



Christine Seabrook (2 pax - 16 days) VFBM121224

Aug 17, 2025 - Sep 3, 2025

August 17 - Sunday



PLEASE NOTE - re Timing

We leverage our expertise and logical reasoning to curate itineraries that are feasible within normal conditions and timing constraints. However, we would like to bring your attention to the following important information:

Please be aware that the transfer and travel times provided in your itinerary serve as a general guideline. Actual travel durations may vary based on the prevailing conditions on the day of your journey.

We shall not be held liable for any delays, deviations, or omissions from the planned tour caused by circumstances beyond our reasonable control. Furthermore, we do not assume responsibility for any direct or indirect consequences resulting from such occurrences. We kindly request your understanding in this matter.

In the event that your tour experiences disruption or delay, we assure you that we will make every effort to promptly restore your itinerary to its intended course. However, we must emphasise that circumstances beyond our control may lead to unexpected costs or losses that you may incur. Please note that we cannot be held responsible for such unforeseen expenses or losses.

Our primary commitment is to provide you with an exceptional travel experience, and we will exert all possible efforts to minimise any inconveniences encountered during your journey.



DEPARTURE 10:00 AM - South Africa Standard Time Depart from O. R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL
Airlink	4Z 252	B

Christine Seabrook



O. R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)

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DEPARTURE 10:30 AM - Central European Summer Time Depart from Aéroport Paris-Charles De Gaulle (CDG)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL
Air France	AF 934	2E

Valerie McFarlane



Aéroport Paris-Charles De Gaulle (CDG)

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ARRIVAL 2:00 PM - East Africa Time Arrive at Ivato International Airport (TNR)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER
Airlink	4Z 252

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Ivato International Airport (TNR)

Ivato, Antananarivo, ANALAMANGA REGION, MADAGASCAR, 106

ARRIVAL 10:20 PM - East Africa Time



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Airport Meet and Assist service to International Arrival

Our Airport Meet and Assist Service ensures the most seamless arrival experience possible for our clients. Upon completing customs formalities, a dedicated representative will be there to assist you with various tasks, such as currency exchange, obtaining a local SIM card, setting up data on your SIM, and addressing any other requirements you may have. To ensure your convenience, we recommend handling currency exchange and SIM card acquisition before departing the airport.

Please be aware that some customers have reported long queues at the TELMA (phone company) kiosk and the money changer within the airport. As a solution, we may arrange a transfer to the domestic terminal, where the money changer provides enhanced security due to fewer crowds and offers more favorable exchange rates. Regarding the local SIM card, we will assess the situation on the day of your arrival and make appropriate arrangements based on the circumstances.

Our goal is to provide you with a hassle-free experience, and we continuously monitor and adapt our services to ensure your satisfaction.



Ivato International Airport (TNR)

Ivato, Antananarivo, ANALAMANGA REGION, MADAGASCAR



Transfer to your hotel

You will be greeted by your guide at the airport, we will then transfer you to your hotel.

We will arrange two transfers and two meet & greet services today for the Air France and Airlink arrivals.



Bed & Breakfast @ Nosy Manga hotel.

Located just 1 km from Ivato Airport, Nosy Manga hotel provides accommodation with a terrace, a restaurant and a bar. This 4-star hotel offers room service and a 24-hour front desk. Rooms are equipped with air conditioning, a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, a kettle, a shower, free toiletries and a desk. The units include a safety deposit box.

02 King room, confirmed

August 18 - Monday



Free day in Antananarivo.



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02 King room, confirmed

August 19 - Tuesday

PICK-UP 3:45 PM - East Africa Time



Transfer to Ivato Airport.

This transfer will be provided by the hotel.

Please confirm your transfer time at the reception desk.



4:00 PM - East Africa Time

Check in at Ivato Airport for flight to Fort Dauphin.



DEPARTURE 6:00 PM - East Africa Time

Depart from Ivato International Airport (TNR)

AIRLINE

FLIGHT NUMBER

Madagascar Airlines MD 716



Ivato International Airport (TNR)

Ivato, Antananarivo, ANALAMANGA REGION, MADAGASCAR, 106



PICK-UP 7:45 PM - East Africa Time

Transfer to Croix Du Sud Hotel.

A vehicle from the hotel will do this transfer.



ARRIVAL 7:55 PM - East Africa Time

Arrive at Tôlanaro Airport

AIRLINE

FLIGHT NUMBER

Madagascar Airlines MD 716



Tôlanaro Airport

Taolagnaro, TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR



Bed & Breakfast @ La Croix du Sud Hotel

La Croix du Sud *** is the reference hotel in Fort-Dauphin. Located in the heart of the historic center and a few steps from the beach, its 32 rooms are arranged around a small inner garden, source of tranquility and conviviality.

02 Standard room, confirmed

August 20 - Wednesday



PICK-UP 8:00 AM - East Africa Time

Transfer: Tolagnaro - Berenty Reserve

For your transfer to the Berenty Reserve, we have arranged for transportation using Berenty's vehicle.

Berenty Reserve is situated in the enchanting Tamarind gallery forest, nestled alongside the Mandrare River. It is approximately a 3-hour drive from Fort-Dauphin. As you travel from the humid east coast, you'll witness a remarkable transformation of scenery. Ascending hills, you'll leave behind the coastal humidity and enter the hotter, drier climate of southern Madagascar.

Once you enter the spiny forest region, prepare to be captivated by the awe-inspiring sights. The landscape will be adorned with the striking, tall spiky trunks of the alluadia, a unique family of plants found exclusively in southern Madagascar. The entire ecosystem of the spiny forest is a marvel to behold, with virtually every plant boasting thorns as a remarkable adaptation to thrive in the arid conditions.

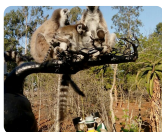
This arid region is home to plants that have perfected the art of moisture retention. Their survival strategies have enabled them to thrive in this harsh environment, coating themselves in thorns and other adaptations. As you explore, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the resilience and diversity of life in this arid and beautiful ecosystem.

This transfer to Berenty Reserve promises to be an unforgettable experience. Let the dramatic changes in scenery and the unique flora of the spiny forest leave a lasting impression as you venture deeper into the wonders of southern Madagascar.



Taolagnaro

Taolagnaro, TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR



Berenty Reserve

TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR



Full Board at Berenty Reserve

Located within the lush Berenty Private Reserve, the Berenty Lodge offers a unique and immersive experience in the heart of Madagascar's extraordinary wildlife. Nestled amidst the serene natural surroundings, the lodge provides comfortable accommodations and a range of amenities to ensure a memorable stay.

The lodge features cozy bungalows and spacious rooms that blend harmoniously with the natural environment. The accommodations are designed with traditional Malagasy elements, offering a charming and authentic ambiance. Each room is equipped with modern conveniences, including comfortable beds, en-suite bathrooms, and private terraces where guests can unwind and soak in the tranquil atmosphere.

At Berenty Lodge, guests have the opportunity to savour delicious Malagasy cuisine in the onsite restaurant. The restaurant showcases a variety of dishes prepared using fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

In addition to its comfortable accommodations and culinary offerings, Berenty Lodge offers a range of activities and excursions to explore the surrounding wildlife-rich reserve. Guided nature walks provide opportunities to encounter lemurs, reptiles, and a myriad of bird species. The reserve is renowned for its resident lemurs, including the iconic ring-tailed lemurs, making it a paradise for wildlife enthusiasts and photographers alike.

02 Lodge Superior, confirmed



Berenty Reserve

TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR

August 21 - Thursday



Guided visit to Berenty gallery forest Reserve.

Welcome to the extraordinary Berenty Reserve, nestled along a bend in the Mandraka River amidst the expansive sisal plantations. This remarkable reserve is composed of multiple areas, each with its own distinct character. The diverse landscapes include the spiny forest region of Rapily, the main Berenty Reserve spanning 200 hectares, and the lush forest area known as Bealoka, covering 100 hectares.

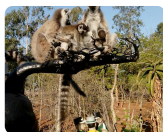
Berenty Reserve has gained worldwide acclaim for its lemurs, which have been extensively studied and documented. Within the reserve, you'll have the privilege of encountering six different lemur species, three of which are active during the day. Prepare to be delighted by the playful ringtail lemurs, the charismatic brown lemurs, and the agile Verreaux's sifakas. These enchanting creatures have become habituated to human presence, so expect delightful encounters as they traverse the reserve, sometimes running across rooftops, visiting the breakfast area, or gracefully crossing paths with you on the trails.

As you explore the reserve, be prepared to immerse yourself in a bird lover's paradise. Berenty is home to a rich avian population, boasting 103 bird species. Keep an eye out for the magnificent giant coua, the striking sickle-billed vanga, and a host of other endemic and captivating bird species. From colourful songbirds to majestic raptors, the diversity of birdlife will leave you in awe. Owls and couas add an extra touch of enchantment to the reserve's avian tapestry.

One of the unique highlights of Berenty Reserve is its large colony of fruit bats, famously known as the Madagascar flying foxes. These impressive creatures can be found roosting in designated areas, carefully protected to ensure the well-being of the colony. Witnessing the spectacle of these majestic bats in flight is an experience not to be missed.

Berenty Reserve serves as a vital sanctuary for Madagascar's spiny forest, an ecosystem characterised by its thorny vegetation. In addition to the spiny forest, you'll also encounter lush forests dominated by majestic tamarind trees. This combination of landscapes showcases the remarkable biodiversity and ecological richness of the region.

Prepare for a journey of discovery as you delve into the wonders of Berenty Reserve. From lemurs leaping through the trees to the symphony of birdcalls and the marvel of Madagascar's unique flora, each step will bring you closer to the heart of this exceptional natural paradise.



Berenty Reserve
TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR



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02 Lodge Superior, confirmed



Berenty Reserve
TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR

August 22 - Friday

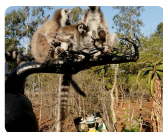


PICK-UP 3:00 PM - 3 hr - East Africa Time

Berenty - Fort Dauphin. (100 Km)

After breakfast with lemurs at Berenty Hotel, you set off back towards Fort Dauphin. Stop at Soenierana fruit market to taste local fruits, get ready your camera for the best scenery on the road. Upon arrival, transfer to the airport.

PLEASE NOTE: While we will inform them, it is important for you to be proactive and inform the hotel of your flight time, and check with them your transfer time.



Berenty Reserve
TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR



Tolagnaro

6:30 PM - East Africa Time



Check in at Fort Dauphin Airport for flight to Tana.



DEPARTURE 8:30 PM - East Africa Time
Depart from Tôlanaro Airport

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER
 Madagascar Airlines MD 717



Tôlanaro Airport
 Taolagnaro, TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR



ARRIVAL 10:20 PM - East Africa Time
Arrive at Ivato International Airport (TNR)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER
 Madagascar Airlines MD 717



Ivato International Airport (TNR)
 Ivato, Antananarivo, ANALAMANGA REGION, MADAGASCAR, 106



PICK-UP 10:30 PM - East Africa Time
Transfer to Nosy Manga Hotel

A vehicle from the hotel will do this transfer.



Bed & Breakfast @ Nosy Manga hotel.

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02 King room, confirmed

August 23 - Saturday



PICK-UP 5:45 AM - East Africa Time
Transfer to Ivato Airport.

This transfer will be ensured by your hotel. Please check your transfer time with your hotel reception.



6:00 AM - East Africa Time
Check in at Ivato Airport for flight to Morondava.



DEPARTURE 8:00 AM - East Africa Time
Depart from Ivato International Airport (TNR)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER
 Madagascar Airlines MD 702



Ivato International Airport (TNR)
 Ivato, Antananarivo, ANALAMANGA REGION, MADAGASCAR, 106



ARRIVAL 9:10 AM - East Africa Time Arrive at Morondava Airport

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER
Madagascar Airlines MD 702



Morondava Airport
Morondava, TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR
032 40 766 82



PICK-UP 9:30 AM - 2 hr - East Africa Time Morondava - Kirindy (60 Km)

You will be met by your driver at Morondava airport. We will transfer to the city for breakfast, shopping, ATM etc and then head to Kirindy reserve, with a quick stop to the famous 'Alley of Baobabs'. Note that we cannot wait for sunset today because we need to be installed in Kirindy by dark.



Kirindy Reserve



Morondava
Morondava, Toliara, Madagascar



Guided visit to Marofandilia reserve - Night Walk

Marofandilia reserve is located in the heart of Menabe Antimena Protected Area. This protected area of 209,460 hectares is located 25 km north of Morondava, in the Menabe region, district of Morondava and Belo Tsiribihina.

Home to the majestic baobabs, it also harbors mangroves, an immense dry forest, Lake Bedo, and Lake Kimanaomby.

It hosts a unique biodiversity such as the Fosa, Madagascar's largest carnivore (*Cryptoprocta ferox*), the Sifaka lemur (*Propithecus verreauxi*), the giant jumping rat (*Hypogeomys antimena*), terrestrial tortoises (*Pyxis planicauda*), the striped mongoose (*Mungotictis decemlineata decemlineata*), Berthe's mouse lemur (*Microcebus berthae*), and _ species of lemurs (2 diurnal, and 6 nocturnal).



Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at Akiba Lodge Marofandilia

Situated in Marofandilia village, an hour's drive from the Avenue des Baobabs and 1.5 hours from Morondava, the camp is the former Camp Amoureux, now renovated by Akiba Lodges, and renamed Marofandilia.

Our bungalows seamlessly blend into the landscape to offer you a unique experience, in complete harmony with this preserved nature.

Striking a perfect balance between comfort and respect for nature, the decor is designed to seamlessly integrate with the elements, using natural materials to ensure the equilibrium of this oasis of well-being.

You can enjoy there an inventive local gourmet cuisine, highlighting local products and international expertise. Meals are primarily prepared using locally sourced ingredients from short supply chains, produced sustainably and organically. The staff from local communities provides you with a warm and authentic welcome.

02 single Bungalow, confirmed



Car with English speaking driver at your disposal.



Car and driver at your disposal

August 24 - Sunday



9:00 AM - 2 hr - East Africa Time

Guided visit to Kirindy reserve.

Kirindy is a meeting point for scientists all around the globe. The unbelievable dense forest is home to eight lemur species, 23 additional mammals, 50 reptile species and even 15 amphibians. Bird watchers have a lot to do with around 70 different species, too. And even botanically, Kirindy is gratifying: More than 200 plant species have adapted to the dry environment.

Among most travelers, Kirindy is famous for the Fossa (*Cryptoprocta ferox*). Madagascar's largest predator has its mating season in November. This is the best time to spot Fossas here! Today, two large males visit the camp from time to time. During the day, it is time for the large lemurs: Verreaux' sifakas (*Propithecus verreauxi*) and red-fronted lemurs (*Eulemur rufifrons*) skillfully leap between the trees. Some groups know human visitors and let you come close until few meters.

Even among reptiles, Kirindy has unique specialties: The shortest-living chameleon worldwide, *Furcifer labordi*, inhabits the dry forest. It survives only three to five months on average which is just enough for mating and oviposition. Threatened by extinction and only living in region Menabe is also the flat-backed spider tortoise (*Pyxis planicauda*) or Kapidolo. And if you watch really close, you may discover the leaf nosed snake (*Langaha alluadi*).

This a 2-hour visit to the park and then return to your hotel for lunch.



Kirindy Reserve



PICK-UP 3:00 PM - 2 hr - East Africa Time

Kirindy - Morondava (60 Km)

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Kirindy with lunch (not included) at a local restaurant. After lunch, we will make our way to Morondava, a region known for its stunning landscape, highlighted by the majestic Baobab trees. Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to observe the daily life of the Sakalava people. Stopping at the famous Avenue of the Baobabs before sunset, allowing you to witness the beautiful changing colors of the setting sun. After sunset, you will continue to Morondava, where your hotel will be ready to welcome you.



Morondava

Morondava, Toliara, Madagascar



Kirindy Reserve



Experience a magical sunset at Baobab Avenue.

The Avenue of the Baobabs is said to be the most beautiful road in Madagascar and easily accessible. The legendary Allée de Baobab is located on the road (or let's better say the dusty track) between Morondava and Belo-Sur-Tsiribihina. Everywhere along the road between those two cities, there are impressive Baobabs, but only a small part of 250 meters length is known as "Allée de Baobab" due to its photogenic silhouette. Those up to 30 meters high trees belong to the species of *Adansonia grandidieri* and are considered to be Madagascar's landmark. Some of these giant trees are allegedly on the island for more than 1000 years.

The Alley of the baobabs is a magical attraction for photographers from all over the world. Baobabs are usually solitary trees, standing tall and proud in the midst of empty spaces. Yet in Allée de Baobab, they cluster together forming an avenue of columns that border the dirt road.



Avenue of the Baobabs

Morondava, Toliara, Madagascar, 619

032 04 923 50



Bed & Breakfast @ Chez Maggie

Chez Maggie is one of the most prestigious properties in Nosy Kely. With its spacious rooms, its green gardens and its location facing the Malagasy coast, it is a calm and luxurious refuge. Five bungalows and six "coquette" rooms decorated with a Mediterranean touch that are well suited to the environment: A green garden by the sea with a small swimming pool. There is a lot of love for browse, see sunset, etc.

02 Air conditioned bungalow , confirmed



Chez Maggie

Morondava, MENABE, MADAGASCAR
020 95 523 47



Car with English speaking driver at your disposal.

August 25 - Monday



PICK-UP 7:00 AM - 7 hr - East Africa Time

Morondava - Miandrivazo (300 Km)

Departure in the direction of Miandrivazo, the landscape gradually changes and you'll notice the transition from the coastal regions to the more inland terrain, with the landscape becoming drier and more desert-like. As you approach the town, the atmosphere changes to one of a bustling, local hub. Miandrivazo is known for its proximity to the Tsiribihina River and its role as a key starting point for river tours. Upon arrival, you'll check in at your lodge, where the surroundings offer a different, more arid beauty compared to the coastal areas.

We recommend discussing lunch options with your driver, as dining spots are limited along the route, and you might want to bring along some snacks for the journey.



Miandrivazo

Miandrivazo, Toliara Province, Madagascar



Kirindy Reserve



Bed & Breakfast @ Soa Lia Hotel Miandrivazo

The new hotel Soa Lia in Miandrivazo is a modern and luxurious hotel located in the heart of the city. With its stunning architecture, beautiful interior design, and stunning views, the Soa Lia offers guests a unique and comfortable stay. With its convenient location and the high level of service, the Soa Lia is an ideal choice for travelers looking for an unforgettable experience in Madagascar.

02 Prestige Double, confirmed



Car with English speaking driver at your disposal.



Car and driver at your disposal

August 26 - Tuesday



PICK-UP 9:00 AM - 6 hr 30 min - East Africa Time

Miandrivazo - Tritriva lake - Antsirabe (220 Km)

The drive from Miandrivazo to Antsirabe is a scenic journey that takes you through a variety of landscapes, from dry, arid areas to lush, highland terrain. The distance is approximately 180 kilometers and takes about 5 hours, depending on road conditions.

Leaving Miandrivazo, you begin to ascend into the highlands, with the scenery shifting from dry plains to greener hills and valleys. The road winds through rural villages where you can observe traditional Malagasy life and agriculture. The landscape becomes more fertile as you approach the central highlands, with terraced rice fields and fields of crops stretching across the hillsides.

A highlight of the journey is the visit to Lake Tritriva. The lake is a volcanic crater lake surrounded by lush vegetation and towering cliffs, offering a peaceful and picturesque stop. You can take a short walk around the lake or enjoy the tranquil atmosphere before continuing on your journey. We add 1.5 hours to your journey for this visit.

After leaving Lake Tritriva, the road continues towards Antsirabe, and you'll notice the temperature drop as you approach the cooler, higher elevations of the city. Known for its colonial architecture and thermal springs, Antsirabe is a bustling town surrounded by beautiful landscapes of hills and lakes. Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed by the charming atmosphere of the town, which is known for its pleasant climate and vibrant local culture.



Miandrivazo

Miandrivazo, Toliara Province, Madagascar



Antsirabe

Antsirabe, Antananarivo Province, Madagascar



Bed & Breakfast @ Mahafaly Hotel & Resort.

Situated at the entrance of Antsirabe, Mahafaly Hotel & Resort boasts 8 spacious cosy bungalows surrounded by lush greenery offering quick access to a beautiful heated swimming pool. Our accommodations feature king-size beds, with options for double and triple rooms. Guest can dine at the on-site restaurant, unwind at the bar. At the hotel, rooms are equipped with a wardrobe, bed linen and a patio with a garden view. The private bathroom is fitted with a shower, hot water, free toiletries and slippers. The area is popular for cycling with bikes available for hire at Mahafaly Hotel & Resort as well as horse riding. Mahafaly Hotel & Resort has one of the best swimming pool in the city. As you take a dip, enjoy the tranquil atmosphere surrounded by vibrant greenery. Our poolside bar offers a unique experience with refreshing cocktails available served right in the water creating a perfect blend of relaxation and indulgence.

02 double room , confirmed



Car with English speaking driver at your disposal.



Car and driver at your disposal

August 27 - Wednesday



City tour of Antsirabe

Suggestion:

Antsirabe is the third largest city in Madagascar and has a population of approximately 183,000. Due to its high altitude (about 1 500 m) temperatures are rather cool and very cool in winter! The template climate was probably the reason why Norwegian missionaries chose this place to settle down in 1872. Its name means "where there is salt" honouring the large number of hot springs the town has, a fact that has given the city the nickname of "Malagasy Vichy". The thermal baths had been long appreciated for their curative effects by the local population when French colonists decided to locate a thermal bath here in the 19th century.

The best way to stroll around the city is by taking the « **pousse-pousse** » (rickshaw, non included), to discover its streets in the most authentic way.

Hotels, gardens, a train station and a post office followed providing the city a new “belle époque” look that is still well preserved in the architecture. Besides the common hot springs, there is also a sparkling mineral water which the famous “three horses beer” (which you have surely already drunk during your trip) is made of. In the distance, the white cotton flowers remind us which industry has made the region famous. Antsirabe is also the capital of rickshaws, which are still widely used by the entire population.



Antsirabe

Antsirabe, Antananarivo Province, Madagascar



PICK-UP 2:00 PM - 4 hr - East Africa Time

Antsirabe - Antananarivo (170 km)

After lunch, you will be heading North by car and discover the rural Malagasy highland, the architecture of traditional houses, the rice fields and farming techniques that are specific to the place... You will arrive in Tana in the early evening.



Antananarivo

Antananarivo, ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR



Antsirabe

Antsirabe, Antananarivo Province, Madagascar



Bed & Breakfast @ Ikopa Hotel

Ikopa Hôtel is a tranquil retreat situated near the bypass connecting the routes to Tamatave and Antsirabe, offering convenient access without the need to enter the city center. This strategic location allows guests to easily rejoin the bypass in the morning, facilitating a seamless connection to the RN2 highway leading to Andasibe. The hotel features a variety of accommodations, including spacious suites with bathtubs, standard rooms overlooking the garden, and family rooms. Guests can enjoy amenities such as an outdoor swimming pool, a landscaped garden, a restaurant serving diverse cuisines, and a massage salon. The establishment is known for its serene ambiance on the Ikopa River, attentive staff, and commitment to guest satisfaction.

02 Suite room ,confirmed



Ikopa Hotel



Car with English speaking driver at your disposal.



Car and driver at your disposal

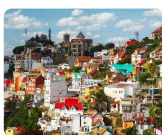
August 28 - Thursday



PICK-UP 8:00 AM - 4 hr - East Africa Time

Antananarivo - Andasibe. (170 Km)

After breakfast, you'll depart from Antananarivo and embark on a captivating journey to Andasibe. Along the way, you'll traverse numerous charming villages, allowing you to immerse yourself in the rich traditions of the Malagasy people. The picturesque landscape will captivate you with its golden grasslands, while the lush rice paddies will leave you in awe. As you venture forward, you'll encounter traditional long clay houses coloured in the vibrant shades of red of the local clay bricks, adding a touch of local authenticity to the scenery. The roadside markets will beckon you with an array of handicrafts, fresh fruits, and enticing local delicacies. As the day progresses, you'll arrive in Andasibe, ready to unwind and settle into your comfortable hotel accommodations.



Antananarivo

Antananarivo, ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR



Visit to Peyrieras Madagascar Exotic (Marozevo reserve)

During your journey, take a captivating detour to visit the fascinating park owned by the Peyrieras family, a must-see attraction on the route between Antananarivo and Madagascar's Andasibe Mantadia National Park. This park, also known as Madagascar Exotic or the Peyrieras Butterfly Farm, offers a captivating glimpse into the rich biodiversity of Madagascar.

Located in Marozevo, along National Road N2, approximately 75 km (47 mi) east of Antananarivo, this privately run reserve is a popular tourist stop that showcases the remarkable flora and fauna of the region. Founded and owned by the renowned French entomologist and naturalist André Peyreiras, it is also referred to as the Reserve Peyrieras.

Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by a diverse array of reptiles, including fascinating chameleons, iguanas, geckos, and frogs. Immerse yourself in the world of these captivating creatures as you observe their unique features and behaviours up close. Marvel at the intricate patterns and vibrant colours of Madagascar's reptilian inhabitants.

As you explore further, you'll encounter an enchanting display of batraciens (amphibians) and papillons (butterflies). Step into the lush greenhouses and caged buildings, accompanied by your knowledgeable guide, to discover the incredible diversity of species housed within. Admire the graceful flight of butterflies, including the magnificent giant Atlas Moth, and witness the fascinating feeding rituals of the reptiles.

The Peyrieras family park provides an immersive and educational experience, allowing you to deepen your understanding of Madagascar's diverse wildlife. Engage with knowledgeable guides who are passionate about sharing their expertise and providing insights into the unique adaptations and conservation efforts of the park's inhabitants.



Réserve Peyrieras Madagascar Exotic

2, Toamasina, Madagascar

032 04 108 87



Night walk along the main road at the edge of the reserve in Andasibe

After the National Parks close their gates for the evening, the wildlife of Madagascar continues to captivate and amaze under the cover of darkness.

Embark on a leisurely stroll along the main road that skirts the edge of the reserve, illuminated by your head torch. The tranquil atmosphere and minimal traffic create the perfect setting for an immersive wildlife experience. As you traverse the path, keep your senses attuned to the surrounding vegetation, which teems with life in the nighttime hours.

Prepare to be amazed as you encounter a variety of nocturnal species that emerge from their daytime hiding places. Look out for the lively antics of dwarf lemurs, the endearing presence of woolly lemurs, and the tiny but fascinating mouse lemurs. Delight in the symphony of sounds as the chorus of frogs fills the air, and marvel at the intricate details of chameleons and insects that thrive in the darkness.

Equipped with your head torch and guided by the expertise of your local guide, you'll have the opportunity to observe these captivating creatures up close. Your guide's torch will help spotlight specific animals, allowing you to observe their behaviour, unique adaptations, and nocturnal hunting techniques. Gain a deeper understanding of the intricate ecological balance that exists under the starlit sky.

It's an experience that will leave you with a deep appreciation for the remarkable biodiversity and natural beauty of this extraordinary island.



Bed & Breakfast @ Mantadia Lodge

Perched atop a hill standing 100 meters above the surroundings, this enchanting accommodation treats you to a breathtaking panoramic view of the surrounding forest. With a total of 25 rooms, including 10 Twins and a spacious Family Suite capable of accommodating up to 5 guests, your stay promises both comfort and convenience. Each room exudes the warmth and amenities of a 3-star hotel, boasting Wi-Fi connectivity, cable TV, and a private terrace that invites you to indulge in the stunning vistas.

02 Standard room ,confirmed



Mantadia Lodge



Car with English speaking driver at your disposal.

August 29 - Friday



8:00 AM - East Africa Time

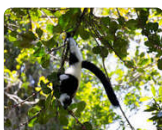
Guided visit to Analamazaotra National Park

Be captivated by the wonders of Analamazaotra, home to the most popular park within the reserve. This enchanting destination holds a special allure, primarily due to the presence of the rare indri, Madagascar's largest lemur. Throughout the misty forest, the indri's haunting and unforgettable wail resonates, creating an otherworldly ambiance that can be experienced throughout the day, but most prominently in the early morning. With approximately 60 resident family groups, each consisting of two to five indris, you'll have ample opportunities to witness these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat.

While the indris steal the spotlight, the park is teeming with an array of other remarkable lemur species. Keep your eyes peeled for sightings of woolly lemurs, grey bamboo lemurs, red-fronted lemurs, black-and-white ruffed lemurs, and diademed sifakas, which are among the largest lemur species. In 2005, the Goodman's mouse lemur, identified as a distinct species, was discovered here, further adding to the park's biodiversity. As you explore, you may also encounter one of the eleven species of tenrec, the vibrant and immense Parson's chameleon, and an impressive array of seven other chameleon species. Additionally, the park boasts over 100 bird species, 20 species of amphibians, and the endemic *Ravenea louvelii* palm tree, which is found exclusively within its boundaries.

As default, we plan for you to enjoy **Indri 2** today, which encompasses the lakes and extends to the domains of two separate indri families and takes around 3 hours.

To witness the indris in their most active state, the early morning hours are the best time. Prepare to be enchanted by their calls and observe their graceful movements through the forest canopy, creating a truly mesmerising experience.



Analamazaotra Reserve

2, Toamasina Province, Madagascar



3:00 PM - East Africa Time

Afternoon with lemurs at Lemur Island (Vakona reserve)

Prepare yourself for an extraordinary encounter with lemurs and a thrilling wildlife spectacle at Vakona hotel. Located just a short walk from Vakona restaurant, you will embark on an adventure to the private **Lemurs Island**. This enchanting sanctuary offers a close and personal experience with lemurs, allowing you to observe their behaviour and interact with these captivating creatures. As you explore the lush surroundings of the island, lemurs will curiously approach, providing you with an unforgettable opportunity to connect with these endemic species.

In addition to the lemurs, the hotel grounds boast a remarkable reserve that encompasses a variety of fascinating wildlife.

Within the reserve, you will discover a large natural river, enclosed and teeming with crocodiles. To witness these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat, walking platforms have been set up above the river, offering you a safe and thrilling vantage point. From these elevated platforms, you can observe the crocodiles' ancient grace and power as they navigate the waters below. This unique and exhilarating experience provides a rare opportunity to witness these impressive reptiles up close.

Immerse yourself in the natural beauty and biodiversity of Vakona hotel as you engage with playful lemurs on Lemur Island, marvel at the endemic birdlife, and witness the awe-inspiring spectacle of crocodiles in the natural river. This extraordinary adventure promises to create cherished memories and leave you with a deeper appreciation for Madagascar's remarkable wildlife and natural wonders.

Please see our note on animal welfare attached.



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02 Standard room ,confirmed



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Car and driver at your disposal

August 30 - Saturday



PICK-UP 8:00 AM - 4 hr - East Africa Time

Andasibe - Manambato. (200 Km)

After breakfast, we drive to Manambato. The road trip from Andasibe to Manambato is a breathtaking journey that offers stunning views of the country's lush and varied landscape. The route takes you through rural villages, rice paddies, and verdant rainforests teeming with exotic wildlife. After the junction close to Brickaville we take a bumpy road for 7km to join the lake of Ravelobe, where the boat will wait for us for the transfer to Ankanin'ny Nofy (the nest of dreams).



Manambato

Manambato, Antsiranana Province, Madagascar



Lunch at Manambato

Please discuss with your driver, the timing of the boat transfer.

- Sometimes, the boats may go after lunch, in which case, you can relax at one of the restaurants on the edge of the lake and enjoy lunch before you transfer to Palmarium.
- Sometimes, the boat may go before lunch, in which case, you can have lunch when you land at Palmarium.

We have no control over the hotel boat transfer times.



DEPARTURE 12:00 PM - 1 hr - East Africa Time

Motor boat shuttle transfer to Ankanin'ny Nofy.

Boat transfer from Manambato to Ankanin'ny Nofy. A scenic cruise along the Pangalanes Canal. Through great lakes with beautiful green landscapes, sandy beaches and remote villages. The Pangalanes is a chain of natural and man-made lakes connected by canals that runs parallel to the east coast.



Palmarium Hotel Ankanin'Nofy

Toamasina, Madagascar

034 17 729 77



Bed & Breakfast @ Palmarium Hotel.

The Palmarium Hotel has a privileged setting. It is indeed located on 50 hectares of nature reserve on the shores of Lake Ampitabe and the Pangalanes canal, on the east coast of the island.

It consists of 15 comfortable bungalows, decorated in a traditional style and all equipped with a bathroom, hot water and a mosquito net. The rooms are spacious and offer an unobstructed view of the lake and the surrounding nature. Each bungalow is bordered by a large terrace with hammock.

Cheeky lemurs share the garden around the hotel, and can be pesky at mealtimes.

02 Standard bungalow ,confirmed



Palmarium Hotel Ankanin'Nofy

Toamasina, Madagascar
034 17 729 77



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August 31 - Sunday



8:00 AM - East Africa Time

Guided visit to Palmarium Reserve

Ankanin'ny nofy is known as nest of dreams, offers a perfect place for relaxation with its beautiful beaches and interesting tours with its private natural reserve. The isolation of the reserve means it is one of the few places in Madagascar where it is possible to come close to some of the least timid, free-ranging and tame lemur species on the island, including the largest lemurs, the Indri. The area is also home to the emblem of Madagascar, the Ravinala, as well as frogs, reptiles, orchids, palm trees and the carnivorous pitcher plant.



6:00 PM - East Africa Time

Nocturnal Aye - Aye visit

We board on a speed boat and ride to a small island to spot the Aye Aye owned by Palmarium hotel.

The Aye Aye is a rare and endangered lemur species that is often considered a bad omen by local people due to its nocturnal nature. In the past, the species was hunted for meat and as a result, it became endangered and close to extinction. However, thanks to the Palmarium reserve, some Aye Aye species were relocated to a small island where they are now protected. A guided tour of the reserve offers a unique opportunity to see these fascinating creatures up close and in their natural habitat. This is a must-do activity for anyone interested in Madagascar's unique wildlife and the conservation efforts being made to protect it.



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Palmarium Hotel Ankanin'Nofy

Toamasina, Madagascar
034 17 729 77

September 1 - Monday



Free morning - own arrangements in Palmarium.

Today, you can take on some of the exciting activities proposed by Palmarium! Your knowledgeable driver/guide will assist you in choosing the best activity for you, such as a half-day trip to Andranokoditra to discover the fishing village located on the east coast. You can also embark on a canoe ride through the picturesque Pangalanes Channel, or board a boat to explore the Vohibola forest, one of the few remaining primary forests in eastern Madagascar. Home to some of the world's tiniest frogs and other rare and endangered species, this is an experience you won't want to miss!

DEPARTURE 2:00 PM - 3 hr -



Transfer from Palmarium Hotel to Toamasina

This is a serene journey by river boat from the secluded "nest of dreams," the Palmarium Hotel, to the bustling port of Toamasina.

Embark on a relaxing adventure as you travel from the Palmarium Hotel along the Pangalanes Canal to Toamasina. As you glide along the tranquil waterway, you'll be enchanted by the lush vegetation and scenic beauty that surrounds you.

The river boat provides a comfortable and leisurely mode of transport, allowing you to unwind as you cruise through the calm waters. Along the way, you'll pass by charming fishing villages, where you can observe the daily life of the local communities.

As you approach Toamasina, the landscape shifts to reveal the vibrant port city, where the journey ends. The bustling atmosphere of the port provides a striking contrast to the peaceful surroundings of Palmarium Hotel, making this a truly memorable riverboat experience.



PICK-UP 5:00 PM -

Transfer to Calypso Hotel & Spa.

A car from Calypso Hotel will do this transfer.



Bed & Breakfast @ Le Calypso

The Calypso Hotel & Spa is located in a calm and quiet residential area in the city center of Tamatave. Enjoy a moment of luxurious comfort in our rooms and suites.

02 Superior room, confirmed



Le Calypso Tamatave

September 2 - Tuesday



PICK-UP 4:00 AM - East Africa Time

Transfer to Toamasina Airport.

This transfer will be arranged by your hotel. Please confirm the transfer time at the reception desk.



4:40 AM - East Africa Time

Check in at Toamasina Airport for flight to Tana.



DEPARTURE 7:25 AM - East Africa Time

Depart from Toamasina Airport (TMM)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER
Madagascar Airlines	MD 501



Toamasina Airport (TMM)

Airport, Toamasina, Atsinanana Region, Madagascar



PICK-UP 7:45 AM - East Africa Time

Transfer to Nosy Manga Hotel

A vehicle from the hotel will do this transfer.



ARRIVAL 8:15 AM - East Africa Time

Arrive at Ivato International Airport (TNR)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER
Madagascar Airlines MD 501



Ivato International Airport (TNR)

Ivato, Antananarivo, ANALAMANGA REGION, MADAGASCAR, 106



Free day in Antananarivo.



PICK-UP 9:15 PM - East Africa Time

Transfer to Ivato Airport for international departure

This transfer will be ensured by Nosy Manga, please check the correct transfer time with the hotel reception.

Valerie



9:30 PM - East Africa Time

Check in at Ivato Airport for international departure.

Valerie



Bed & Breakfast @ Nosy Manga hotel.

Located just 1 km from Ivato Airport, Nosy Manga hotel provides accommodation with a terrace, a restaurant and a bar. This 4-star hotel offers room service and a 24-hour front desk. Rooms are equipped with air conditioning, a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, a kettle, a shower, free toiletries and a desk. The units include a safety deposit box.

1 King room, confirmed

September 3 - Wednesday



DEPARTURE 12:30 AM - East Africa Time

Depart from Ivato International Airport (TNR)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER
Air France AF 935

NOT INCLUDED - For Information only - Valerie



Ivato International Airport (TNR)

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PICK-UP 11:35 AM - East Africa Time

Transfer to Ivato Airport.

This transfer will be ensured by Nosy Manga. Please confirm transfer time with your hotel reception.

Christine



Ivato International Airport (TNR)

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11:45 AM - East Africa Time

Check in at Ivato Airport for international departure.

Christine



End of services.



DEPARTURE 2:45 PM - East Africa Time

Depart from Ivato International Airport (TNR)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER

Airlink 4Z 253

NOT INCLUDED - For Information only



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