

Bagamoyo Town Cultural Tours

Bagamoyo was the major slave trading port in East Africa. Bagamoyo, which means "Lay down your heart" in Swahili, was probably given this name because Bagamoyo was the last place the slaves would stay in Tanzania before being shipped off to foreign lands. Bagamoyo was the starting point for the expeditions of Livingstone and others, and the first mission in East Africa. In the 18th and 19th century it was an important trade centre for slaves and trade goods (Ivory or Copra which was won from coconut was used for production of soap) and later become the last stop before slaves were transported to Zanzibar.

The town been about 50 kilometers north of the Dar-es-Salaam city is not a busy port anymore instead it has been a tour place for students studying history, humanitarian and others such as Tanzania culture. Come with us to another stunning beach of Tanzania relaxing after a day visit to the ruins.



Area of Interest

Bagamoyo Art College: The college accomodates students from all over the world to came and learn African culture especially Tanzania one. Traditional Tanzanian sculpture, carving and painting are some of

them. Arrangement for traditional dance at the collage during the tours is possible.

The Kaole Ruins: Arabs were the first Nation to be in Bagamoyo around the thirteenth Century followed by the Germans. South of Bagamoyo is KAOLE RUINS where by Arabs built two Mosques and several tombs as an operation to spread their Muslim religion. All the architecture in Kaole are built in coral stone.

Hanging Place, the site where the German colonial government hanged Africans who rebelled against the German colonial government in the late eighteen century. Most of the Africans who were hanged wants to overthrow the German rule power. In addition during German colonial rule, Bagamoyo was the capital of Tanzania.

With our full trained guides they will take you and show you more than this but do not miss The Roman Catholic Mission: It was built in the late eighteen century by the German colonial rule under the operation of spreading the Christianity, it is the oldest Roman Catholic Church in East and Central Africa. The oldest historical story was to store the body of the famous Missionary Dr. Livingstone's in the Church before taken for burial ceremony in England in the year 1874.

3. Old fort / Slave House 1860

Old fort, old provision house is the oldest surviving building in Bagamoyo, built in 1860. This was

used by the Arabs and the German till 1870 and of late until 1992 was used as police post. Initially its function was to hold slave before being shipped to Zanzibar. It has an underground passage through which the slaves were herded to dhows on the shore.

Coast of Bagamoyo

4. Germany State House

The German Government colonial administration headquarters was the first capital town of German East Africa and the governor's residence. It is an impressive two-storey building topped by crenellations, constructed in a U shape. They are pointed arches on the ground floor, also served as German administrative centre from 1897 Germany Boma first State House and Governors residence



5. Livingstone Memorial Church

This is simple construction with a tin roof, curved arch windows and wooden benches (formerly named Anglican Church of the cross, referring to the fact it was built in memory of famous British explore and missionary Dr. David Livingstone, a century after his death.

6. The First Church

built in 1872 and it was here on 24th February 1874 that the porters brought the body of Dr. Livingstone, famous British explorer and missionary, after a journey of 1500kms from Ujiji-Tabora