Lodging Options in Dar es Salaam and Morogoro

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Dar es Salaam

- Peacock Hotel: around $85 per night. Phone: 255-222120334, 255-222114071. Email: info@peacock-hotel.co.tz. Website: http://www.peacock-hotel.com. This is the hotel we use most often for guests in Dar es Salaam.
- New Africa Hotel: around $140 per night. Phone: 255-222117050/51, 255-222117131/32. Email: gm@newafricahotel.com. Website: http://www.newafricahotel.com/. Of the three Dar es Salaam hotels listed here, this one is the closest to the airport.
- Greenlight Hotel: around $50 for standard room, $60 for deluxe room, and $80 for executive room per night. Phone: 255-222808066, 255-222808067. Email: info@greenlighthotel.com. Website: http://www.greenlighthotel.com. Of the three Dar es Salaam hotels listed here, this one is the closest to the airport.
- There are many other hotels which you can find at http://www.tripadvisor.com/or other websites.

Morogoro

- Nashera Hotel: around $135 per room per night. Phone: 255-716 678233. Email: info@nasherahotels.com. Website: http://www.nasherahotels.com. Located about 1 mile from the university.
- Morogoro Hotel: around $45 per night. Phone: 255-232613270. Email: morogorohotel@morogoro.net. Website: http://morogorohotel.com/. Located about 2 miles from the university.
- Oasis Hotel: around $45 per night. Phone: 255-232613010. Email: hoteloasistz@morogoro.net. Located about 2 miles from the university.
- Arc Hotel: around $50 per night. Phone: 255-232600250. Located about 4 miles from the university.

These are all safe, clean hotels with restaurants. The Nashera has the best services, and probably qualifies for three stars on an international scale. The other hotels on the list would probably get two stars. Nashera Hotel, Morogoro Hotel, and Oasis Hotel all have wireless Internet service in rooms. The Arc Hotel does not have wireless service in rooms but it does have computers available in the lobby. In principle, you could walk from any of these hotels, except Arc Hotel, to the university campus though, in practice, you probably wouldn't do that very often as the route is dusty and somewhat hectic. Taxis can easily be gotten from the hotel or from the university campus for a modest fare.

In addition to the hotels listed above, the Faculty of Forestry at Sokoine University has a guesthouse, known as the Forestry Guesthouse. It provides basic lodging but is clean and appears to be well run. It is located on the university campus, which avoids the need for transportation if
your work is on the campus. Room rates are $10-$12 per night. Telephone: 255-787025375, 255-655025375. The guesthouse does not serve meals but there is a kitchen for making tea or coffee or for cooking your own meals. Also, there is a restaurant, called the SUASA Club, located on the campus a few minutes’ walk away from the guesthouse and serving both faculty and the general public. It serves some of the best food in Morogoro and is open from morning until 11 PM at night. The Forrester Guesthouse does not provide Internet, though for around $20 you can purchase a USB modem from one of the mobile phone company offices in Morogoro that will connect you to the Internet from any location (in addition, you’ll have to purchase a "data bundle" that will cost you around $10 for a week and $20 for a month).

**Changing Money at Airport in Dar es Salaam**

Upon retrieving your luggage, you will exit from the airport building to find a crowd of friends, families, and taxi drivers waiting to meet arriving passengers. As you exit the building, immediately to your left along the outside wall of the building are several kiosks (shops), one of which is foreign exchange bureau. In general, the rate you will get here is almost as good as you would get in downtown Dar es Salaam. You can get a slightly better exchange rate in the city but it is not worth the hassle. As would be expected, hotel rates are always lower than in the bureau de change.

As of February 2013, the exchange rate is around 1600 Tanzanian shillings per dollar. The current exchange rate can be found by doing a Google search on “exchange rate dollar Tanzania shilling.”

**Traveling from Airport to Hotel in Dar es Salaam**

As you exit the airport building after getting your luggage, proceed to your left beyond the waiting crowd about 20 meters to a desk operated by the Dar es Salaam taxi association. Before you get to the desk, you will be accosted by aggressive taxi drivers asking you where you’re going and offering your ride. Proceed to the desk, where you will find drivers in uniform (a white shirt and black trousers and with a name tag) and a list of taxi fares to various locations. Tell the person in charge the name of the hotel where you’re going, and he will assign you a taxi driver. In general, taxes obtained in this way are safe.

**General Information on Taxis**

Away from the airport, you cannot hail a taxi on the street but need to go to a taxi stand, which is often just a group of taxis. Only take registered taxis, which can be noted by their white paint and a painted mark on the car saying it is a taxi. Generally, you will find taxi stands at major intersections and sometimes along streets in between. In restaurants and hotels, the staff can call a taxi for you. Taxis are not metered and it is important to negotiate a fare before you get in. It is a good idea to begin the conversation by asking the driver if he will give you a "good price." Otherwise, taxi drivers will sometimes charge visitors prices that are 2 to 3 times above the going rate. Once you’re quoted a price, it is reasonable to offer a fare that is half of the quoted rate and then move upward until the driver agrees.
Travelers’ Caution

In general, veteran travelers and expatriates observe that Tanzania is a safe place to travel. However, travelers' caution is advised for persons who look like tourists, either because they are traveling with luggage and visible valuables or because they appear unfamiliar with their surroundings. When walking in crowded areas, handbags, purses, and cameras are an easy target and can be taken in an instant. Be wary of persons who come to you on the street or in a restaurant or bar and offer to assist you in finding a destination or in purchasing goods or services. Under no circumstances, however, should you walk or get in a car with a person, other than a driver of an official taxi, whom you don't know. Do not open a wallet full of money when you're making payment. Tanzanians seldom use wallets so as to avoid exposing a wad of cash to others. Instead, they usually keep shilling bills in their pocket and pull out just the required amount when paying for taxis, meals, or drinks.

As you get into a taxi, it is useful to note the registration number of the taxi on a piece of paper or in your note book for reference in case you accidentally leave something in the vehicle as you disembark. It is also a good idea as soon as you are seated in the taxi to ask for the telephone number of the driver, with a view that you might want to use him later during your trip. There is also a security reason for taking the driver’s number: most drivers of registered taxis are trustworthy, but a small percentage may not be, and the driver knowing that you have his phone number could deter misconduct.

It is advised to have your passport or, even better, a photocopy of it, in an accessible pocket at all times in case you are asked for identification by the police or other officials.

Time Zone Information

Time difference: note that all of Tanzania is 8 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time and 7 hours ahead of Eastern Daylight Time.

Travel Guide

If you like to travel with a hard copy or Kindle version of a travel guide, you will find the Lonely Plant Guide to Tanzania useful. Free on-line information on Tanzania is also available at [http://www.lonelyplanet.com/tanzania](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/tanzania).


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