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## ROMANTIC ISLAND

**ANTANANARIVO – DIEGO RAMENA – TSINGY ROUGE – ANKARANA – ANKIFY  
NOSY BE – NOSY KOMBA – NOSY TANIKEY – NOSY IRANJA**

### HIGHLIGHTS :

- Relaxation in the beach Ramena Diego
- Discovery the town of Diego
- Hiking in the Tsingy Ankarana with its colourful and bizarre landscape
- Hiking in an especially interesting place red Tsingy Rouge
- Discovery of many Island with turquoise blue water
- Discovery of endemic fauna and flora
- Relax in a tranquil place Nosy Sakatia Island
- Diving in Nosy Sakatia Island
- Relax in Nosy Be



### ITINERARY

### Day 1: Welcome to Diego Airport.

you fly from the capital Antananarivo to Diego and you will be picked by the tour guide to be transferred to the Hotel Lakana Ramena Diego, 4 stars hotel.

### Day 2: Surfing on Sakalava bay

Your breakfast will be waiting for you at the hotel and after that you can relax on the beach. Overnight in Hotel Lakana Ramena Diego. 4 stars hotel.

#### RAMENA

Ramena Beach is located directly at the village of Ramena, 18 kilometres from Diego Suarez, at the entrance of Diego Suarez Bay - the second largest natural bay in the world. The beach is very popular among the day visitors of Diego town, especially on weekends. Ramena Beach is several kilometres long with a number of hotels and small local restaurants spread along the beach. At the south end of the beach there is mangrove vegetation. This is a small lively fishing village in northern Madagascar. This place is known as a popular destination for swimming and relaxing on the beach.



### Day 3: Hiking

You can hike on the French mountain. You will discover the beauty of nature and landscapes. It is the oldest archaeological city in Madagascar. Overnight stay at Lakana Ramena Hotel in Diego, 4 stars hotel.

### Day 4: Hiking to the Volcanic Mountain

Hiking through the volcanic mountain Montagne d'Ambre, which culminates at an altitude of 1475 m. The lemurs are happy to welcome visitors. Overnight at hotel Iharana Bush Camp. This hotel was a Malagasy architecture, 3 stars Hotel.

#### MONTAGNE D'AMBRE

Covering an area of 18,200 ha, the Amber Mountain National Park is located in the Diana region of northern Madagascar. The massif characterizing the site reaches an altitude of more than 1,475 meters. It is an unavoidable stage of the circuit in the north of the Big Island for adventurers wishing to discover the true characteristics of a rainy fauna and flora.

The massif constitutes an endemic ecosystem, being covered with a dense rainforest to the east, a dense humid forest to the west and a dense mountain forest at the summit. Several animal species have found refuge there: 19 species of mammals including 8 lemurs with two remarkable species: the crowned lemur and the red microscopic lemur, the smallest primate in the world,

49 species of reptiles including 11 species of chameleons among which the smallest chameleon on the planet, the brookesia. The park has nearly 77 species of birds and nearly twenty amphibians. There is also a picnic area with a lodge nearby.

### Day 5: Ankarana Este – Ankify

Hiking in Tsingy Rouge and Ankarana (352 Km - 7:00h)

Today will be long days because we will visit 2 different interesting places. After breakfast, we will drive to Tsingy Rouge, called Tsingy Rouge. We will go to one in a very interesting place. The walk will take about 2:00 hours. Then we will go to Ankarana and have lunch at Chez Laurant Ankarana. Then we will walk in Tsingy Ankarana in a colorful and strange landscape. The walk will last around 4:00 am.

Then we head to Ankify for the night. This trip will last about 4 hours. Overnight at Ankify Lodge, 3 star hotel.

### TSINGY ROUGE

The red tsingy are located in the north of the island, about 50 km from Diego Suarez. The Tsingy can be reached within an hour via a sand road. Compared to the Tsingy de Bemaraha in the west, the red Tsingy are made of sandstone and not limestone and are therefore much more sensitive. The reddish colour is given to this formation of hundreds of peaks from the red laterite earth, which is so typical for Madagascar. The peaks of the Tsingy rouge are up to 10 meters high and shine in various shades of red. The Tsingy rouge are located in a gorge where more and more tsingy appear due to erosion, but also tsingy disappear due to wind and water erosion. So this formation changes again and again and makes it especially interesting.

### ANKARANA

Ankarana is a special reserve located about 90 kilometres south of Antsiranana and can be easily visited from there. The reserve is not very big and is primarily known for the Tsingy. Tsingy are calcareous rock structures that rise razor sharp from the ground. Over thousands of years they have been transformed from rainwater into their present. What can we do there? Take a hike to the green lake "Lac Vert" Discover bats in underground cave and cave systems. The 140 km long underground cave system is covered with many prohibitions, the fadys of the poor. Discover the Green River, an underground river that only briefly rises to the surface in the canyon.





## SAMBIRANO

This magnificent trip in the Malagasy North-West allows you to discover the great diversity of this country in a small area. We will discover the second largest bay in the world and the emerald sea. We will join the forest of the Montagne d'Ambre, we will walk in the primary forest in search of lemurs, chameleons, exotic plants. Then, we will discover a dry region in the Ankarana Massif composed of caves and Tsingys.

For more than 50 years, Sambirano cocoa trees have been growing under large shade trees in agroforestry. This specific terroir, which gives it its acidulous taste, also allows the preservation of a dense fauna and flora, which is essential in a country constantly threatened by deforestation due to the weight of the population and the combined effects of slash-and-burn rice cultivation, the extension of pastures or the production of charcoal.

### Day 6: Ankify - Nosy Be

After breakfast we continue by boat to Nosy Be. Then we will check in at the hotel and relax on the beach. We spend the night at the hotel Nosy Be Villa Orchidées, Hotel 4 stars.



### Day 7: Nosy Be

You will only enjoy the beach on the island of Nosy Be. You can swim there and spend a relaxing time with the sound of the sea. In the evening, you will return to the hotel Nosy Be Villa Orchidées, Hotel 4 stars.

## NOSY BE

Nosy Be Madagascar's number one beach destination, the island of Nosy Be has all the ingredients you'd expect: soft white sand, turquoise waters and wonderful seafood. A paradise for water-based activities with its sunny climate most of the year, diving is the top draw, and there is plenty of swimming, snorkelling, sailing and fishing. Operators offer excursions to the surrounding islands with their beautiful beaches and great diving opportunities.

Once you've had enough of seascapes, head for the rolling landscapes of the little-explored hinterland: as well as the brilliant Parc National Lokobe, there are ylang-ylang and vanilla plantations, crater lakes and waterfalls, and miles of dirt tracks accessible only by foot or quad bike.

### Day 8: Nosy Be

Today, it will be a beautiful journey through the city of Hell Ville and Ylang Ylang to Dزاماندزار. In the past, sugar cane workers lived there. After lunch, you will rest on the beach of Mont Passot until sunset. In the evening, you will return to Villa Orchidées Hotel, 4 Stars Hotel.

### Day 9: Nosy Komba

We discovered the Nosy Komba nature reserve. Lemurs and also small birds are waiting for tourists. Of course, you can also relax in the beautiful green nature of the park. Don't forget to bring bathing suits with you, as you can go swimming after visiting the park. In the evening, you will return to the Nosy Be hotel, Villa Orchidées, 4 Stars Hotel.

#### NOSY KOMBA

Nosy Komba is known for its many small and inhabited beaches as well as for its emerald like water.

Nosy komba is a small jewel of nature, increasingly visited and becoming a mirror of its larger neighbor, Nosy Be. It is home to many Makis, a variety of lemuriens also called Macaco. Tranquillity prevails as there are no cars, neither electricity. Beauty of nature and the sweetness of life make it a most attractive place to be.

### Day 10: Return to the City Nosy Be

Leisure day for all the tourists at Nosy Be, you have the opportunity to discover special cultures of the island and its people with typical tradition. You will spend the night Nosy Be Villa Orchidées, 4 stars hotel.

### Day 11: Nosy tanikely

Discover the diverse nature and animals of the sea. Nosy Tanikely is a protected park. A diving mask is provided for diving. Underwater there is a real aquarium where you can admire the magnificent coral by admiring the splendid spectacle of anemones, myriads of colored fish, shells, perches, morays and sea turtles. It is also possible to swim and the beach invites you to relax. Overnight Nosy Be Villa Orchidées, 4 stars hotel.

#### NOSY TANIKELY

Tanikely means "island of little earth", which alludes to the small area of the island. But under water there is much more to see: The colorful, still completely intact coral gardens reach to a few meters before the beach, and accommodate an unbelievable abundance of fish, starfish, sea urchins, sea cucumbers and other sea creatures. Between huge corals, surgeonfish, pufferfish and groupers find a home. Whole shoals of fish pass by dazzlingly colorful, and with the underwater camera you sometimes don't even know where to take pictures first.

### Day 12: Discovery of Nosy Iranja

After breakfast you will discover a special island of Madagascar named Nosy Iranja. You will go there by boat and the trip will take around 1:30 hours. There you will discover an open way between the sea to a small island near Nosy Iranja. You can also visit the place. Additionally, there is the possibility to have a look at a beautiful panorama. You can also swim there and spend your time on the beach. We will prepare lunch for you for free. Later in the afternoon you will return to Nosy Sakatia. Overnight in Hotel Nosy Be Villa Orchidées, 4 stars hotel.



### **NOSY IRANJA**

Nosy Iranja consists of two smaller islands: Nosy Iranja Be and Nosy Iranja Kely. Those pieces of land are connected by a thin strip of sand 2 km long. With the tide low, they'll make the most of the place, but watch out for the high tide! They'll love the beauty of the landscapes, the turquoise water surrounding the lagoon that reflects the sunlight and makes the sea shine.. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy any aquatic and terrestrial activity that they want.

### **Day 13: Nosy Be – Antananarivo**

The journey is over. After breakfast you will transfer to Nosy Be by boat. You still have half a day to visit Nosy Be because the plane to Antananarivo leaves at 15:40 h. Overnight at la Ribaudiere Hotel, 4 stars Hotel.

### **AMBOHIMANGA ROVA**

Ambohimanga Rova en Antananarivo se refiere tanto al lugar como al Palacio de los Reyes, que fue construido en este sitio. Las obras de construcción más grandes se llevaron a cabo bajo el reinado del Rey Merina Andrianampoinimerina . Las partes más antiguas del complejo datan de entre 1740 y 1745.



### **Day 14: Ambohimanga Rova and walk around the capital and buy souvenirs**

Ambohimanga is a hill in Madagascar, located approximately 24 km northeast of the capital Antananarivo, where a traditional royal fortress is established. In the morning, you will go to Ambohimanga, the home of the Merina monarchy. You will have time to stroll around the capital and buy many souvenirs of your adventure in Madagascar and rest before flying, then we will accompany you to the airport and finally say goodbye.

### **END OF OUR SERVICE**

#### **INCLUDED :**

- Hotels during the tour
- Transport during the tour
- Internet in the car during the tours
- 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