

## DINING

# Enjoy a taste of the tropics at Zanzibar

Casual and comfortable Zanzibar in Ann Arbor is a great place to catch up with an old friend and enjoy a meal of tropical delights. The colorful, cheery interior reflects the menu's tropical theme.

Flowing tropical print fabric swing drapes soften a high ceiling. There are lots of windows, and some of them look out onto a small courtyard with tables. You can sit inside, or outside, and unlike other restaurants, Zanzibar's outside seating is away from the street offering a quiet retreat.

If you like spicy food, look for menu items with peppers. Vegetarians, even those who don't eat any dairy products, will find something good to eat on this menu too.

Often requested lunch items include the whole grilled Portabella Mushroom sandwich served on an onion bun with goat cheese and smoked tomatoes, house-smoked turkey breast served on grilled Cuban bread with smoked Cheddar, applewood-smoked bacon, grilled pineapple, chili mayonnaise and slaw and grilled pepper Salmon served on grilled bread with lemongrass aioli and slaw. Sandwiches are served with choice of seasoned fries or a small green salad garnish.

Popular "Small Plates," for

**Zanzibar**  
Where: 216 S. State St., downtown Ann Arbor, (734) 994-7777  
Open: 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Call for fall hours after Labor Day.  
Menu: Full-flavored food with a tropical flair.  
Cost: Moderate, lunch \$7.50 to \$9.95; dinner \$9.25 to \$18.95  
Credit Cards: All majors accepted  
Reservations: Accepted  
Seating: 220  
Banquets: Private and semi-private space available for groups of 20-120

light appetites or as an appetizer to share, include the achiote Chicken Tortillas wrapped in flour tortillas with black beans and chihuahua cheese served with guacamole, roasted tomato salsa and mixed greens. For something really different, try the trans-equatorial Pattycakes - African Plantain-Nut Cake with onion-ginger chutney, Latin Black Bean Cake with smoked tomato vinaigrette, Indian Curried Potato Cake with herbed yogurt.

Spicy Thai Sun-Dried Tomato Pesto with Chicken - egg noodles in a paste of sun-dried tomatoes, ginger and a boatload of fresh chilies and garlic with grilled skinless boneless chicken breast "is extremely popular," said Richard Schubach, one of the owners. The chilled Seame Noodles with Satay Shrimp tossed with asparagus and wild mush-

rooms in a light soy-ginger dressing is refreshing on a hot day.

"We serve a ton of fish," said Schubach who also recommends the Fresh Atlantic Salmon - ginger-marinated, grilled and served over wild rice noodles with chopped vegetable salad, spinach and warm salmon toasts.

There are a variety of main dish dinner salads such as the Asian-style Chopped Yellowfin Tuna and Roasted Chili-Rubbed Beef Tenderloin sliced and served cool over baby greens.

Marvelous Margaritas and tropical drinks are a Zanzibar specialty. Non-alcoholic choices include a variety of juices. For something "smoother," try the banana-mango or strawberry-kiwi-lime smoothie, or a milkshake - chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, mocha, banana or mango.



Tropical paradise: Escape to the tropics without hopping on a plane by enjoying a meal at Zanzibar in Ann Arbor. The colorful interior and full-flavored fare make Zanzibar an enjoyable summer destination.

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