

# PACKING LIST

To ensure that your stay on Chumbe Island is as comfortable as possible, we recommend the following items for your packing list

## **Sun block/screen of a high UV rating**

As sunscreen can be harmful to corals we kindly ask that you bring reef-friendly sunscreen if possible. The following chemicals are most harmful to coral reefs: Oxybenzone (benzophenone-3, BP-3), Butylparaben, Octinoxate, 4-methylbenzylidene camphor (4MBC) Alternatively you can choose to wear a **rash vest** as protection from the sun while snorkeling. Please note that we have a selection of thin wetsuits and rash guards available on the island.

**Wide brimmed hat** to protect you from the tropical sun

**Sun glasses** with UV protection

**Reef Sandals** or **sandals with heel strap** If arriving/departing at low tide you will be walking through an intertidal area to the boat. As there can be sea urchins, starfish, and sharp shells, protective footwear is a must. Flip flops are not advised, they tend to stick in the wet sand and come off, so sandals with a heel strap are important. We do have sandals available for use but you may be more comfortable with your own.

## **Shorts or swimwear**

Not only for swimming and snorkeling. If arriving/departing at low tide you will enter the boat by walking through an Intertidal area and will wade in shallow water. Upon arrival/departure you should be dressed for the possibility of getting wet. At high tide we use the jetty which makes for a different departure/arrival.

## **Long sleeved shirt or light jackets**

During the months of June to August it can be cool at night with strong winds.

## **Mosquito/Insect repellent**

Please note that we also provide natural mosquito repellent on the island.

## **Torch**

All electronics are powered by solar and the paths outside of your bungalow can be dark at night. We do have some wind up torches for lend during your stay.

## **Rechargeable batteries**

Cheap, disposable batteries are very harmful to the oceans. In Zanzibar there is currently no proper disposal facility for batteries so they end up in the ocean. Rechargeable batteries that can be brought back with you are the way to go.

**Enjoy your stay!**

