

COAST - DIVING

ANTANANARIVO – RANOHIRA – TOLIARA – ANAKAO
NOSY VE – SARODRANO – IFATY – TSIMANAMPETSOTSA

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 7 Days Diving
- Adventure live in the Indian Ocean
- Beautiful exotic yellow beaches on an island Sarodrano
- Discovery of savannah with exotic views
- Discovery of the mangrove view
- Discovery of the culture of the south coast of the island, Vezo Ethnic
- Discovery of fauna and flora like chameleon and other animal and plant species
- Discovery of several extraordinary islands in the south of Madagascar
- Discovery of the lemurs



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Day 1 : Welcome at Ivato airport - Transfer to the hotel.

You will be picked up by a guide and accompanied to the hotel. In the afternoon you will discover the capital of the island. In the evening return to the hotel La Ribaudière, 4-star hotel.

ANTANANARIVO

You will visit the former Royal Palace Rova of Madagascar. This is one of the famous historical cultures of Madagascar during the colonial period, built by the monarchs of the kingdom of Imerina in the 17th and 18th centuries. It is located at an altitude of 1462 m on the highest elevation of the capital, and thus almost 200 m above the quarters of the lower city.

Day 2 : Antananarivo – Ranohira

After breakfast we will drive to the village of Saphir. On the way you will discover the beauty of southern Madagascar. In Ranohira observation of the sapphire finder. Overnight stay at the Hotel Isalo Ranch Nuit, 4-star hotel.

Day 3 : Ranohira

After breakfast you will visit the place where sapphires are taken on earth.

Overnight stay at Hotel Isalo Ranch Nuit, 4-star hotel.

RANOHIRA

Ilakaka used to be an anonymous village, without any history. But since 1998, when one of the largest sapphire deposits in the world was discovered here, the houses have been springing up like mushrooms. The "blue fever" has broken out. After the discovery of the sapphire deposits, 20,000 to 50,000 people came here and stayed. The mining deserves special attention because it represents the other side of Madagascar.

Day 4: Ranohira – Toliara

After breakfast we drive to Toliara. In the morning we will visit the city of Toliara. We will have lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon you can relax at the hotel.

Overnight stay in the hotel Serena, 3-star hotel.



Day 5 Toliara - Anakao

After breakfast we will take a speed boat to Anakao. On arrival in Anakao you check in at the hotel reception. Then we go for a dive. A diving mask will be provided. Under water there is a natural aquarium where you can admire the magnificent corals, admiring the magnificent spectacle of anemones, myriads of colorful fish, shells, perches, morays and sea turtles. It is also possible to swim and the beach invites you to relax. Overnight stay at Anakao Ocean Lodge, 4-star hotel.

ANAKAO

During the colonial period, Anakao was a popular fishing port, and this is still the main occupation of the villagers today. Every morning shortly after sunrise, you can see the fishermen setting sails across the water. Anakao has some beautiful beaches, and offshore is Nosy Ve. This tiny island has a white sand beach and is home to hundreds of tropical birds. The reefs of Anakao offer good diving and surfing opportunities. Then, while snorkeling, you can see a myriad of fish, including surgeonfish, angelfish, butterfly fish, groupers and rays

Day 6 to 9th day : Diving in Nosy Ve

After breakfast we drive to Nosy Ve to dive. Nosy Ve is about 5 km away from Anakao. At noon we return to the hotel in Anakao for lunch. After lunch you can relax in the hotel.

Overnight stay at the Hotel Anakao Ocean Lodge, 4-star hotel.

NOSY VE

Nosy Ve (also written Nossi-Vey or Nossy-Vey during the French colonial period) is a small coral island three kilometers off Anakao in the extreme southwest of Madagascar with lonely white sandy beaches and green with little shade. Local fady (taboos) have left the Nosy Ve unscathed and have provided a safe nesting place for many red-tailed tropical birds so that they could get up close and personal.



Day 10: Excursion and diving in Sarodrano

After breakfast we visit an island called Sarodrano. There we will discover extraordinary views with yellow, finest sand. We will also take a look at the mangroves. There is also the possibility of diving. In the late afternoon we will return to the hotel. Overnight stay at the Hotel Anakao Ocean Lodge, 4-star hotel.

SARODRANO

The floristic zone is visible near the mangrove areas such as : *Sonneratia alba* at the level of the lower lake; then *Rhizophora mucronata* and *Bruguiera gymnorhiza*, *Ceriops tagal*, finally *Avicennia marina* in the level of the rock masses at the cliff foot.

Sarodrano hangs from the dead cliff, which forms the lower part of the great escarpment that delimits the Causse de Belamotra. It is dominated by dunes with little vegetation. It is supposed to have been founded 2,000 years before Christ (Battistini, 1995).

On the cliff side a reappearance of fresh water can be observed. The mangrove develops there on a latitude of 150 meters between the Bina Cave and the Grande Source.

At the edge of the sandy spit, one can see the remarkable homogeneity of the mangroves: *Avicennia* predominates, but leaves the place to the *ceriops* in the undergrowth.



Day 11 : Excursion and diving in Mangily/Ifaty

After breakfast we go to the jungle baobab tree. There you will discover different species of baobabs, the largest tree in Madagascar, and other exotic plants. The beach Mangily offers good diving and surfing possibilities. This is not so far from Ifaty, about 15 minutes by car. In the evening we return to Anakao. Overnight stay at Anakao Ocean Lodge, 4-star hotel.

MANGILY/IFATY

Ifaty and Mangily, about 25 km north of Toliara, are two separate villages, 3 km apart, sharing the same beach, known confusingly as Ifaty beach (the dunes of Ifaty are in Mangily, for example). Ifaty is way far the smaller tourist destination, although its name continues to attract the latter. The popularity of this area is largely due to its location near Toliara and the excellent paved road that connects it. The beaches are really quite poor compared to other options: sometimes they are rocky, very flat most of the day and with sea grass instead of sand beaches..Nevertheless, the snorkeling is good, the whales pass by here and there are many resorts to choose from, some of them are really good.



Day 12: Excursion in Saint-Augustin

After breakfast we will drive to Saint-Augustin for an excursion. Discover the view from the rocks of Saint Augustin to the river Onilahy and the sea, the flamingos at the mouth, with a little luck the "Maki lemurs" and the Humblot heron. Overnight stay at Anakao Ocean Lodge, 4-star hotel.

SAINT-AUGUSTIN

Saint-Augustin (or Ianantsony, or Anantsono) is a village, now a municipality, in the region of Atsimo-Andrefana (district of Toliara II), in southwest Madagascar. The Tropic of Capricorn runs a few kilometers north of the town of Saint-Augustin. This town gave its name to the bay of the same name, where the Onilahy River ends.

In 1995, fishermen brought back a Coelacanth that was found in the underwater gorge that extends the Onilahy River. Since then, more have been observed.

In the mangrove swamp of Lavadonoro, which is located in front of the village on the left bank of the Onilahy, you can observe Maki (Lemur catta) at sunset

Day 13 : Excursion in Tsimanampetsotsa

After breakfast we drive to Tsimanampetsotsa National Park. This park offers various exotic views. There we will discover a salty lake with dry earth. The lemurs and other birds like flamingos are looking forward to your visit. There we will have lunch and return to the hotel in the late afternoon. Overnight stay at Anakao Ocean Lodge, 4-star hotel.

TSIMANAMPETSOTSA

Among the 39 reptile species, the ray turtles are among the most important in Tsimanampetsotsa National Park. They are endemic in this region and unfortunately extremely endangered and threatened with extinction. Due to the chemical composition of the salt lakes found there, no fish can actually survive in them. Besides these birds, there are 12 mammal species, including the extremely rare and endemic native Grandidierii mongoose and four species of lemurs.



Day 14: Toliara to the airport

After breakfast you will be driven to Toliara, as the flight to Antananarivo leaves at 09:30. Upon arrival in Antananarivo you will be accompanied by a tour guide to the airport. There you take the flight to Europe.

END OF OUR SERVICES

INCLUSIVES:

- Hotels during the tour
- Diving equipment (wetsuit, mask, diving apparatus) and diving course
- Transport during the tour
- Transport ship Anakao
- Transport ship Nosy Ve
- Transport ship Sarodrano
- Internet in the car during visits
- Domestic flight ticket
- Breakfast
- English speaking guide during the tour
- Welcome in English by a Madagastours-guide at the airport
- Welcome gifts
- 24/7 English telephone support in Ifanadiana Madagascar during the tour
- 24-hour emergency service in English language for family members during the tour
- Map of Madagascar
- Detailed travel information in English

EXCLUSIVES:

- Flight ticket to Antananarivo
- Admission to the park
- Travel Insurance
- Lunch and dinner