

Madagascar

PRIVATE SAFARI



Day I: Antananarivo

Upon arrival at Ivato International Airport, you will be met by your local guide then drive to Antananarivo, capital of Madagascar.

Antananarivo was founded between 1610-1620 by King Andrianjaka, who chose to build his Rova (Palace) on the topmost hill in the city.

The city was given the name, “the city of the thousands”. The name was given after king Andrianjaka assigned 1000 men to protect the city.

Check into your hotel.
Overnight at LA VARANGUE Boutique hotel – Half board basis.



Day 2: Antananarivo – Andasibe

Meet your guide to drive to Andasibe, a stunning rainforest park, about a 4 hour drive from the city.

The Park consists of two protected areas:
Périnet Analamazaotra Special Reserve.
Mantadia National Park.

Lunch on road or late lunch in Andasibe.
Check into your hotel.

A night walk will be organized in late afternoon in the forest surrounding the reserve with a local guide.
Overnight at RELAIS DE MANTADIA – Half board basis



Day 3: Mantadia National Park

Today, you will head to Mantadia National Park (~ 1-hour 30mn).

There is an abundance of lemurs and birds.

This is a naturalist's goldmine with many seldom seen species of mammals, reptiles, and birds.

Enjoy a picnic by the Rianasoa waterfall before hiking back to the vehicle and return to the lodge.

Have an afternoon walk into the VOI reserve, a private park run by local villagers.

Few species of lemurs can be seen there as well as chameleons and birds.

Another night walk can be organized in late afternoon.

Overnight at RELAIS DE MANTADIA – Full board basis





Day 4 Périnet Analamazaotra Reserve

After breakfast, enjoy a visit to the 810 ha Périnet Analamazaotra Reserve with a local guide in search of the Indri.

With a barely visible tail, black and white markings and a surprised teddy-bear face, this lemur is one of the few animals in the world that cannot survive in captivity.

There are another 11 species of lemur to spot as you walk through the rainforest.

Birdwatchers should look out for the Velvet Asity, the Blue Coua and the Nuthatch Vanga and many more endemic species.

Périnet is home to many reptiles, invertebrates, and some of Madagascar's many orchid species.

Have an afternoon walk into the VOI reserve, a private park run by local villagers. A few species of lemurs can be seen here as well as chameleons and birds.

Overnight at VAKÔNA FOREST LODGE - Full board basis

Day 5: Mitsinjo Reserve – Manambato Akanin'ny Nofy

136km~3hour 30mn-drive + 1hour-boat

Early in the morning,
have an hour-visit of Mitsinjo Forest Reserve.

This is a private reserve operated by local NGO Mitsinjo. The NGO funds reforestation, community education and sensitization to conservation issues as well as running Madagascar's first amphibian captive-breeding facility.

Here you will see a stunning array of wildlife and can also plant an indigenous species along the reforestation trail.

Then, depart to Manambato, located on the shores of Lake Rasoabe, named after the first wife of the giant Darafify.

Here is the point to cross the lake by motorized boat to Akanin'ny Nofy, also known as the “Dream Nest,” location. Prepare a picnic lunch on road with your guide or have a lunch in Manambato.

Overnight at LE PALMARIUM Lodge – Half board
basis



Day 6: Akanin'ny Nofy

A smooth day devoted to the Palmarium private reserve, to explore at your own pace.

Excellent pictures opportunities are provided as here you can get much closer to many of the local species.

Around 5:30pm have a night walk to spot the Aye-aye lemur. It is the world's largest nocturnal primate.

Embark on a 15mn-boat ride to a little island, the expedition will take about one hour and ride back to the hotel.

Overnight at LE PALMARIUM Lodge –
Full board basis



Day 7: Akanin'ny Nofy Toamasina –
Antananarivo

3hour-boat – Domestique flight

Catch a boat transfer up to Toamasina (Tamatave) it takes about 2h 30mn to cross, through luxurious vegetation, within the scenes of the Pangalanes canal.

Pick up at the channel harbor and, transfer to the airport of Toamasina. Flight back to Tana, depending on Tsaradia/Madagascar Airlines flight schedules.

Meet and greet by the KoloTours Mada, to transfer you to your hotel near the airport.
Check-in.

Overnight at La VARANGUE Boutique
Hotel – Half board basis





Day 8: Antananarivo – Tsarasaotra Park birdwatching visit

After breakfast, half day guided visit of the
RAMSAR Site of Tsarasaotra park

. In the middle of Madagascar's capital,
Antananarivo lays a small green oasis in the
north of the town. It is known under its name
Tsarasaotra which means bird's island.

The park is a refuge for many birds that can be
easily watched and photographed here – among
them 14 endangered species that only occur in
Madagascar.

Overnight at La VARANGUE Boutique Hotel
– Half board basis

Day 9: Antananarivo Morondava

Domestic Flight

Transfer back to the airport and assistance for boarding on the Tsaradia/Madagascar Airlines domestic flight to Morondava.

Upon arrival, meet and greet by an English-speaking driver-guide, and then check-in to your hotel.

Late in the afternoon, enjoy a sunset tour to the Allée des Baobabs (~ 1 hour-drive) for a beautiful sunset among the *Adansonia grandidieri*, the largest species of baobabs, out of the seven existing in Madagascar.

Overnight at PALISSANDRE COTE OUEST Hotel – Half board basis.



Day 10: Morondava – Marofandilia

Marofandilla lays in the heart of the Menabe Antimena protected area.

This 209,460ha protected area is located 45 km north of Morondava, in the Menabe region, Morondava and Belo Tsiribihina districts.

Home to majestic baobabs, the region also features mangroves, an immense dry forest, Lake Bedo and Lake Kimanaomby.

Marofandilia is home to a biodiversity unique in the world,

including Madagascar's largest carnivore,

the Fosa (*Cryptoprocta ferox*), the Sifaka lemur

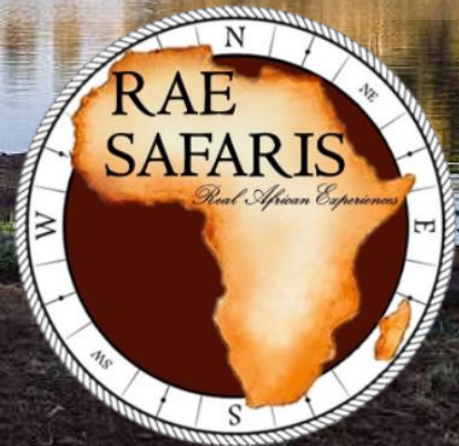
(*Propithecus verreauxi*); the giant jumping rat (*Hypogeomys antimena*),

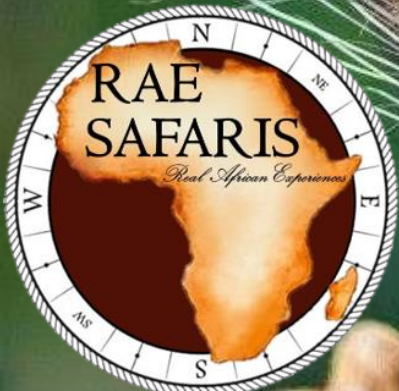
land tortoises (*Pyxis planicauda*), the striped

mongoose (*Mungotictis decemlineata decemlineata*),

the Berthe's microcebe (*Microcebus berthae*), and _ species of lemur (2 diurnal, and 6 nocturnal).

Overnight at AKIBA Marofandilia Lodge – Soft All-inclusive basis.





Day 11: Marofandilia

Day devoted to visit the reserve in search of the fossa (*Cryptoprocta ferox*), and to observe the other biodiversity wealth of the region.

Overnight at AKIBA Marofandilia Lodge
Soft All-inclusive basis.

Day 12:

Marofandilia - Morondava –Antananarivo

Tsaradia Domestic Flight

Depending on the domestic flight schedules, transfer back to the airport of Morondava and boarding on the flight back to Antananarivo (depending on flight schedules and availability).

Meet and greet with KoloTours Mada guide.

Overnight at La VARANGUE Boutique Hotel –
Half board basis.

Day I3: Antananarivo-Out

Transfer back to the airport for your international flight back home.





RATES (based on 8 clients)s

Nett cost in US Dollar \$, per person sharing DBL/TWN room, domestic flights included: US\$ 8 400.00

Nett cost in US Dollar\$, per person for SGL room, domestic flights included: US\$ 9 500.00

INCLUSIONS

- Full itinerary and flight costs for one tour leader
 - Airport assistance throughout
- Transportation in 4WD vehicle as indicated in the above itinerary: Antananarivo to Andasibe, to the Tsingy de Bemaraha and Morondava and Isalo
 - The services of English-speaking driver-guides
 - All domestic flights and airport taxes
 - All accommodation and meals as per itinerary
- All visits and excursions indicated in the itinerary, park fees and community/environmental levies

EXCLUSIONS

- All international flights and visa fees
- Activities, visits and excursions that are not mentioned in the itinerary
 - All tips, drinks and personal expenses
- Individual Travel insurances, it is a primary condition that all clients travelling with us must have appropriate travel insurances including emergency medical evacuation cover.





WHAT TO PACK

Please try to bring soft 'hold all' type luggage or rucksacks as suitcase and hard luggage are more difficult to pack into trailers and mini-buses.

Charter flight luggage limitation of 20kg per person.
Comfortable neutral clothing, avoiding white and bright colours. Expect hot days and cooler mornings/evenings.

Malaria is common along the entire country island of Madagascar, please consult your doctor or local travel clinic.

Other essentials include comfortable, durable walking shoes, hat and sunscreen camera and binoculars, toiletries, insect repellent, hand sanitizer, etc.

IMPORTANT:

Don't forget to bring any prescription medication along with abroad spectrum antibiotic, medication for nausea and stomach problems and anti-histamine cream for insect bites and scratches.

Please provide details of any allergies and specific dietary requirements or preferences e.g. vegetarian.