waterfront near the town centre, and is the only hotel in town with a particularly inviting swimming pool. It is spaciously grand and expensive, but service and ocean-view dining are reliably good.

The Serena provides a range of facilities befitting a hotel of its class, including air conditioned accommodation and a fully equipped business centre.



- Located in the heart of Stone Town, Zanzibar.
- 51 en-suite rooms; 42 standard rooms, 6 prime rooms, and 4 suites.
- A great location from which to explore Stone Town.
- Good sized and well positioned swimming pool.
- AC and televisions in all bedrooms.

Our View

One of the small luxury hotels of the world, the Serena Inn is not necessarily in keeping with Stone Town's character, but quite frankly, that is a good thing! It offers a great escape from what can be quite a hectic little town.

The pool is the nicest in Stone Town with great views out to sea and a great place for sunset cocktails. Again, attention has to be paid to which room you book.