

Tuesday · July 2nd, 2024 - Saturday · July 20th, 2024

## Madagascar Family Adventure

Itinerary for Antananarivo, Morondava, Andasibe, Joffreville, Ankarana, Nosy Be

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## Wednesday · July 3rd

### VIP Assistance - Antananarivo, Madagascar Airport

Welcome to Madagascar! On arrival in Antananarivo you will need to clear customs & immigration and collect your luggage.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION** - US passports do require visas to enter Madagascar AND must have at least two empty pages in their passports for each country visited. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of departure from the last country visited.

**Madagascar tourist visa costs:** USD37 per person, valid for 30 days. Cost could fluctuate based on daily exchange rate. Please have exact cash as no change will be given.

### Transfer · Antananarivo Airport to Novotel Convention and Spa

#### Notes

You will then proceed to the International Arrivals Hall where you will be met (please look for your name on a sign) after you exit the restricted area with your luggage. Here you will be helped to your vehicle for your private transfer to **Novotel Convention & Spa**.



## Novotel Madagascar, Antananarivo

+261 20 23 777 77

Alarobia, Antananarivo

Jul 03

Check-in

Jul 04

Check-out

1 night

Duration

Novotel Madagascar offers a 5-star experience where comfort and modernity meet international standards. Guests will enjoy a selection of 180 modern and luxurious rooms and suites, some with panoramic views, combining comfort and technology. Several restaurants and bars are available, including a rooftop Skybar with stunning views of the capital. Enjoy time in the wellness area with Spa, indoor swimming pool, Sauna, Hammam and gym.

### Notes

Superior Rooms on a bed and breakfast basis

Thursday · July 4th

## Transfer · Novotel Antananarivo to Antananarivo Airport

### Notes

This morning, you will be transferred back to Antananarivo Airport for your onward flight to Morondava.

## Charter Flight - Antananarivo to Morondava

Today you will take a charter flight from Morondava to Antananarivo, Madagascar with Tsaradia. The time of departure will be finalized upon confirmation of itinerary.

### Estimated flight times:

2:40pm Depart Antananarivo

3:50pm Arrive Morondava

## Transfer · Morondava Airport to Palissandre Côte Ouest Resort & Spa

### Notes

On arrival at Morondava, you will be met and transferred to your lodging - Pallissandre Côte Ouest Resort & Spa.



**Palissandre Côte Ouest Resort & Spa**

+261 20 95 520 22

*Nosy Kely Morondava, Morondava 619, Madagascar*

**Jul 04**

Check-in

**Jul 07**

Check-out

**3 nights**

Duration

The Hotel Palissandre Côte Ouest Madagascar is located at Nosy Kelyon the beach of Morondava, to 30 minutes of the mythical Baobabs Alley. An ideal place to relax or from which to attack the Tsingy du Bemaraha. The Hôtel Palissandre Côte Ouest offers 30 bungalows built in materials from Madagascar : granite stone, palissandre wood and roof mokotry. They are spacious (32m2) and all have a private terrace with sea view. In each bungalow, you will find a very comfortable very popular in such a remote corner of Madagascar. The Palissandre Côte Ouest also offers a lovely pool located next to the bar and restaurant (whose head has worked in several great restaurants in Antananarivo). Guests can enjoy massage spa, this including your return from the long road Tsingy... bliss !

**Notes**

Bungalows on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis

**Friday · July 5th**



**Madagascar - Visit to Kirindy Forest**

Today, we head to the Kirindy Reserve, home of the Fossa, the largest mammal carnivore in Madagascar. Kirindy is one of Madagascar's most threatened ecosystems — its dry deciduous forests. It is also famous for the giant jumping rat, and is also home to seven species of lemur and a number of endemic reptiles. We will spend hours here to spot the wildlife and discover the flora.

Animals to be spotted at Kirindy Reserve include:

- Fossa
- Berthe's Mouse Lemur and Gray Mouse Lemur
- Giant Jumping Rat
- Verreaux's Sifaka
- And many others!



Madagascar - Sunset at Baobab Alley

After our visit to Kirindy Forest, we will head back to the world famous Baobab Alley to photograph the dramatic sunset over these endemic trees.

**The Avenue or Alley of the Baobabs** is a prominent group of baobab trees lining the dirt road between Morondava and Belo sur Tsiribihina in the Menabe region in western Madagascar. Its striking landscape draws travelers from around the world, making it one of the most visited locations in the region.

It has been a center of local conservation efforts, and was granted temporary protected status in July 2007 by the Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests, the first step toward making it Madagascar's first natural monument.

Along the Avenue in some 260 m long segment are remaining some 20 - 25 trees about 30 meters in height, of the species *Adansonia grandidieri*, endemic to Madagascar. Some 20 - 25 more trees of this species grow in nearby rice paddies and meadows.

Baobab trees, up to 800 years old, known locally as renala (Malagasy for "mother of the forest"), are a legacy of the dense tropical forests that once thrived on Madagascar. The trees did not originally tower in isolation over the sere landscape of scrub but stood in dense forest. Over the years, as the country's population grew, the forests were cleared for agriculture, leaving only the baobab trees, which the locals preserved as much in respect as for their value as a food source and building material.

The area is not a national park, and the trees are threatened by further deforestation, effluent from encroaching rice paddies and sugarcane plantations, and bush and forest fires. Despite its popularity as a tourist destination, the area has no visitor center or gate fees, and local residents receive little income from tourism.

Saturday · July 6th



## Madagascar - Visit to Betania Fishing Village

Early in the morning and depending on the time of the tide, we will embark on a pirogue (a traditional canoe) and pass through the port of Botry and navigate across the mangroves. We will arrive at **Betania**, a small coastal village of Vezo fishermen. The Vezo is the term the semi-nomadic coastal people of southern Madagascar use to refer to people that have become accustomed to live from sea fishing. They go as far as 50km away from the shores on their small pirogues without any navigation instruments. We will see them arriving from their fishing trip. As soon as the pirogues are emptied, we watch the locals bargain for the freshest catch of the day, picking out fresh shrimps, mackerels, tuna and sharks.

Sunday · July 7th

## Transfer · Palissandre Côte Oeste Resort to Morondava Airport

### Notes

This morning, you will be transported back to Morondava Airport for your return flight to Antananarivo.

## Charter Flight - Morondava to Antananarivo

Today you will take a private charter flight from Morondava to Antananarivo with Tsara Dia. The time of departure will be finalized upon confirmation of itinerary.

## Transfer · Antananarivo Airport to Novotel Convention and Spa

### Notes

A member of our team will pick you up at the domestic arrivals hall. Once your luggage is collected, you will then be led to your vehicle for your private transfer.



## Novotel Madagascar, Antananarivo

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Alarobia, Antananarivo

Jul 07

Check-in

Jul 08

Check-out

1 night

Duration

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### Notes

Superior Rooms on a bed & breakfast basis

## Monday · July 8th



## Transfer · Antananarivo to Andasibe

### Notes

Antananarivo - Andasibe : +/-150km - +/- 4hours drive

Today, we start our journey towards the Eastern part of the island. After exiting the busy and colorful city of Antananarivo, we reach the Route Nationale 2, the main commercial road of the country which leads to the East coast of Madagascar and its main harbour.

During our 150 km (3.5 hour) long journey, we will see various landscapes of the highlands from small traditional villages perched on hillsides to lush rice fields. A twisty, steep and lush portion of the road will announce that we are entering another region of Madagascar.

You will arrive in Andasibe, known for its National Park, home of the primary and secondary forest.

**The Peyrieras Butterfly Farm:** We will make a stop at Madagascar Exotic. This private reserve is also known as the Peyrieras Butterfly Farm, Peyrieras Nature Farm and Mandraka Reptile Farm. It is a small privately run reserve (or zoo) at Marozevo, on National Road N2, 75 km (47 mi) east of Antananarivo, between the towns of Manjakandriana and Moramanga. It was founded and owned by the French entomologist and naturalist André Peyri ras, which is why it is also known as the Reserve Peyrieras. The collection includes many reptiles (chameleons, iguanas, geckos, frogs), Batraciens (Bats), crocodiles, papillons (Butterflies). The adjacent forest area supports families of relocated and habituated Verreaux's Sifaka and Common brown lemur which provide opportunities to photograph them close up at feeding times.



**Mantadia Lodge**

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Andasibe, Madagascar

**Jul 08**

Check-in

**Jul 10**

Check-out

**2 nights**

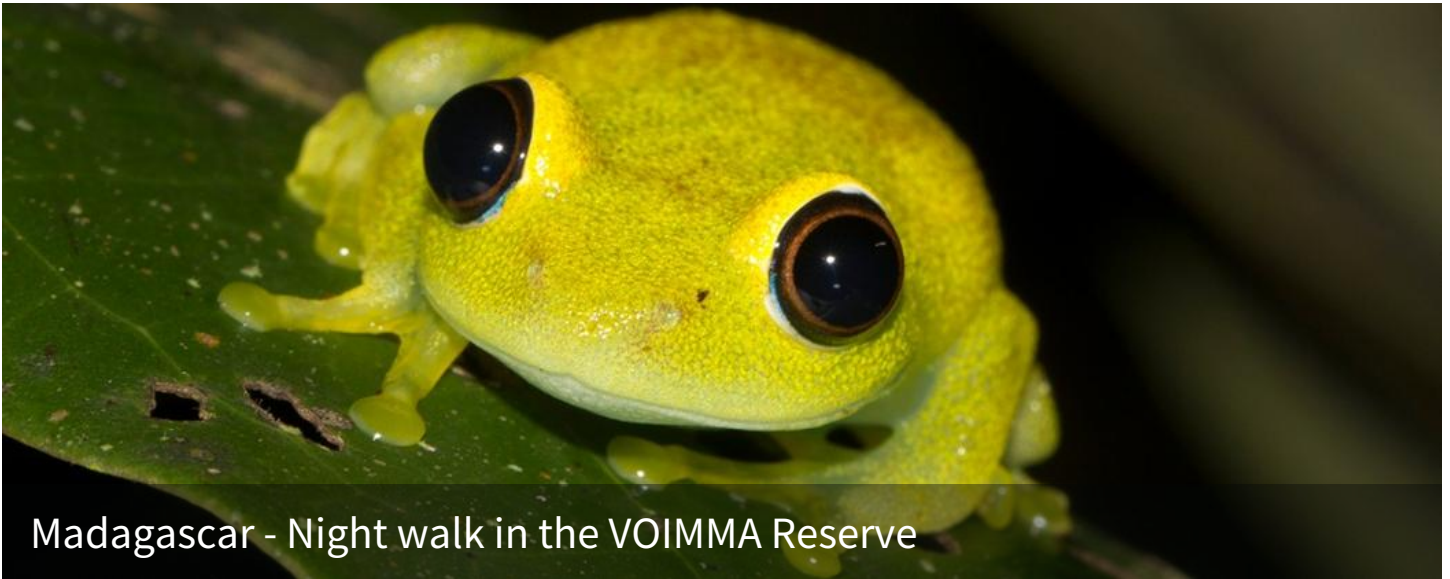
Duration

Mantadia Lodge opened March 10, 2018. It is located on a Hill 100 meters high allowing panoramic views of the forest. The hotel offers 25 rooms. All rooms offer complete comfort with wifi, cable TV, panoramic views with private terrace, indoor lounge and a wood stove for the cool season. The restaurant has also been designed with exceptional views with huge windows and a terrace. There is a bar and a lounge with reading area. In the morning you may be woken by the song of the Indri Indri, these lemurs that can only be seen in Andasibe Park. The hotel also has an infinity pool and 2 massage parlors. The whole team is waiting for you to make your stay unforgettable. Mantadia lodge offers in its shop 2 ranges of sweaters and shall: the cashmir and the natural silk of Madagascar. You will also find products and souvenirs made by local artisans: jewels, decorative objects, honey, wild pepper.

**Notes**

Bungalows on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis





## Madagascar - Night walk in the VOIMMA Reserve

At nightfall, pick up your headlamps and flashlights for a nocturnal walk in the rainforest. In 2012, villagers from Andasibe founded the reserve as an alternative to the governmental led national park in the neighborhood. The local people wanted to manage their land on their own again and be a part of ecotourism in this area. For reptiles and amphibian lovers, the reserve offers countless frogs along its crystal clear river (among them *Boophis pyrhus*, *Boophis viridis* and *madagascariensis*) and several amazing chameleons *Chamäleons* (*Furcifer wilsii*, *Calumma parsonii cristifer*, *Calumma nasuta* and *brevicornis*) in the forest. This is also a place to find the unique satanic leaf-tailed gecko (*Uroplatus phantasticus*). Bizarre insects like the famous giraffe necked weevil (*Trachelophorus giraffae*) are part of the forest, too. This community-run reserve is open for night-walks to those interested to search for lemurs, listen to the frogs, or stumble across sleeping chameleons after dark.

Tuesday · July 9th



## Madagascar - Mantadia National Park, Full Day, Private Guided

Today will be a full day with your private guide to see the Andasibe region of Madagascar.

**The Mantadia Park:** We will visit the primary forest of Mantadia. Located about a one-hour drive from our base, the primary forest of the Mantadia Park spreads over 15 000 hectares. 108 species of birds are known in the park, of which some play a role in the survival of plants like *Terpsiphone Mutata*. We can also find 14 species of lemurs, several species of reptiles, including the snake *Boa Manditra*, and 84 species of amphibian.

**Today's hike requires medium to good physical conditions** as there are some steep slopes and dense vegetation. Of all the lemurs of Mantadia, the **Indri Indri**, endemic to Madagascar, is the one that enjoys life best in the park. It is the biggest of the lemurs. The Indri Indri likes to live in groups, and scientific research has found that this lemur cannot be raised in captivity.

Some endemic species like *Eulemur fulvus*, *Haplemur griseus*, the smallest lemur *Microcebus*, and *Lepilemurs* can be also found.

Mantadia is also a kingdom of orchids. *Cymbidiellas falcigera* and *Bulbophyllum ameleni* are the most enigmatic species because in addition to be rare and magnificent plants, they maintain the balance of the forest's ecosystem.



## Madagascar - Andasibe Village Visit

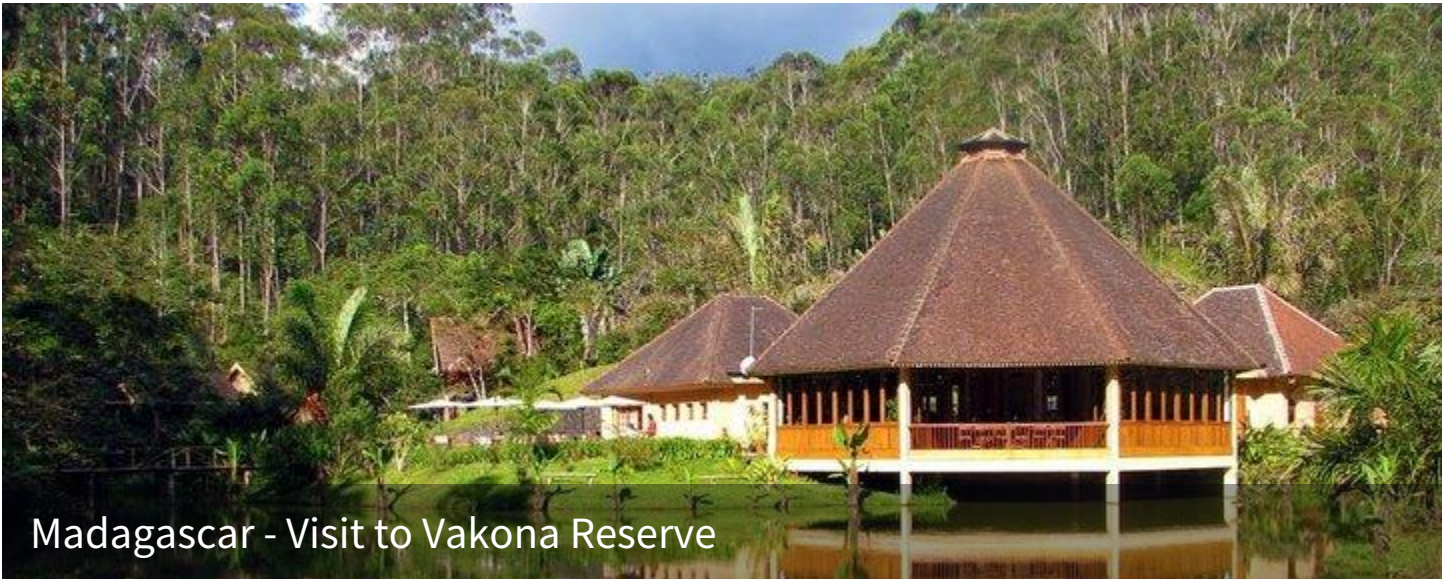
Do not miss to visit the village of Andasibe which has a population of around 5000 people. Through this visit, you will witness the daily life of this calm and colorful village. With your guide, you will walk in the narrow and unpaved cobbled streets along the small stalls. You will have several chances to interact with local villagers and see how they make a living and occupy their free time. The walk starts or end at the old colonial train station with its alpine architecture which was home to the once very fashionable restaurant "Buffet de la Gare" in the 1930s . The market is centrally located and busiest on Saturdays.

Wednesday · July 10th



## Madagascar - Visit to the Analamazaotra Special Reserve

In order to have the best observation conditions, we leave our hotel around 7:30am to reach the entrance of the Analamazaotra Special Reserve. We will look for biggest lemur of Madagascar's famous "Indri Indri." This lemur is endemic to the site and made his emblem. Through an easy hike lasting about 2 to 3 hours, we will search for at least groups of Indri Indri.. We also find other species of lemurs, birds, chameleons, etc., as of endemic flora among other orchids, medicinal plants.



## Madagascar - Visit to Vakona Reserve

On the immense Vakona property, an island surrounded by fresh water is home to various species of lemurs: common brown lemurs, bamboo lemurs, ruffed lemurs, diademed sifakas. This will be a rare opportunity to get up close and interact with these primates. Amazing photo opportunities and souvenirs will be the result of that visit. The numerous crocodiles, which used to belong to a former farm, can also be found in one of the small lake of the property. If you happen to be around on a Saturday, you may see the reptiles having their weekly feast.

## Transfer · Andasibe to Antananarivo

### Notes

Andasibe - Antananarivo: +/-150km - +/- 4hours drive

We leave the region of Andasibe and begin our ascent towards the highlands and the capital. This journey will give you an impressive perspective about the difference of altitudude between the two regions. This elevation is exploited by the hydroelectric power station which you will drive by. You will arrive in Antananarivo after a 150km journey lasting about 3.5 hours.



## Relais Des Plateaux Hotel - Antananarivo, Madagascar

+261 32 05 678 93

Lot 66 B Antanetibe Ivato, Antananarivo

Jul 10

Check-in

Jul 11

Check-out

1 night

Duration

Located in Ivato, close to the International Airport and the city center of Antananarivo, this luxury hotel is the ideal oasis for a relaxing stopover during your transit. Nestled in a wooded park, our 46 rooms built to international standards promise unequaled comfort during your stay. Enjoy a moment of escape in our M'Aloe Spa before embarking on your next stop in Madagascar or simply relax before leaving to finish on a good note. Want to discover gourmet delights? Our restaurant Ikambo is reputed to be one of the best restaurants in the capital. Its modern setting and generous cuisine will awaken your taste buds. Between local tradition and modernity, Le Relais des Plateaux promises to help you find the best in quality of service, comfort and hospitality.

#### Notes

Luxury Rooms on a bed & breakfast basis

Thursday · July 11th

## Transfer · Relais des Plateaux Hotel to Antananarivo Airport

#### Notes

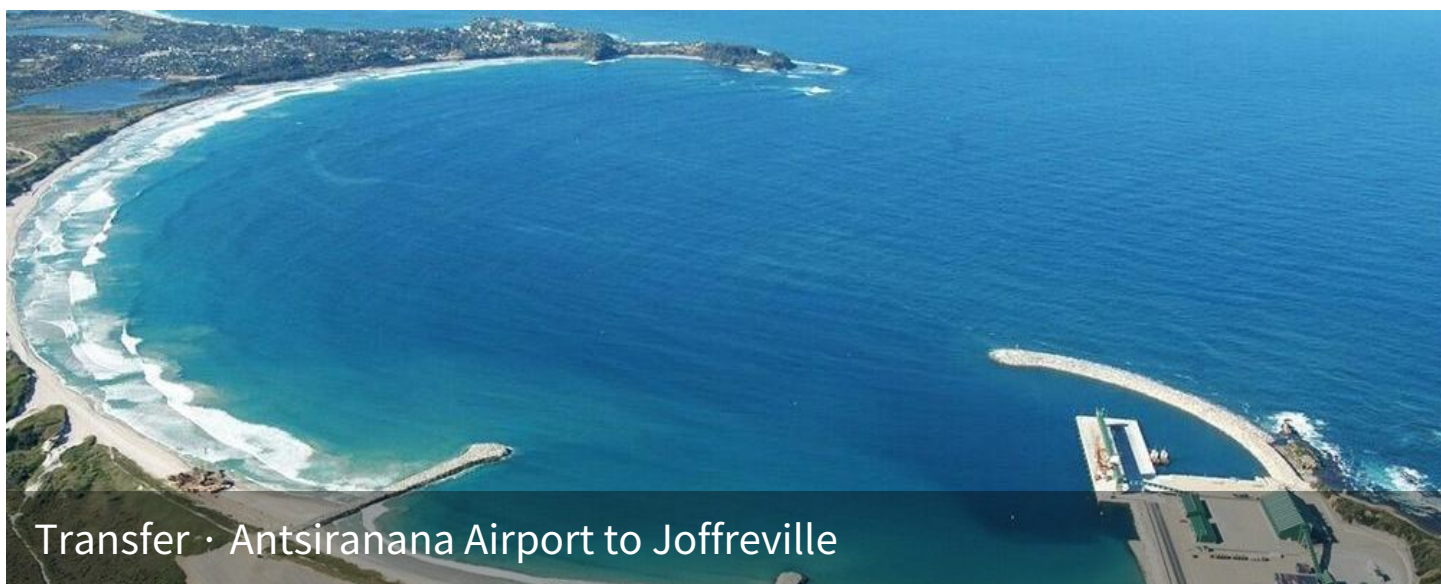
This morning, you will be transferred to Antananarivo Airport where you will check in for your flight to Antsiranana.

## Charter Flight - Antananarivo to Antsiranana

You will take a charter flight from Antananarivo to Antsiranana on Tsara Dia.

#### ***Flight details to come.***

***Please note there are strict guidelines regarding size and weight of luggage for charter flights. Please refer to the Important Notes at the beginning of this itinerary for details regarding these restrictions. Should you need to arrange for excess luggage to be stored while you are on safari, we are happy to help make these arrangements (extra charges will be applied for this service).***



## Transfer · Antsiranana Airport to Joffreville

#### Notes

You fly to Antsiranana. The bay and city originally used the name Diego Suarez, named after Diogo Soares, a Portuguese navigator who visited the bay in 1543. During the second world war, the city and the harbour was a strategical base for the allies. France continued to use the city as a military base after Malagasy independence in 1960 and until the socialist revolution of 1973. It is one of the largest deepwater harbors in the Indian Ocean and It is also the second largest bay in the world after Rio de Janeiro and also has its sugar loaf called Nosy Lonjo.

We leave Antsiranana and drive 45km North in the mountains to reach Joffreville. It derives its name from Joseph Joffre, the French colonel in charge of Diego-Suarez region, who established the small city in 1903 during the colonization era. It is the gateway to the Amber Mountain National park



### Nature Lodge - Joffreville, Madagascar

261 320-712306

*Joffreville, Madagascar*

**Jul 11**

Check-in

**Jul 13**

Check-out

**2 nights**

Duration

This small and exclusive eco-lodge at the doorstep of the Amber Mountain National Park and in a lush forest of mangoes and litchi trees guarantees an ultimate peace and tranquility.

The spacious and charming thatched chalets offer an endless panoramic view on either the lush green rain forest home of many lemurs or on one of the most beautiful bays in the world: Diego Suarez's Bay.

The main area and the large wooden deck open on a magnificent garden, home of many chameleons and open on a breathtaking view of both the Mozambique Channel and the Indian Ocean.

#### Notes

Standard Rooms on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis

Friday · July 12th



## Madagascar - Joffreville - Amber Mountain National Park

The Amber Mountain National Park is a volcanic and mountainous area at an altitude of between 850 meters and 1475 meters (Peak of Amber Mountain), 40 km from Diego Suarez. Created in 1958, this park, rightly regarded as a "biological treasure", aims to preserve flora and fauna unique in the Diego Suarez area. It is home to a magnificent rain forest, protected from any human impact, where a rich and prosperous complex nature thrives. This visit will allow you to enjoy various forms of vegetation: canarium, ficus, orchids, ferns, and more. The park is home to several species of lemurs such as crowned lemur and lemur fulvus, several species of birds and chameleons (whose brookesia is the smallest in the world). You will discover beautiful waterfalls and lakes and magnificent views of the far north of the island.

Saturday · July 13th

## Transfer · Joffreville to Ankarana

### Notes

Today we leave the region of the bays and the forests of the Amber Mountain and hit the National Road #6. We drive about 100km through very heterogeneous landscapes of the Antakarana country. Their name means "the people of the tsingy," the limestone rock formations that distinguish their traditional territory. The Antankarana have many similarities with the neighboring Sakalava which they split off from in the early 17th century following a succession dispute. They practice tromba (ancestral spirit possession) and believe in nature spirits. They adhere to a wide range of fady (ancestral taboos), particularly including several that serve to protect wildlife and wilderness areas. The traditional economy of the Antankarana revolved around fishing and livestock, although more recently they have adopted farming;



## Madagascar - Ankarana - Explore the Red Tsingy

We will leave the National Road #6 and take junction to head to the **Red Tsingy**. This off-road section is about 18km and the site will be reach about 45 minutes after we leave the junction. Once on site, we will have a **short and easy walk to see this unique geological phenomenon**. Erosion of red sandstone resulted in the formation of these ephemeral structures carved at the whim of the wind and rain. The composition of the rock enables play stunning lights throughout the day depending on the orientation of the sun. We will also stop at a view point which will allow us to take pictures over the canyons.



## Iharana Bush Camp

**Jul 13**

Check-in

**Jul 15**

Check-out

**2 nights**

Duration

Iharana Bush Camp is located on the edge of a lake, in front of the Tsingy massif, within a few miles distance from Mahavavy River.

This natural site is endowed with great riches and exceptional beauty. You are in the middle of nature, far away from televisions, air-conditioning and telephones. We favor charm and authenticity while reducing the impact on the environment.

Iharana Bush Camp is the most unusual among bush camps in Madagascar. Here, artificial tents are replaced by magnificent natural cottages. The sleeping facilities consist of eighteen individual cabanas. The organic architecture is inspired by traditional Malagasy housing. The combination of skills, craft industry, arts and materials gives an original aspect to the camp, making it totally harmonious with its environment.

## Notes

Standard Bungalows on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis

Sunday · July 14th



## Madagascar - Ankarana - Ankarana National Park Visit

Today we will have a hike in one of the other location where limestone forests can be observed in Madagascar. The **Ankarana Special Reserve** in northern Madagascar was created in 1956. It is a partially vegetated plateau composed of **150-million-year-old middle Jurassic limestone**. With an average annual rainfall of about 2,000 millimetres (79 in), the underlying rocks are susceptible to erosion, thereby **producing caves and underground rivers** - a karst topography. The rugged relief and the dense vegetation have helped protect the region from human intrusion. The park is sacred to the Antankarana people, who have historically taken refuge from encroaching enemy armies in its caves and other natural rock shelters. Indeed the Massif contains the **longest cave systems in Madagascar, and probably in the whole of Africa**. The Ankarana Reserve is an important refuge for significant populations of the crowned lemur (*Eulemur coronatus*), Sanford's brown lemur (*Eulemur sanfordi*) and other mammal species.

Monday · July 15th

## Transfer · Ankarana to Nosy Be

### Notes

Today we will drive through plantations of coffee, cocoa and ylang ylang on the way to **Nosy Be**. Thanks to cocoa, the north of Madagascar has escaped the catastrophic deforestation that continues to ravage the Red Island of the Indian Ocean. The plains of the north, especially the north-west, are covered with **cacao trees that reach up to twelve metres high**. This trip will take us through a volcanic zone and the most fertile region of Madagascar.

We then arrive in **Ankify**, a small harbor. A member of our Nosy Be team will welcome you upon arrival at Ankify harbour. We **embark on a private boat for a 30min crossing** before reaching Nosy Be Hellville harbour where a vehicle is waiting for your private transfer towards your hotel.





## Exora Beach Hotel - Nosy Be

*Bemoko, Madagascar*

**Jul 15**

Check-in

**Jul 18**

Check-out

**3 nights**

Duration

The recently opened independent, owner-run **Exora Beach Hotel** is located on the Bay of Sakatia and features **two swimming pools** including one for children and a large pool, which is home to **Exora Falls Bar**, overlooking Sakatia, the Orchid Island.

Two massage rooms opening onto the sea invite you to optimal relaxation, in the expert hands of **two renowned masseuses**.

Accommodation is in the form of 24 rooms and suites, from which there are lovely views over the bay towards Nosy Sakatia opposite. Rooms are all en-suite, airy with elegant, modern decor incorporating international and local style elements.

Guests enjoy relaxing around the large swimming pool and excellent meals are served either in the open-air restaurant or on the terrace, from where evening cocktails come with the magical sunsets Nosy Be is well known for.

### Notes

Sea View Rooms on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis

**Tuesday · July 16th**

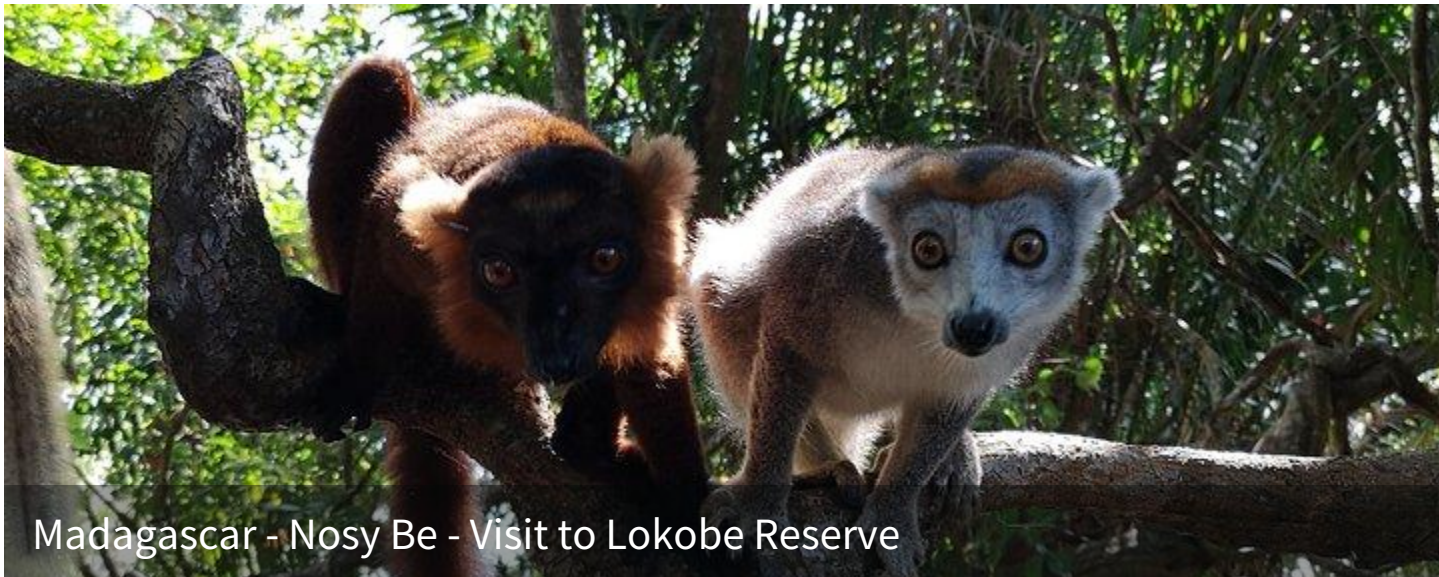


## Madagascar - Nosy Be - Nosy Komba and Nosy Tanikely Full-Day Excursion

Today is devoted to an excursion to the islands of **Nosy Komba** and **Nosy Tanikely**. We will visit the Nosy Komba Reserve to have some close up experience with the Eulemur macaco macaco or Black Lemur. During that visit, several species of endemic reptiles including the colorful chameleons and turtles will be seen. For the more adventurous ones, you may have a chance to meet the Madagascar Boa *madagascariensis*, a species of the Boidae (boa) family that is endemic to the island of Madagascar. The small walk will also take you through a small village and a great handcraft market.

We will continue to **Nosy Tanikely**, another small island which is part of Nosy Be archipelago. This inhabited island is a marine reserve and offers one of the most **impressive snorkeling experiences**. It's an open air aquarium. Surrounded by some coral reefs, the undersea biodiversity is very wealthy and you may even have the chance to spot some sea turtles while you will be snorkeling. A **seafood lunch cooked onsite** will be served during this full-day excursion.

Wednesday · July 17th



Madagascar - Nosy Be - Visit to Lokobe Reserve

Today, we will head to the harbor to take a speedboat towards **Lokobe**, which covers around 740ha and includes the **last remaining lowland rainforest found on the Nosy Be Island**. The reserve is known for the Black Lemur and there are other nocturnal species such as the Gray-backed sportive lemur and some mouse lemurs. Lokobe is also home to some endemic birds like the Madagascar pygmy kingfisher or the Madagascar long-eared owl, to spectacular panther-chameleons, local endemic frogs and several snakes.

We will have a walk in the reserve to spot some wildlife, then we will have lunch on **Nosy Komba**, an authentic small island. Time for relaxation will be available before returning to your hotel.

Thursday · July 18th



## Day at Leisure - Nosy Be

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Finally a chance to relax! Enjoy your day in Nosy Be, lounging on sun-kissed beaches, an azure ocean boasting natural coral reefs teeming with exotic fish, breathtaking sunsets and a tropical climate combine to create the perfect setting for an unforgettable getaway.

Friday · July 19th

## Transfer · Exora Beach Hotel to Nosy Be Airport

### Notes

It's time to wave goodbye to Madagascar!

This morning, a member of our team will pick you up at the hotel. Please look out for a sign with your name. You will then be led to your vehicle for your private transfer to Nosy Be Airport for your onward flight to Antananarivo.

## Charter Flight - Nosy Be Madagascar to Antananarivo

Today you will take a charter flight from Nosy Be to Antananarivo.

6:50pm - depart Nosy Be, Madagascar

8:35pm - arrive Antananarivo

***Please note there are strict guidelines regarding size and weight of luggage for charter flights. Please refer to the Important Notes at the beginning of this itinerary for details regarding these restrictions. Should you need to arrange for excess luggage to be stored while you are on safari, we are happy to help make these arrangements (extra charges will be applied for this service).***



## Relais Des Plateaux Hotel - Antananarivo, Madagascar

### - DAY ROOM

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Check-in

***Depending on your flight time to the US, you can make use of a day room at Relais des Plateaux. You will be transferred to the international terminal on time for your departure flight.***

Located in Ivato, close to the International Airport and the city center of Antananarivo, this luxury hotel is the ideal oasis for a relaxing stopover during your transit. Nestled in a wooded park, our 46 rooms built to international standards promise unequaled comfort during your stay. Enjoy a moment of escape in our M'Aloe Spa before embarking on your next stop in Madagascar or simply relax before leaving to finish on a good note. Want to discover gourmet delights? Our restaurant Ikambo is reputed to be one of the best restaurants in the capital. Its modern setting and generous cuisine will awaken your taste buds. Between local tradition and modernity, Le Relais des Plateaux promises to help you find the best in quality of service, comfort and hospitality.

## Hills of Africa Inclusions - Baobabs Add-On

### HOA Service

- Hills of Africa Travel detailed travel planning and itinerary guidance

### Accommodations - Baobabs Add-On

- 1 Night at Novotel Madagascar Convention & Spa on a bed & breakfast basis
- 3 Nights at Palissandre Côte Ouest Resort & Spa on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis

### VIP Meet and Greets

- Meet & Greet - Antananarivo Airport on arrival from USA (VIP - including customs and immigration)

### Road Transfers

- Antananarivo Airport to Novotel Madagascar Convention & Spa
- Novotel Madagascar Convention & Spa to Antananarivo Airport
- Monondava Airport to Palissandre Côte Ouest Resort & Spa
- Palissandre Côte Ouest Resort & Spa to Morondava Airport

### Tours

- Madagascar - Visit to Kirindy Forest
- Madagascar - Sunset at Baobab Alley
- Madagascar - Visit to Betania Fishing Village

#### **Charter Flights**

- Antananarivo Airport to Morondava Airport
- Morondava Airport to Antananarivo Airport

## **Hills of Africa Inclusions - Main Trip**

#### **HOA Service**

- Hills of Africa Travel detailed travel planning and itinerary guidance

#### **Accommodations**

- 1 Night at Novotel Madagascar Convention & Spa on a bed & breakfast basis
- 2 Nights at Mantadia Lodge on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis
- 1 Night at Relais Des Plateaux Hotel on a bed & breakfast basis
- 2 Nights at Nature Lodge on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis
- 2 Nights at Iharana Bush Camp on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis
- 3 Nights at Exora Beach Hotel on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis

#### **VIP Meet and Greets**

- Meet & Greet - Antananarivo Airport on arrival from USA (VIP - including customs and immigration)

#### **Road Transfers**

- Antananarivo Airport to Novotel Madagascar Convention & Spa
- Antananarivo to Andasibe
- Andasibe to Antananarivo
- Relais Des Plateaux Hotel to Antananarivo Airport
- Antsiranana Airport to Joffreville
- Joffreville to Ankarana
- Ankarana to Nosy Be
- Exora Beach Hotel to Nosy Be Airport

#### **Tours**

- Madagascar - Night walk in the VOIMMA Reserve
- Madagascar - Visit to Mantadia National Park
- Madagascar - Andasibe Village Visit
- Madagascar - Visit to the Analamazaotra Special Reserve
- Madagascar - Visit to the Vakona Reserve
- Madagascar - Visit to Amber Mountain National Park
- Madagascar - Explore the Red Tsingy
- Madagascar - Visit to Ankarana National Park
- Madagascar - Nosy Komba and Nosy Tanikely Full-day Excursion
- Madagascar - Visit to Lokobe Reserve

#### **Charter Flights**

- Antananarivo Airport to Antsiranana Airport
- Nosy Be Airport to Antananarivo Airport

