

MADAGASCAR TOUR 2018: The Tropical and green east



Itinerary (11 days/10 nights)

Day 1:

TANA: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT - arrival at time to be confirmed (B, B)

According to your international flight schedule, welcome at the airport and transfer at your hotel. The rest of the day will be free. Dinner and overnight at hotel of your choice.

Up market: LOKANGA BOUTIQUE

Mid-range: RESIDENCE LAPASOA:

Budget: CHALET DES ROSES:

Day 2:

TANA - ANDASIBE: 145km – about 3h (B, D)

After your breakfast, drive with your English speaking driver to Andasibe, with possibility to make a stop in Marozevo for a short visit of the private reserve "Peyrieras" It is a small privately run reserve (or zoo) at Marozevo, on National Road N2, 75 km east of Tana. .

After the visit, you will continue along the road. Once in Andasibe, installation at your hotel. In the middle of the afternoon, you will have a nocturnal visit of the private park of Vakona. Go back to the hotel after the visit for dinner and overnight.

Up market: VAKONA FOREST LODGE

Mid-range: EULOPHIELLA).

Budget: FEON'NY ALA

Day 3:

ANDASIBE: discovery of the national park (B, D)

Full day dedicated to explore the national park.

Andasibe National Park, also known as Park National of Andasibe-Mantadia, boasts 12,810 ha of lushness and encompasses two distinct areas: the small Spécial reserve of Analamazaotra (often referred to as Périnet), and the much larger National park of Mantadia. This park is well known for its rare orchids that bloom in the forest, its *Indri indri* that can be observed all year round, its beautiful waterfalls and the famous cultural rituals of the inhabitants of the surrounding area. By the end of the afternoon, you will have a nocturnal visit nearby the national park to spot nocturnal animals. After your visit, you will return to your hotel

Up market: VAKONA FOREST LODGE

Mid-range: EULOPHIELLA

Budget: FEON'NY ALA

Highlights

- Andasibe NP, known for its rare orchids and its Indri Indri.
- The Pangalanes canal, a chain of sweet water lakes and lagoons parallel to the coast of the indian ocean
 - The Palmarium private reserve, home to a dozen species of lemurs and several species of endemic fauna.
- The tropical garden of Sainte Marie island, famous for its beautiful beaches and for observation of humpback whales from June to September.

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best kept secret"**

Day 4:**ANDASIBE – MANAMBATO: 155 km – about 3h30 - ANKANIN'NY NOFY (B, D)**

Drive to Manambato, transfer by boat cruise upon your arrival to reach Ankanin'ny nofy by following the Pangalanes canal, for a 1 hour scenic boat cruise. The Pangalanes is a chain of sweet water lakes and lagoons parallel to the coast of the Indian Ocean, separated by a narrow stretch of land. Lodging at **BUSH HOUSE**, located at *Lake Ampitabe*, the third largest lake of the Canal des Pangalanes. Dinner and overnight

Day 5:**ANKANIN'NY NOFY: full day (B, D)**

Full day for exploring the site and its surroundings. You can possibly do the visit diurnal and nocturnal visit of the private reserve « Palmarium ». It is home to a dozen species of lemurs playing in full freedom in the reserve, and also a several species of endemic fauna. Afternoon at leisure where several activities can be organized on spot, such as: boat expedition to visit a typical Betsimisaraka village with its school and nursery, visit the Indian Ocean shore, and walk along the pangalane canal to see carnivorous plants *nepenthes madagascariensis*. Accommodation at your hotel.

BUSHHOUSE:**Day 6:****ANKANIN'NY NOFY - TAMATAVE - MAHAMBO (B, D)**

After breakfast, we take a 3h1/2 boat ride along the Canal des Pangalanes till Tamatave. Upon your arrival, lunch in a good restaurant (at your own expense) then drive to Mahambo, located 90 Km north of Tamatave (2h). Mahambo is well shaded by coconut palms and moves to the rhythm of the comings and goings of the fishing village. Lodging at LA PIROGUE

Day 7:**MAHAMBO – SOANIERANA IVONGO – SIANTE MARIE (B, D)**

Drive to Soanierana Ivongo (75 Km / 1h30), then boat transfer to Sainte Marie island (1h). This island off the Eastern coast of the "Great Island" is known also under the Malagasy name of "Nosy Boraha". It is peaceful and well established on the Indian Ocean coast of Madagascar in a corner of lagoon where whole quietude reign. The island profiting from a rather well sprinkled climate is baptized as a tropical garden because of the presence of rainforests which cover it. In other words, it is covered with green vegetation all the year. These luxuriant forests are a perfect and ideal shelter for various species which are also encountered on the Great Island such as the orchids. Dinner and overnight at hotel of your choice:

Up market: PRINCESSE BORA:

Mid-range: MASOANDRO LODGE:

Budget: LIBERTALIA:

Day 8 & Day 9:**SAINTE MARIE: Farniente (B, D)**

Two days at leisure in Sainte Marie, where several activities can be organized, among which the whales watching expeditions, from mid-july to mid-september, quad, hiking ...And of course, during your rest time, you will be able to visit the island and discover its culture and history. Dinner and overnight at hotel of your choice.

Day 10:**SAINTE MARIE – TANA: Domestic flight MD [-/-] (B, D)**

Morning at leisure in Sainte Marie. In the afternoon, fly back to Tana (according to the flight schedule). Upon your arrival, transfer at your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 11:**TANA – INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT: departure time to be confirmed (B)**

According to your flight schedule, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back.

Are included:

- Accommodation at hotels as mentioned
- Meals as mentioned (B : breakfast / L : Lunch / D : Diner)
- The 4WD car rental with A/C and English speaking driver, indemnities and gasoil included (day 2 to day 4)
- Entrance at parks and reserves to visit (Peyrieras; nocturnal vakona; Andasibe NP, Palmarium reserve)
- All transfers airport/hotel/airport and port/hotel
- Boat transfer Manambato - Ankanin'ny nofy - Tamatave and Soanierana ivongo - Sainte Marie.
- Transfer by car Tamatave - Mahambo on day 6