

# **EXITING VOYAGE**

# ANTANANARIVO – ANDASIBE – MANAMBATO – TOAMASINA – FOULE POINTE MAHAMBO – SOANERENA IVONGO – SAINTE MARIE – AMPEFY

# **HIGHLIGHTS**:

- Discovery of Fauna & Flora such as Chameleon and other animal and plant species
- Dolphin watching on Sainte Marie Island
- Observation of the magnificent landscape during the trip
- Discovery of Lemurs, the most famous animal of the island.
- Discovery the culture of Betsimisaraka ethnic of Madagaskar
- Relax in the different beautiful beaches with sunset
- Tingue Bay Sainte Marie Island





# **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: Welcome to Ivato Airport Transfer to the hotel.

Transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon you can visit the capital of the island. In the evening we returned to the hotel. After having a long flight you can relax at the Hôtel Restaurant La Ribaudière Antananarivo, a 4-star hotel.

#### Day 2: Antananarivo - Andasibe

After breakfast, the exciting journey to Andasibe begins, where Madagascar's largest lemur "Indri Indri" and various medicinal plants, such as orchids. In the evening, we will stay in a Vakona Forest Hotel, a 4 Stars Hotel.

#### ANDASIBE

The Andasibe Mantadia National Park was founded in 1989 and covers two areas with its 154 km2. Both parts belonged to the same wet forest and were divided into two parts due to human activities. You can discover different flora and fauna in this park, especially what makes Madagascar so unique. In the Andasibe Mantadia National Park orchids, (screw) palms, the heavy precious wood rosewood and the "peeling tree" Vakoana as well as all kinds of endemic colorful flowers grow. Three quarters of the 1200 plant species are found only here in Andasibe Mantadia National Park. Most of the trees bloom all year round. In addition, the small rivers are home to some endemic fish and hundreds of insects, including some exceptionally large and colorful butterflies. The Indri-Indri is the star of the national park. Furthermore, there are day-active (Diadem-Sifaka, Black and White Vari and the Grey Bamboo lemur) as well as night-active lemur species (the small mouse lemur and the Aye Aye (finger animal) as well as the Fossa, the Brown Maki and the Eastern Wool lemur. You will also encounter a variety of birds, reptiles and amphibians.





#### AMPEFY

The town is located in the district of Soavinandriana in the Itasy region. Apart from a place completely isolated from the hustle and bustle of the big cities, the village of Ampefy offers you a unique and contrasting landscape. Located to the west of Antananarivo, the road to this region leads to the volcanic highlands, which are very present in the region. The region with its charming volcanic landscape looks similar to the landscape in the southeast of the island. During your visit, you will discover the life and culture of the day of the people. The Peasants who live from agriculture are very industrious. They have planted vegetables, corn and rice in this fruitful soil, whatever the Madagascans like to eat in everyday life, grows here in this country.

#### WATERFALLS LILY

One of the main attractions in the Ampefy region is a visit to the Lili waterfall. Located in Antafofo, you can already admire the beauty of the volcanic region along the road to these famous waterfalls.



#### Day 3 : Andasibe - Manambato

You will go by car from Andasibe directly to Manambato .On the way you can experience the beauty of the Green Mountain and the greetings of plants. Overnight stay in Manambato at hotel Les acasias Bungalow Manambato, 4 star Hotel.

#### MANAMBATO

Enjoy the warm climate by the sea with the soft beach of Manambato. Short trip to Rasoabe Lake by boat.Manambato is primarily an access town for the Pangalanes Lakes, but it's also home to a lovely white-sand beach on the shore of Lac Rasoabe. This lake has a special history, starting from the name after the first wife. He would have installed her on the lake to make rice paddies, but in her absence, she would have cheated on him. The husband, mad with anger, would then have drowned her in the lake.



### Day 4 : Manambato - Ankanin´ny Nofy

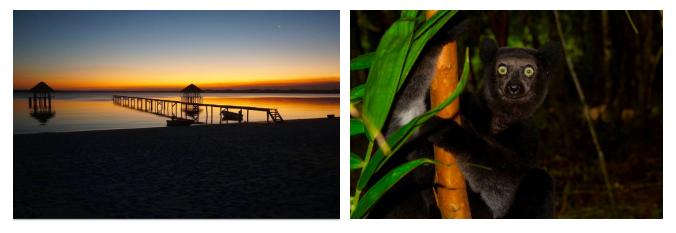
After breakfast you would be transported by motorboat on the Pangalane Canal to the Hotel Pangalanes Jungle Nofy near Ankanin'ny Nofy. The nice thing is that on the way you will discover the different architectures from the houses of the inhabitants of the Betsimisaraka ethnic group of Madagascar and of course the beautiful landscapes with mountains and nature. Overnight in Pangalanes Jungle Nofy Hotel,4 star hotel.

#### Day 5: Discovery of the Palmarum National Park Ankanin'ny Nofy

After breakfast the dream journey continues. Visit to the Palmarum National Park Ankanin'ny Nofy. Here beautiful plants can be discovered. Special animals, both Chameleon as well as lemurs are waiting for the visit. At night, stay overnight at the Hotel Palmarium Ankanin'ny Nofy, a 4 star hotel.

#### **ANKANIN'NY NOFY**

Akanin'ny Nofy means "the nest of dreams". The Palmarium Reserve is called Ankanin'ny Nofy (The Nest of Dreams) and is located on the east coast of Madagascar on 50 hectares at the edge of the Ampitabe sees Lake and the Indian Ocean on the Pangalanes Channel. During your visit to the Palmarium Reserves you can discover the famous wildlife and ten species of lemurs, including the Indri, the Sifaka and especially the elusive Aye-Aye. About ten species of lemurs that develop in complete freedom in the reserve: Indri, Sifaka, Coronatus, Varécia, Variegata, Sifaka. A rare and endemic terrestrial and arboreal fauna and a splendid flora (orchids, carnivorous plants, ebony, mahogany, rice trees)... the most beautiful palm trees of Madagascar, including the rarest varieties (Dypsis, Ravenea, Orania, but also Voanioala and Lemurophoenix).



#### Day 6 : Ankanin'ny Nofy - Tamatave- Foulpointe

After breakfast, visit the Palmarium Reserve in Ankanin'ny Nofy. There it is possible to see about ten species of lemurs, some of which are quite close together, including Indri lemurs, Sifakas. After that the trip continues to Foulpointe. The journey goes on until the beach. There you can swim and go by boat to look at fish and crabs and many different kinds of seafood. Overnight stay at the Victoria Beach Hotel, 3 Star hotel.



#### Day 7: Foulpointe - Mahambo

After breakfast visit to the castle of Hova, where in the 19th century in Foulpointe the Kings and queens lived. After lunch the journey continues to Mahambo. Overnight stay at La Pirogue Hotel Mahambo, 4 star hotel.

# MAHAMBO

Mahambo has a beach and a large lagoon and vegetation. It is a small village between Tamatave and Sainte-Marie. What makes this village special is its glory, which is revealed by its own beach suitable for surfing, one of the most famous Grand Island dedicated to these sports facilities.

# Day 8: Mahambo - Soanierana Ivongo - Sainte Marie

Before leaving Manambato, we will discover the town as well as the beautiful beach. Then the journey continues to Soanierana Ivongo, about 2 hours by car and then continues by boat to Sainte Marie. This is a small island next to Madagascar. Overnight stay in Soanambo hotel, a 4 star hotel.

# **SAINTE MARIE**

Sainte Marie is also known as Nosy Boraha and is located only a few kilometers from the east coast of Madagascar. Around 16,000 inhabitants live on the island, which covers almost 200 square kilometers, and tourism is especially playing an economic role of growing importance. Sainte Marie offers for your journey through Madagascar many unique and unforgettable possibilities as well as its beautiful landscape, the people with their own cultures and of course the several beaches.



# Day 9: Relax to the Île aux Nattes

After breakfast we will relax at Île aux Nattes. We will go there by boat. This is not so far from Sainte Marie, a small island paradise with a beautiful white beach. You can swim there. We will have lunch there and later in the afternoon we will return to Soanambo Hotel Sainte Marie, a 4 star hotel.

#### ÎLE AUX NATTES

The Île Aux Nattes, locally simply called Nosy Nato, is quickly becoming the new beach paradise in Madagascar. And it is easy to understand why it has started to overtake the Nosy Bee places as the number one beach paradise in all of Madagascar. It is a classic tropical island, with sweeping white



beaches and overhanging palm trees, a turquoise sea with waves breaking over the reef, a gentle breeze and a lush green interior.

#### **Day 10: Watching Dolphins**

From June to September, humpback whales migrate off the northeast coast of Madagascar to mate and give birth. It is possible to observe them in Sainte Marie. But 4 days per year on the 14 July, it is possible to go out to sea to observe these impressive cetaceans. As whales are mammals, they must regularly come to the surface to breathe. After watching whales, we take the boat to île aux Nattes. There we will relax on the white beach with turquoise sea and calm waves. Overnight at Soanambo Hotel in Sainte-Marie, 4 star hotel

#### Day 11: Sainte Marie-Antananarivo

You will be picked up from the airport by the tour guides and transferred to the hotel in Antananarivo. Overnight at Ribaudiere hotel, 4 star hotel.



#### Day 12: Antananarivo - Ampefy

After breakfast, drive to Ampefy to visit the surroundings and the waterfalls of the Lily River. Visit of the Analavory geysers in a magnificent volcanic environment. One of the main attractions in the Ampefy region is a visit to the Lili waterfall. Located in Antafofo, you can already admire the beauty of the volcanic region along the road to these famous waterfalls. Overnight at Ampefy Lodge, 3 Star hotel.

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Day 13: Ambohimanga Rova



An excursion to Ambohimanga Rova, where the kings of Merina used to live. In the evening return to the hotel and enjoy the last evening in Madagascar. We will return to the hotel La ribaudiere Antananarivo. 4 star hotel.



#### **AMBOHIMANGA ROVA**

Ambohimanga Rova in Antananarivo refers both to the place and to the Palace of the Kings, which was built on this site. The largest construction works were carried out under the reign of the Merina King Andrianampoinimerina. The oldest parts of the complex date from between 1740 and 1745.

# **Day 14: Departure**

we'll transfer you to Ivato airport and finally say goodbye. End of the adventure ,Transfer to Ivato airport.

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# **INCLUDED:**

- Hotels during the tour
- Transport during the tour
- Internet in the car during the tour
- Internal flight ticket
- Breakfast
- English speaking guide during the tour
- Reception in English by a madagastours guide at the airport
- Welcome gifts
- 24/7 telephone support in English in Ifanadiana Madagascar during the tour
- 24-hour emergency service in English for family members during the tour
- Map of Madagascar
- Detailed information about the tour in english

# **EXCLUDED:**

- Flight ticket to Antananarivo
- Entrance to the Park
- Travel Insurance
- Lunch & Dinner