



## TANZANIA

### Swahili Spice

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Jambo!

Greetings from Dar Es Salaam:  
Eternal harbour of peace.

Dusty roads and diesel fumes  
Pungent fish and fragrant blooms

Cauldron markets, bubbling trade  
Vibrant fabrics, crafts handmade

Karibu!

Welcome in Zanzibar:  
Exotic island of spice.

Azure skies and brooding clouds  
Baking sun and thunder shrouds

Coastal mangroves, palm-lined shores  
Exotic spices, wood-carved doors

Rafiki!

Friend of Africa:  
Continent of passion.

Shaking tops and swaying hips  
Clapping hands and whistling lips

Frothing rhythms, stamping feet  
Pulsing music, living beat

Kwaheri!

Farewell to Bagamoyo:  
Place of crushed hearts.





Ancient merchants, trading routes  
Bartered treasures, plundered loots

Faded portraits, shadowed past  
Rusted shackles, free at last

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