



# MADAGASCAR

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## INTRODUCTION:

Manahaona! Madagascar is an island in the Indian Ocean, ±400km's from the Southern African east coast. Over millions of years, Madagascar developed a unique flora and fauna. This is the place where evolution has run wild and it has such a high degree of endemism, that it is truly a place like nowhere else on earth! Madagascar is famous for their remarkable selection of lemurs (51 + lemur varieties occur here!), primitive primates endemic to the island, brilliantly coloured chameleons & lizards, tenrecs, fossas, bats and rodents.

Flight to Morondava then trip to the famous Baobab avenue. Drive to the Tsingys of Bemaraha, and visit of the Kirindy reserve on the way back to Morondava. Afterwards flight to Tuléar and then drive to Ifaty. From there drive to Rahohira and visit of the park. Continuation to Antananarivo via Antsirabe. Then continuation to the east with a visit of the Perinet Reserve, and visit of the exotic park in Marozevo. This trip can be done only from June to October and is rather for the sporting and adventure-loving customer, because in the Tsingys of Bemaraha, there are some narrow passages and steep stairways on ladders.

## INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

<i>Destinations:</i>	<i>Antananarivo, Morondava, Bekopaka, Kirindy, Tulear, Ifaty, Ranohira, Ranomafana, Antsirabe &amp; Andasibe</i>
<i>Dates:</i>	<i>21<sup>st</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012</i>
<i>Duration:</i>	<i>16 days / 15 nights</i>
<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>En-suite accommodation at the following: Palissandre Hotel &amp; Spa or Tamboho Hotel, Palissandre cote Ouest, Orchidee de Bemaraha or Olympe du Bemaraha, Au camp Amoureux or Kirindy Lodge, Paradisier or Dunes d'Ifaty, Jardin du Roy or Isalo Rock Lodge, Setma Lodge or Centrest Séjour, Hotel Vatolahy or Residence Camelia &amp; Vakona forest Lodge or Andasibe hotel.</i>
<i>Transfers:</i>	<i>All transfers: 3 x air transfers – Antananarivo to Morondava on day 2, Morondava to Antananarivo on day 7, Antananarivo to Tulear on day 8; ferry transfers</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>Meals as listed in itinerary</i>
<i>Park fees:</i>	<i>All park fees</i>
<i>Vehicles:</i>	<i>Mini-buses or buses; 4WD from Morondava to Bekopaka and back and from Tuléar to Ifaty and back.</i>
<i>Guides:</i>	<i>Local English speaking guide &amp; Split seconds photographic guide</i>



**EXCLUDED FROM PACKAGE:**

- *All International flights*
- *Gratuities*
- *Optional activities e.g. excursions in Ifaty, watersports, etc.*
- *Some meals*
- *Travel insurance*
- *Laundry*
- *Beverages*
- *Visas*
- *Items not specified*

**TOUR PROGRAMME**

Day 1: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012

Johannesburg – Antananarivo

Meeting at the airport then transfer to the hotel.

*Accommodation: Palissandre Hotel & Spa or Tamboho Hotel*  
*Meals: No meals*  
*Included activities: N.A*  
*Optional activities: N.A*

Day 2: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012

Antananarivo – Morondava

This morning we get a flight to Morondava. Pick up at the airport and then drive to the famous Baobab Alley, and see also the “baobab in love”. Stay around there until sunset and experience magic moments. Drive back to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

*Accommodation: Palissandre côte Ouest*  
*Meals: Half board*  
*Included activities: Baobab Alley excursion*  
*Optional activities: N.A*

Day 3: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012

Morondava – Bekopaka

This morning we depart Bekopaka in 4WD cars. We travel to Bekopaka along dry forest and savannah like landscapes and cross two rivers. While the road infrastructure is basic, the photo opportunities are not. The river crossings are a great adventure. A mixed day of photo opportunities. Overnight at the hotel.

*Accommodation: Orchidée de Bemaraha or Olympe du Bemaraha*  
*Meals: Breakfast*  
*Included activities: Photo opportunities en-route*  
*Optional activities: N.A*



#### Day 4 & 5: 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012 & 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012

##### Bekopaka

We visit the incredible limestone formations of Tsingy of Bemaraha, classified UNESCO world nature site, where we can enjoy cleft wilderness and see the amazing limestone pinnacles and some endemic fauna and flora. See also the small Tsingy, and do a little ride with the dugout canoe on the Manambolo river, with the possibility to see some caves. Two very unique and photo adventurous days. Overnight at the hotel.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Orchidée de Bemaraha or Olympe du Bemaraha</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>Breakfast</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>Limestone formations excursion &amp; canoe excursion on Manambolo River</i>
<i>Optional activities:</i>	<i>N.A</i>

#### Day 6: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012

##### Bekopaka – Kirindy

Drive to Kirindy, which is a tropical, dry deciduous forest which is 60 km north of Morondava on the west coast. This forest claims a world record for primate density which includes the world's smallest primate, the pygmy mouse lemur. Kirindy is the best place to see giant jumping rat, fossa's (Madagascar's largest predator), various spiny tenrecs, birds and reptiles. A lot of these animals are rather shy, but with a bit of luck, we can take some nice pictures. The diverse flora includes three of the six endemic Malagasy baobabs. Nocturnal visit. Overnight at the hotel.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Au camp amoureux or Kirindy Lodge</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>Breakfast</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>Kirindy Forest excursion</i>
<i>Optional activities:</i>	<i>N.A</i>

#### Day 7: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012

##### Kirindy – Morondava - Antananarivo

Early morning drive to Morondava. The objective is to take some nice pictures at sunrise in the Baobab Alley. Then transfer directly to the airport for your flight to Antananarivo. Meeting at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Palissandre Hotel &amp; Spa or Tamboho Hotel</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>Breakfast</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>Sunrise Baobab Alley excursion</i>
<i>Optional activities:</i>	<i>N.A</i>

#### Day 8: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012

##### Antananarivo - Tulear – Ifaty

Morning flight to Tulear. Meet at Tulear airport and transfer to Ifaty, which is situated about 27 km north of Tuléar. Visit of the private reserve of Reniala. Then day free on the beach. Overnight at the hotel.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Le Paradisier or Dunes d'Ifaty</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>Breakfast</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>Private reserve of Reniala excursion</i>
<i>Optional activities:</i>	<i>N.A</i>



Day 9: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Ifaty - Tulear - Ranohira

After breakfast, we drive back to Tulear with a visit of the Arboretum and the many species of endemic plants. We then continue to Ranohira along a straight road. The landscape is composed of high bushes, thick gallery forests and some proudly decorated Mahafaly tombs. Again, fantastic opportunistic shoots that your guide will maximise. Overnight at the hotel.

*Accommodation:* *Jardin du Roy or Isalo Rock lodge*  
*Meals:* *Half board*  
*Included activities:* *Arboretum excursion and photo opportunities en-route*  
*Optional activities:* *N.A*

Day 10: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Ranohira

Morning trek inside the Isalo National Park to discover the massif of Isalo, its ruin like sandstones, canyons, endemic fauna and flora (Lemurs and endemic plants such as Pachypodium , aloes,..). Back to the hotel in the afternoon. Visit of the “window of Isalo” at the end of the afternoon to see a wonderful sunset and to take memorable photos. Overnight at the hotel.

*Accommodation:* *Jardin du Roy or Isalo Rock Lodge*  
*Meals:* *Half board*  
*Included activities:* *Isalo National Park excursion*  
*Optional activities:* *N.A*

Day 11: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012

Ranohira - Ranomafana

Early departure to Ranomafana National Park. Stop 12km before Ambalavao - the commercial centre of the southern Betsileo region, renowned for its folks, arts and crafts - to visit the Anja park, where we can see some families of ring-tailed lemurs in their natural surroundings. We continue to Ranomafana. Overnight at the hotel.

*Accommodation:* *Setma lodge or Centrest Séjour*  
*Meals:* *Breakfast*  
*Included activities:* *Ranomafana National Park & Anja Park excursions*  
*Optional activities:* *N.A*

Day 12: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012

Ranohira – Antsirabe

Early morning visit of the Ranomafana National Park. Ranomafana means “hot water“ in Malagasy. Ranomafana National Park is a rainforest site situated in the east of Madagascar, 445 km south of Antananarivo and 65 km east of Fianarantsoa. This is a superb area of rainforest where a new species of lemur, **the Golden Bamboo Lemur**, was discovered in 1985. Afternoon drive to Antsirabe and overnight at the hotel.

*Accommodation:* *Hotel Vatolahy or Résidence Camélia*  
*Meals:* *Breakfast*  
*Included activities:* *Ranomafana National Park excursion*  
*Optional activities:* *N.A*



Day 13: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012

Antsirabe – Andasibe

After breakfast we drive to Antananarivo and then continue to Andasibe. This route takes us through a landscape composed of rice fields, waterfalls, and scarce forest stations. On the way we visit the exotic Parc of Marozevo. Overnight at the hotel.

*Accommodation:* Vakona forest lodge or Andasibe hotel  
*Meals:* Breakfast  
*Included activities:* Parc of Marozevo excursion & photo opportunities en-route  
*Optional activities:* N.A

Day 14: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Andasibe

This 810 ha reserve is unique with its endemic fauna and flora. It contains a wide variety of orchids, canopy, and endemic animals like chameleons, tenrecs, and many birds. After the visit we walk through the orchid park to admire all the nice flowers. In the afternoon, we visit Andasibe village, a typical Betsimisaraka (Betsimisaraka means: The-Many-inseparable) village, and the second largest tribe on the island. They cultivate rice and live mainly off the forest. This small visit helps us to have close contact with the local people, to see how they live and what they eat. Overnight at the same hotel.

*Accommodation:* Vakona forest lodge or Andasibe hotel  
*Meals:* Breakfast  
*Included activities:* Andasibe Reserve & Village excursions  
*Optional activities:* N.A

Day 15: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Andasibe

Visit of Mitsinjo Parc in the morning where we could find Indri lemurs and many other species of plants and animals. In the afternoon, we take a short drive to Vakona Parc and the chance to take photos of some species of lemurs, very close. This evening, nocturnal visit to find frogs and perhaps, new lemurs. Overnight at the same hotel.

*Accommodation:* Vakona forest lodge or Andasibe hotel  
*Meals:* Breakfast  
*Included activities:* Mitsinjo Parc & Vakona Parc excursions  
*Optional activities:* N.A

Day 16: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Andasibe – Antananarivo - Johannesburg

This morning we drive back to Tana. Then transfer to the airport for our flight back to Johannesburg.

*Accommodation:* N.A.  
*Meals:* Breakfast  
*Included activities:* N.A  
*Optional activities:* N.A

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**Quoted price: 2012**

***Days 1 – 16***

**6 pax:**

*GBP 4,530.00 per person sharing*

*GBP 950.00 single supplement*

**Notes:**

- a) The costing for the Tour Programme is based on a minimum of six (6) paying clients.
- b) This is a quotation is valid for 21<sup>st</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012.
- c) ~~No reservations have been made and all accommodation, flights and transport are subject to availability.~~
- d) Should any of the accommodation mentioned not be available, we reserve the right to substitute it with an alternative suitable venue, which might affect the final quoted price.
- e) Quoted price is also subject to availability, fuel/gas price and possibly exchange rate fluctuations.
- f) 15% non-refundable deposit is required on confirmation of safari.
- g) Full payment is required sixty (60) days prior to arrival.

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