



## 14 Day Madagascar Adventure Accommodated Tour

Create your own wildlife-filled jungle jaunt through Madagascar on a 14-day adventure to the island's hotspots. You'll be lazing on white-sand beaches, exploring tropical rainforests and spending time with a huge variety of local wildlife, including the lemur – the island's most popular animal inhabitants. Dig a little deeper throughout your journey and interact with local communities, getting an insight into the day-to-day life of Malagasy and Betsileo peoples. Discover the French colonial influences in Antananarivo and Antsirabe and get the chance to chill out in your own time. An eco-escapade in Madagascar awaits, with flamingos, beaches and relaxed vibes at every turn.



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Andasibe National Park
- Mitsinjo Night Walk
- Pereyras Nature Farm
- Andasibe National Park - guided walk
- Antsirabe
- Ambositra – Village Visit
- Ranomafana National Park
- Rainforest Walk
- Fianarantsoa - Betsileo: village visit and walk
- Ambalavao – Anja Community Reserve
- Antemoro Paper Factory visit
- Beautiful Sandy Beaches
- Tsimanampetsotsa National Park

### ITINERARY

14 Days  
Madagascar



## DAY 1 ANTANANARIVO

Welcome to Madagascar. This country's capital is the charmingly crowded Antananarivo – a fun, hilly place to explore. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm, but if you do happen to arrive early, why not head to Analakey to visit the street markets or perhaps seek out a cafe to soak up the atmosphere. After your important briefing, where you'll meet up with your group leader and fellow travellers, why not keep the introductions going with an optional dinner with your group at a local restaurant.

It's very important that you attend the welcome meeting as we will be collecting insurance details and next of kin information at this time. If you are going to be late please let your travel agent or hotel reception know. Ask reception or look for a note in the lobby for more information on where the meeting will take place.

### Optional Activities

Antananarivo - Ambohimanga Rova Tour (per person; minimum 2) (including transport, entry, guiding) - EUR90

Antananarivo - Lemur's Park - EUR80

### Meals Included

None

### Accommodation

Hotel (1 nt)

## DAY 2 ANDASIBE NATIONAL PARK

Leave Antananarivo in your dust after breakfast, heading for Andasibe National Park (approximately 4 hours). Stop en route at Pereyras Nature Farm – a private reserve that's home to chameleons, frogs, snakes and so much more wildlife. This evening, you'll have an opportunity to take night walk through the forest at Mitsinjo – a privately-owned reserve, where you'll encounter nocturnal species including endemic butterflies and lemurs.

Pereyras Reserve is named after the French entomologist and naturalist Andre Peyrieras. Often likened to a zoo as animals are kept in cages, this reserve is also a research centre and a centre of reproduction for certain species. We have included this in our trip as the reserve has many different and rare species which are facing extinction in the wild. It is popular spot with visitors and some of the rangers may encourage visitors by offering to hold chameleons and put them on shoulders for photos this is not something we endorse or encourage.

### Included Activities

Andasibe National Park - Mitsinjo night walk

Andasibe National Park - Pereyras Private Reserve

### Meals Included

1 Breakfast

### Accommodation

Lodge (1 nt)

## DAY 3 ANDASIBE NATIONAL PARK

Andasibe is the most visited park in Madagascar and famous for the 11 species of lemur that call it home. Aside from lemurs, you'll find endemic birds including the long-eared owl and the rufous-headed ground roller, as well as the smallest living chameleon – *Brookesia minima* – and many times types of reptiles, insects and frogs. This region is popular thanks to an abundance of unique wildlife, and you'll have an opportunity to discover them during a guided walk through the national park.

A visit to Lemur Island an initiative of the Vakona Forest Lodge is possible today. It is often communicated that the



lemurs on this small river island are individuals rescued from the captive wildlife trade, we are not clear if this is true. Lemur Island is quiet, it is located within a rain forest environment, and the number of visitors is regulated, however we emphasise that this is an Optional Activity and will not suit all our travellers. Income from visitors to the park does assist with the preservation and conservation of these captive Lemurs.

If visiting the island, we would also not encourage giving food to the Lemurs in exchange for a photograph.

**Included Activities**

Andasibe National Park - guided walk

**Optional Activities**

Andasibe - Lemur Island – Free

**Meals Included**

None

**Accommodation**

Lodge (1 nt)

**DAY 4  
ANTSIRABE**

Drive to Antsirabe (approximately 6-7 hours). Antsirabe maintains a Malagasy touch with all the tranquillity of a small European town, thanks to the contrast of its bustling street markets and Colonial-style facades. Located in the highlands, it's a popular spa town thanks to the hot springs and thermal baths, and the colourful rickshaws known as 'pousse-pousse' are a popular form of transport.

On arrival check into your hotel and enjoy a group dinner in the Gazebo within the grounds of the Guest House. Our Accommodation this evening is in Gite Madalief (Guesthouse Madalief). This guesthouse is run by an inspiring Dutch lady who established an orphanage in Madagascar - the guesthouse helps to support her work and offers employment to some former residents of the orphanage.

Dinner is included this evening.

**Meals Included**

1 Breakfast, 1 Dinner

**Accommodation**

Guesthouse (1 nt)

**DAY 5  
AMBOSITRA**

Make the short journey to Ambositra this morning, home to the third-largest ethnic group in Madagascar – the Betsileo people. Take a visit to the nearby Sandrandahy villages and explore the process of silk production, which is an important part of Malagasy culture. The use of silk was once reserved exclusively for royalty, but now everyone is free to wear it though its use is more often used for the dead. When a Malagasy is buried, their body is wrapped in a large, silk sheet known as a 'lambamena' and, after a few years, the family traditionally return to the tomb to exchange the sheet for a new one. This custom is known as famadihana, and each village specialises in one step of the production. Enjoy a local lunch before spending a free evening in Ambositra.

**Included Activities**

Ambositra - Village Visit  
Ambositra -Manandriana Village Lunch

**Meals Included**

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch

**Accommodation**

Hotel (1 nt)



## DAY 6 RANOMAFANA

Travel this morning to Ranomafa National Park, a journey of about 5 hours. Located in the southeastern part of Madagascar, this park is home to a number of rare species. Ranomafana means 'hot water' in the Malagasy language and the area is a haven for small mammals, birds, reptiles and insects, as well as palms, bamboo, orchids and carnivorous plants. It's home to 13 species of lemur, including the famous golden bamboo lemur, which was first reported in the area in 1985 and is one of the reasons why the government decided to protect this forest. Enjoy some free time on arrival, and you may want to consider taking an optional night walk once the sun goes down. Your accommodation tonight is a small cottage located within the park's boundaries.

Perhaps consider visiting the thermal springs after which the town is named. Located across the Namorona River. The outdoor swimming pool fed by the springs is a popular spot to take a dip.

### Optional Activities

Ranomafana - Station Thermale - MGA5000

Ranomafana NP - Night Walk - MGA40000

### Meals Included

1 Breakfast

### Accommodation

Cottage (1nt)

## DAY 7 RANOMAFANA

Continue exploring Ranomafana, this time on a guided walk. Keep your eyes peeled for lemurs, striped civets, mongooses, goshawks, geckos, frogs and butterflies. You may even spot an incredible net-casting spider or the world's smallest chameleon. Relax into the day, and once again spend the night within the park. Your activities in the National Park include two guided walks, please discuss duration and walking conditions with your Leader.

### Included Activities

Ranomafana National Park - Rainforest walk

### Meals Included

None

### Accommodation

Cottage (1nt)

## DAY 8 FIANARANTSOA

Travel this morning to Fianarantsoa – a colourful town known for its markets and handicrafts. This heritage site is a must-see, with its long, paved roads, labyrinths of small paths and old houses with flower-studded balconies and tiled roofs. Take a day visit to a typical Malagasy village for an insight into how the majority of the island's population live, then take a local walk to explore the surrounding countryside, which is dotted with rice paddies and vineyards that produce Fianarantsoa's famous wine. You'll get a chance to sample local cuisine with a lunch stop in the villages then, in the afternoon, visit the historical old city of Fianarantsoa on foot.

The Betsileo Village visit includes a walk through the local countryside, the duration of the walk is usually 2.5 hours, whilst not a difficult walk parts of the walk are in full sun and we recommend a hat, sunscreen and of course carrying drinking water. Please discuss any concerns with your Leader.

### Included Activities

Fianarantsoa - Betsileo: village visit and walk



**Meals Included**  
1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch

**Accommodation**  
Hotel (1 nt)

## DAY 9 - 10 ISALO NATIONAL PARK

Drive approximately 8 hours west toward Isalo National Park. You'll stop at the Anja Community Reserve on your way – a great spot to observe lemurs and learn a little more about the local culture. The local villagers will be your guide on this excursion, and your leader will be able to translate all the knowledge they can pass on to you. Isalo is known for its variety of landscapes, from rainforests and rolling plains teeming with life to strange geological formations and deep-cut canyons. And of course, there are a variety of lemur species roaming around the place because – well, this is Madagascar. Spend a couple of days exploring the park, which is home to over 80 species of birds, 30 species of reptiles and 14 species of mammals including three lemur species – ring-tailed, red-fronted and Verreaux's sifakas lemur.

**Included Activities**  
Ambalavao - Anja Community Reserve  
Ambalavao - Antemoro Paper Factory visit  
Isalo National Park - guided walk

**Meals Included**  
2 Breakfast

**Accommodation**  
Hotel (2 nts)

## DAY 11 ANAKAO

You'll be up early today (approximately 5.30 am) to travel to Toliara Harbour, from where the group will take a boat to Anakao. Imagine perfect white sandy beaches beside turquoise waters, and that's Anakao – a small, laid-back town in which fishing is the main occupation. Enjoy a free day taking it easy on the beach, soaking up some sun and swimming in the clear waters of the Mozambique Channel. You're on island time now – so chill out and bask in the golden glow of Anakao. Lalandaka Eco Lodge has bungalow style accommodation. In true eco fashion, there is no running water in the bungalows and there is no hot water in the camp. Each bungalow is regularly supplied with a bucket of fresh water for washing and flushing the toilet.

**Optional Activities**  
Anakao- Nosy Ve Excursion Canoe and Entry - MGA40000

**Meals Included**  
1 Breakfast

**Accommodation**  
Bungalow (1 nt)

## DAY 12 ANAKAO

Today is another free day of leisure in this paradise. Consider taking a full-day tour of Tsimanampetsotse National Park – a birder's paradise named for its spectacular lake. More than 100 species of bird can be found here, including pink, greater and dwarf flamingos, as well as the gray-brown mouse and white-footed sportive lemurs. Maybe paddle a canoe out to the mirage of Nosy Ve instead and check out the beaches and reef, or just hang out in Anakao town and make the most of its convenient beaches.



### Optional Activities

Anakao- Tsimanampetsotsa National Park (Entry) - MGA45000

#### Meals Included

1 Breakfast

#### Accommodation

Bungalow (1 nt)

## DAY 13 ANTANANRIVO

This morning, transfer to Toliara by boat for the flight back to Antananarivo. Flights in Madagascar can be delayed and often experience late schedule changes. You need to be prepared that there may be some waiting time in Tulear today depending on the scheduled flight time for the day and your scheduled boat transfers, but this is all part of the fun. Back in Antananarivo this evening, enjoy a celebratory night with your new travel companions – perhaps toast Madagascar with a local beer or two.

#### Meals Included

1 Breakfast

#### Accommodation

Hotel (1 nt)

## DAY 14 ANTANANARIVO – DEPARTURE DAY

With no activities planned for today, your adventure ends today after breakfast and you are free to leave at any time, provided you comply with the hotel's internal check-out policy. Departure transfers are available for pre-booking with us.

#### Meals Included

1 Breakfast

## Tour Information

### Pre-Departure Information Booklet:

Once booking has been confirmed we will send you a full and detailed pre-departure Booklet to help you prepare, below is some basic tour information

#### Joining point

Hotel Belvedere  
Lot IF 27 bis Isoraka  
Antananarivo  
101  
MADAGASCAR  
Phone: +261 347986638

Belvedere Hotel is centrally located in Antananarivo, perched on a hill with views of the city, and within walking distance to shops, restaurants and banks. Rooms are equipped with private ensuite, air-conditioning, TV, phone & mini-fridge. Hotel facilities include restaurant, bar, and WiFi access.

#### Finish point

Hotel Belvedere  
Lot IF 27 bis Isoraka  
Antananarivo



101  
MADAGASCAR  
Phone: +261 347986638

### **Alternate Finishing points**

For trips departing on the following dates, use this finish point.

20 Jun 2020 (YBSN200620)

Chalet des Roses

13, rue de l'Auximad Antsahavola

Antananarivo

Antananarivo

MADAGASCAR

Phone: 261 202264233

### **Accommodation**

Hotel (6 nights) Lodge (3 nights) Cottage (2 nights) Eco Lodge (2 nights)

### **Meals**

Your group leader will endeavour to cater for specific dietary requirements where possible, and vegetarianism and gluten intolerance will be catered for in most instances. Please notify your group leader of any dietary requirements in your group meeting at the start of the trip.

For those suffering from particular food allergies, your group leader will endeavour to disclose to their fullest knowledge the main ingredients in dishes being consumed. It is, however, your personal responsibility to ensure that you do not ingest any foods to which you are allergic.

Alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages are not part of included meals.

### **Transport**

Private Vehicles, Boat, Plane

### **Luggage**

We advise clients to be as light as possible when travelling through Africa. Most travellers carry their luggage in a backpack, although an overnight bag with a shoulder strap will suffice if you travel lightly. Smaller bags or backpacks with wheels are convenient although we recommend your bag has carry straps. You'll also need a day pack/bag to carry water and a camera etc for day trips. Lodges rarely have suitcase ramps meaning wheels are sometimes more of a hindrance and also impact on the case fitting in the lockers. On booking the pre-departure info will have a packing guide to help you prepare.

**Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us on the below details.**

**General Enquiries & Reservations** - [info@detourafrica.co.za](mailto:info@detourafrica.co.za)

**Toll Free US/Canada** - **1-800-287-0823**

**Toll Free UK** - **0-808-134-9963**

**Toll Free Australia** - **1-800-897-833**

**Other Countries** - **+ 27 21 424 1115**

**SAFARI NJEMA**

