

global action

global learning for positive change

"Our students have returned more passionate, more aware of the impact they have on the world, more united and with a greater sense of their international identity."

Head of Biology, Saffron Walden High School



Zanzibar - Summer 2026



Your Global Action Programme

At Global Action, we believe in engaging young people in Global Learning about poverty reduction, environmental issues and social justice. This develops Global Citizens, able to effect positive global change for the future.

Global Action programmes engage students with global issues, carefully designed around the UN agreed Sustainable Development Goals. Your trip will explore how these goals are being achieved on an international scale, and what still needs to be done.

Support Raising Funds



- ✓ Raising funds support
- ✓ Ideas and resources on webpage



Trip Preparation



- ✓ Destination Handbook
- ✓ Discount codes for kit
- ✓ Fitness advice



Global Learning



- ✓ Global Learning Workshop
- ✓ Resources and further reading on webpage

Trip Preparation



- ✓ Meet your Global Action Leader and kit preparation evening
- ✓ Leaders' Safety Management Workshop
- ✓ Training Day (if applicable)



Overseas Trip

- ✓ Exposure to local and global development
- ✓ Visits to international agencies
- ✓ Participation in practical projects



Alumni Community



- ✓ Empowered and engaged global citizens
- ✓ ASDAN Universities Award



“My daughter has not been able to stop talking about all the amazing animals, people and experiences she had. I expect she will be buzzing for weeks - snorkelling on the coral reefs was the jewel in the crown for her. Thank you for the outstanding trip.”

Parent, Aquinas College

Why Zanzibar?

The tropical island archipelago of Zanzibar is world famous for spectacular coral reefs, sandy beaches, and coastal forests supporting many endemic and critically endangered species.

Zanzibar's coral reefs are among the most diverse and productive communities on Earth. Each habitat supports hundreds of coral and reef fish species. The islands' forests form one of the world's 25 most important biodiversity hotspots.

Zanzibar has won awards for sustainable tourism, and the islands' unique ecosystems offer a diversity of locations for you to learn about:

- **Biodiversity, Ecosystems, Ecology, Evolution, Food Chains**
- **Conservation and human impact on the environment, Climate Change, Marine Biology**
- **Tropical Forests, Oceans, Poverty Reduction, Enterprise Development through Sustainable Resources**



Useful Facts

Geography: Zanzibar is located 36km off mainland Tanzania. The marine biodiversity in the Zanzibar Archipelago is world-famous. Different forests also support many endemic and critically endangered species.

Climate: Zanzibar is warm year-round, average maximum July temperatures of 28°C, and very low rainfall.

Languages: Zanzibaris speak a pure form of Swahili, and many believe Zanzibar is the birthplace of this language. English is widely understood, so you will have no problem communicating with everyone!

Culture: In 1964 the islands joined the new republic of Tanzania. As a semi-autonomous region, Zanzibar has its own parliament and president. Zanzibar is today inhabited mostly by ethnic Swahili.

Physical rating: Physically this is an easy trip: good proficiency in swimming is required.

Accommodation: You will be staying in comfortable Guest Houses throughout.

"The trip to Zanzibar exceeded all of my expectations! It couldn't have been any better. I have felt totally safe at all points."

Student, Saffron Walden High School

Sample itinerary

Build Up Day

The day before departure, all team members will meet at the school. Your Global Action Trip Leader will check your kit and run through health and safety briefings. You will also have an introduction into Zanzibar's unique history, culture and the spice island way of life.

Days 1 – 2: Home – Zanzibar

Today your adventure begins with an overnight flight, arriving the following morning on the beautiful, palm-fringed island of Zanzibar. On arrival at Zanzibar's international airport, you will meet our Global Action local partner and guide, and travel to your hotel in Stone Town.

After lunch, you will have a short visit into Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most unique settlements in the world due to its fascinating history. You will change your UK Pounds into Tanzanian Shillings and have a chance to buy traditional 'kangas' (for girls) and 'kikois' (for boys) to wear – brightly coloured cotton wraps which are culturally respectful and help protect you from sunburn on boat trips.



Days 3 – 7:

During this time, you will be based in Stone Town and can enjoy a variety of unique seminars and interactive workshops:

Biodiversity, Climate change, Conservation, Food Chains

A big highlight of your Zanzibar adventure will be the opportunity to snorkel on spectacular coral reefs that surround the island. As well as being stunning environments to explore, these living ecosystems are critically important to Zanzibar, supporting fisheries which provide food and income for local people, protecting coastal communities and beaches from storms, and fixing carbon from the atmosphere helping to slow down climate change. You will also enjoy paddleboarding through the mangroves as you learn about why these precious ecosystems are so important to marine life.

You will carry out observational surveys and learn about: why coral reefs and mangrove forests are some of the most diverse ecosystems on our planet; why it is important to conserve these ecosystems; the roles played by coral reefs, and mangroves, in slowing down climate change; threats to them and how they can be protected.

You also explore the Menai Bay Conservation Area, looking out for Bottlenose and Humpback as you travel through their feeding grounds. On Kwale Island, you will sail into a hidden lagoon lined by mangrove forest and swim in the clear waters surrounding the trees, whilst observing their unique tree root systems up close. You will then visit a number of reefs around this island and others in the area, comparing the observations you make here to the reefs you have previously snorkelled on.

Zanzibari History and Culture

Kizimbani village in central Zanzibar shows how Zanzibar was an important producer for the global Spice Trade, and the world's leading clove producer. You visit a beautiful plantation to see how saffron and vanilla are produced, along with many Asian and Middle Eastern spices. Taste some of the delicious fruit grown here: jackfruit, pineapples, and mangos!



You will enjoy fun lessons in Swahili language, with the Institute of Kiswahili and Foreign Affairs, a guided tour of Stone Town which is a fascinating highlight – it is one of the most unique settlements in the world, due to its unique blend of Indian, African, and Middle Eastern influences and architecture.

You will also have a traditional Zanzibari dinner, cooked for you by a local Zanzibari lady in her own home. You will be treated to a spread of delicious dishes, and opportunities to ask how women's livelihoods have improved.

Gender Equality, Responsible Consumption and Production

On the outskirts of Stone Town, you will visit 'Chako' to learn about the Tourist2Tourist concept, and how they are working to provide an innovative way to reduce the hospitality industry's footprint on the Island's environment, encouraging the local community to recycle whilst supporting and celebrating local design. You will be given a tour of the Chako production line and shown how everything works in the workshop, before being split into small groups to help with the daily tasks. These tasks could include: separating & cleaning the plastic and bottles, shredding the plastics, packing of products. You will also have the opportunity to make your own drinking glass to take home with you!



Days 8 – 13:

For the next few days you will be based in Paje, a small village located on the southeast coast between the villages of Bwejuu and Jambiani. The team will have a chance to relax, and experience the beautiful white sandy beach, and shallow waters.

Enterprise development through sustainable resources

You will participate in an interactive Workshop at the Zanzibar Cultural Arts Centre - which supports sustainable livelihoods by training local people in artistic techniques using recycled materials, to provide income generation. You can join in making soap, recycled paper books, and handmade jewellery.

You also visit the beautiful Mwani Seaweed Centre. Seaweed farming is the second biggest industry in Zanzibar: used for making soap, shampoos, medicines, and export to Japanese restaurants. Meet female seaweed farmers, learn how they have improved their livelihoods through this novel farming practice.

Your team will visit the award-winning Zanzibar Butterfly Centre, one of Africa's largest butterfly centres, established to provide local income while promoting conservation. You will receive a briefing from one of the project workers and learn about the trade of butterflies and how they are promoting the farming of them to support local farmers' incomes. Afterwards you will have a unique opportunity to spend some time with a Zanzibari butterfly farmer, learn how they are farming the butterflies, and ask questions about their challenges and achievements.

The team will have the opportunity to visit a local Sponge Farm, to learn how locals are being trained in the commercialisation of sponge farming. This provides an additional income stream for many local communities, whilst relieving the pressure on local sponge species numbers and fish stock through overfishing. We will see the sponge farms up close and learn how they are set up, maintained, harvested and processed for an international market.

Ecosystems, Wildlife Protection, Ecotourism



Zanzibar's tropical forests form one of the world's 25 most important biodiversity areas for conservation. Habitats within the park include a groundwater forest, and coastal forest and grassland, with mangroves on the coast. Jozani Forest is a haven for rare, endemic and endangered island wildlife. Here, you will see the Zanzibar red colobus monkey, an endangered species on the IUCN Red List, which is endemic to Zanzibar and one of the rarest monkeys in Africa. You can carry out an observational survey of their primate behaviour. You can learn about mangrove biology and ecology: how mangroves cope with high salinity, and how different species of mangrove tree have adapted.

Jozani Forest is also the ideal place to learn how the critical role of ecotourism is protecting this national park. CARE International have established forest management programmes here that provide a sustainable income for villagers, while conserving the forest.

Days 14 – 15: Zanzibar – Home

In the late afternoon, you check into Zanzibar's International airport, and return home. You can reflect on your unique adventures and new-found knowledge in: Sustainable Development, Marine Ecology, Biodiversity and Conservation, natural resource management, and Swahili culture.

You will have earned the ASDAN Universities Award and gained an in-depth understanding of Biology and Geography subjects, in one of the most remarkable islands of the World!

Charities and Cooperatives we support in Zanzibar

Zanzibar Butterfly Centre

Zanzibar Butterfly Centre - one of Africa's largest butterfly centres - reducing poverty, while promoting conservation and sustainable use of resources. You will learn how women farmers can integrate butterfly farming around childcare and domestic duties, providing a rare opportunity for sustainable income generation for women.



Chako is a social, creative, and environmental enterprise creating design products and accessories from upcycled waste materials produced by the hospitality industry. They provide an innovative way to reduce the hospitality industry's footprint on the Island's environment, encouraging the local community to recycle, supporting and celebrating local design. Chako focuses on making gender inequality less significant, by giving women the chance to develop their skills and become more self-aware and independent. Being in employment provides women with a reliable monthly income which creates a more stable situation for them and their families.



Jozani-Chwaka Bay National Park - Zanzibar's tropical forests form one of the world's 25 most important biodiversity areas for conservation, and this park is being proposed as a World Heritage Site. Jozani is home to many endemic and endangered wildlife: the Red Colobus monkey (an endangered species on the IUCN Red List, endemic to Zanzibar and one of the rarest monkeys in Africa), Ader's duiker (a very rare antelope), the Pemba flying fox, and the giant coconut crab (the world's largest land crab, which has evolved to live on land).



Mwani Seaweed Centre – a cooperative that provides poor female seaweed farmers with opportunities to improve their livelihoods. The centre comprises a factory and gathering site to produce soaps and creams from seaweed.

Menai Bay Conservation Area (MBCA)

Zanzibar's largest marine protected area, which controls illegal fishing, and supports alternative income initiatives: bee keeping, mangrove replanting, tree nurseries and tourism. It is a participatory project with 19 villages pursuing conservation efforts.



The Cultural Arts Centre promotes Zanzibari culture and increases awareness of recycling on the island while providing sustainable livelihoods for local people. These artists make and sell jewellery, book covers and homemade paper. The income from this is reinvested to allow more artists to be supported.

“Zanzibar has been a once in a lifetime opportunity. I have learnt so much about conservation, survival, recycling, and the ecology of animals. To come this far has been overwhelming. It met my expectations and more! It has been truly spectacular.”

Student, Wadham School

Raising funds towards your trip

You're about to embark on a life-changing trip abroad and support communities in need. Fundraising will give you a fantastic sense of achievement. Apart from raising cash for your trip, this will give you **increased self-confidence, and develop your life-skills in: budgeting, creativity, independence and entrepreneurship** – great for university and your careers.

At Global Action we care about your success. We provide:

- ✓ 1-2 fundraising workshops for you and your team
- ✓ Regular online fundraising webinars with our partners at easyfundraising
- ✓ A 17 page fundraising guide packed with ideas, plans and resources to get you started

Did you know?

Most students raise £600 - £1000 towards their trip - and many even earn their whole trip cost!



Here's our five step plan to getting started:

1. Set a target! Are you aiming to raise the whole amount yourself, or part of this cost?
2. Break down your target into milestones – base this around monthly or termly targets, or think about when you can dedicate the most time to it – especially over summer holidays
3. Make a mind map of your network, and the different ways in which they might be able to help you - and how you might be able to help them!
4. Put together the plan to reach your target – use the Global Action Fundraising Planner from your fundraising pack.
5. Pick your first event and get planning! Once you have your first contribution, reaching your target will feel much more achievable.

Your fundraising will probably be split between **individual fundraising and team fundraising** – we've included some ideas below to get you thinking...

Individual

- 🌐 Part-time work/Summer job
- 🌐 Sponsored event
- 🌐 Selling art and crafts
- 🌐 Selling unwanted items
- 🌐 Odd jobs in the community
- 🌐 Donations from local businesses and rotary clubs

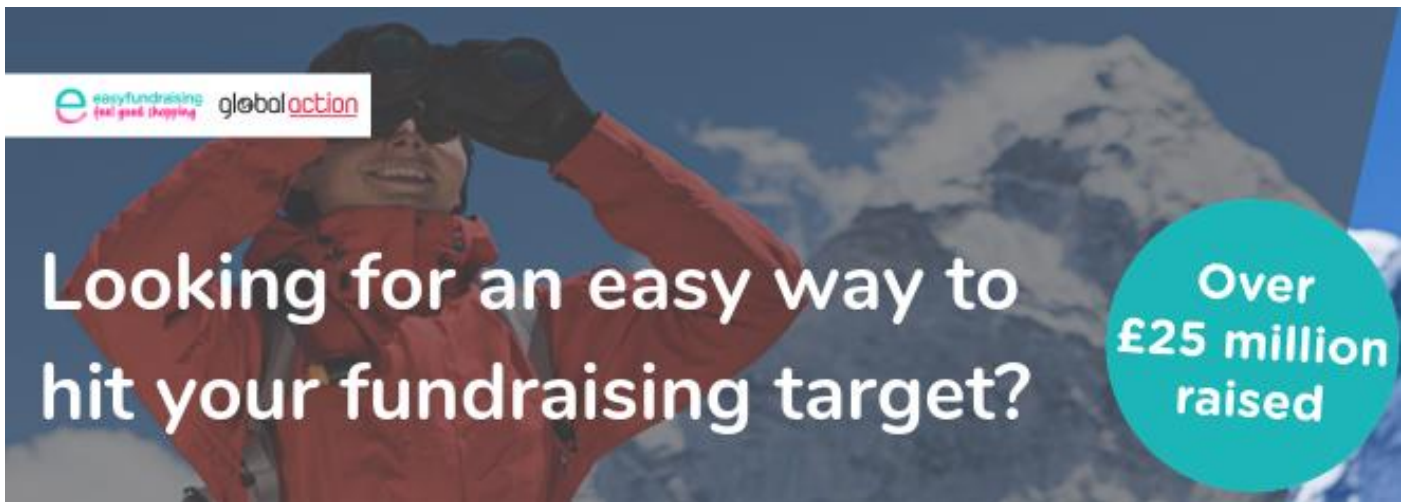
Team Fundraising

- 🌐 School event – film night, disco, battle of the bands
- 🌐 Parents evening refreshments
- 🌐 Christmas stall
- 🌐 Raffle or auction of promises
- 🌐 Quiz night

And, see overleaf for a great way to get **free** money!

“ Doing your own fundraising gives you a sense of achievement and means that whilst you are out on the trip you engage more in the activities as you paid for them yourself. ”

James, Saffron Walden High School, Zanzibar



We've partnered with the UK's leading online shopping fundraising service, [easyfundraising](#), to give you access to an unlimited source of funding towards your trip. Every time you buy something online, from fashion to fast food, go to [easyfundraising.org](#) first to find the retailer you want. There's over 7,500 to choose from including: Amazon, eBay, Asos, Just Eat and Booking.com.

[easyfundraising](#) direct you to the retailer's website and, when you check out, you get a percentage of what you spend back as a donation to your trip - and it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It really is as easy as 1,2,3.....



1. Join

Register your trip (e.g. Global Action Greece 2026 – Joe Bloggs) at: [global-action.easyfundraising.org.uk](#)



2. Shop

Visit [easyfundraising.org](#) every time you shop online, then shop as normal by clicking out to a retailer's site. Every time you buy something, you'll receive a donation towards your trip.



3. Raise

Encourage your friends and family to sign up to shop in support of you too – your funds will soon mount up!

Easyfundraising run **regular webinars** for Global Action travellers, and you can even book a personal 10 minute call with one of their **fundraising coaches** to maximise your earnings – students who do this earn twice as much on average. Our record for a single month of easyfundraising earnings stands at £357 – can you beat that?

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Sign up at:

<http://global-action.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Why book with Global Action?

The Specialists

Travel with the UK's leading provider of Global Learning programmes. Global Action is managed by international development professionals, who have over 15 years' experience in organising school trips worldwide. You'll get full support, start to finish, from our experienced operations team, who have travelled to all our trip destinations. You will benefit from their first-hand knowledge and their wealth of experience from organising inspirational trips.

High Educational Value

Our Global Action programmes are designed to strengthen students' **employability skills** in leadership, teamwork, and communication. All students completing a Global Action trip qualify for the widely recognised **ASDAN Universities Award**. The ASDAN Universities Award is highlighted by UCAS for applicants to mention in the personal statement of their UCAS form. Students have found that the Universities Award has made a significant difference to their UCAS Application.

Safety First

On a Global Action trip, the health and safety of all our participants is our top priority. We have a full and comprehensive **Safety Management System**, including detailed risk assessments for each activity, and extensive itinerary planning with our trained in-country partners. We provide each team with highly qualified and experienced UK Global Action Leaders, supported by school staff, 24-hour safety backup, communication equipment and comprehensive First Aid Kits. Read more at: www.global-action.co.uk

Financial Protection

Once you have booked you will enjoy financial security, as Global Action is a **fully-bonded UK tour operator** with the Civil Aviation Authority's Air Travel Organisers Licence (ATOL) Number 10624. So your trip is in safe hands, and monies paid to us are fully protected.



How to apply for this trip

1. Complete online application: see school letter for the link to your portal page
2. Send deposit to Global Action (or the school) – see your portal page



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