

Evidence Card for Investigator #4 – Kizimkazi Mosque

Politically, Zanzibar is part of Tanzania, but *religiously* the people of Zanzibar are different from their co-nationals on the mainland. In Tanzania as a whole, only about 1/3 of the population is Muslim, but almost all the people of Zanzibar – about 98% – belong to the Muslim religion. It is truly an adventure to visit Zanzibar during the holiday at the end of Ramadan to watch the celebrations!

The Kizimkazi Mosque was built in the 12th century by settlers from Iran and then rebuilt under Omani rule in the 18th century. It is said to be the oldest Islamic building in East Africa that is still in use today.

