

MADAGASCAR ADVENTURE FOR COUPLES & HONEYMOONERS

Madagascar is known for its lemurs that are endemic in this island country. This 9 night / 10-day adventure in Madagascar focuses on seeing the lemurs, chameleons, birds, baobabs, the local people and much more.

For the shared charter flights to work with this program, Day 01 MUST either be on a Sunday or on a Wednesday.

THE PROGRAM:

DAY 01: ARRIVE ANTANARIVO

Today you arrive in Antananarivo, Madagascar. On arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight: Maison Gallieni

DAY 02: ANTANANARIVO / IFATOKA – FOREST WALK, LEMURS, CHAMELEONS & OTHER DELIGHTS

This morning, board your scheduled charter flight to Ifatoka (2 - 3 hours). Upon arrival you will be met by our guide and vehicle and transfer to the camp. Settle into your tent and enjoy the majestic views over the Mandrare River. Around 5pm you will depart for a night walk in the Forest of Zenavo. This is a fantastic way to see diurnal lemurs bedding down, and the nocturnal lemurs begin to wake in the eerie and prehistoric Spiny Forest. You will spot sifakas and sleeping white-foot sportive lemurs, then once the sun has set, two mouse lemur species, sleeping birds, chameleons, owls, and now active sportive lemurs.

Overnight: Mandrare River Camp (Luxury Tent) B L D

DAY 03: IFATOKA – LEMURS, FOREST WALKS & SUNDOWNER AT THE RIVERBANK

After breakfast you will head out to the stunning Sacred Gallery Forest to the south of the camp. Depending on the river depth, you will walk or take a boat across the Mandrare River to reach this largely deciduous forest. Inquisitive groups of ring-tailed lemurs and the always entertaining Verreaux sifaka are the highlight of this excursion. Return to camp for lunch and a relaxed afternoon by the pool. In late afternoon, head for a walk through the Sacred Spiny Forest filled with the ancestral tombs of the local Antandroy tribe, as well as an extraordinary array of flora and fauna, unique to the spiny forest. Your English-speaking guide and a tracker from the local community will give you an introduction to Antandroy culture and customs. Your visit is followed by sundowners on the Mandrare Riverbanks.

Overnight: Mandrare River Camp (Luxury Tent) B L D

DAY 04: IFATOKA – FOREST WALK, ENDEMIC BIRDS, LOCAL MARKETS OR VILLAGE VISIT, LOCAL DANCES & SUNDOWNER AROUND THE BAOBABS

After a cup of tea or coffee head to the Spiny Forest for an early morning walk. Witness the sunlight break through the octopus trees while looking out for the many endemic birds such as crested coua, a variety of vangas and the running coua. Head back to camp for a sumptuous breakfast followed by a visit to the local market (if on Thursdays or Saturdays only) or the local village to meet the fascinating Antandroy tribe. Lunch will be served at the camp followed by a relaxed afternoon watching life along the river from your tent terrace. At 5pm, depart for a sundowner amidst the baobabs. Watching the sun set and moon rise with a view across the Baobabs to the mountains beyond is a magical experience. In the evening, the local village may come to perform beautiful traditional dances, accompanied by singing and music. Song and dance are at the heart of Antandroy culture and is used to accompany the major rituals and events of everyday life.

Overnight: Mandrare River Camp (Luxury Tent) B L D

DAY 05: IFATOKA – FLAMINGOS, BIRDS, SPECTACULAR SCENERY & SWIMMING

After breakfast depart for a day trip to the stunning Lac Anony. This saltwater lake is separated from the Indian Ocean by a series of large sand dunes and is home to Greater Flamingos and a variety of saltwater birds. The lake is a two-hour drive from the camp. On arrival, walk along the lake shore to a beautiful picnic spot. Then scale the 70-foot-high sand dunes for an incredible view of the surrounding area and go for a swim the lake. Return to the camp in time for dinner.

Overnight: Mandrare River Camp (Luxury Tent) B L D

DAY 06: IFATOKA / FORT DAUPHIN / MANAFIAFY – LEMURS, BIRDS, CHAMELEONS & OTHER REPTILES

At 8:30 am take a short flight to Fort Dauphin (25 minutes) where you will be met by a vehicle and guide from Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge and continue by vehicle to the lodge (2 ½hrs). Manafiafy, also known as Sainte Luce, is a beautiful sandy bay, fringed with forest covered mountains and wildlife rich mangroves. Upon arrival check into your bungalow and at 4:30 pm head for a night walk in the Coastal Rainforest. Explore the last untouched block of coastal rainforest in southern Madagascar to spot some of the 5 species and 3 sub-species of lemur, over 80 bird species, over half of which are endemic, and an abundance of geckos, chameleons and other reptiles present in the forest. You will see nocturnal lemurs leaping through the trees, Madagascar Scops Owl, satanic leaf-tailed geckos and other masters of camouflage. Return to the Lodge for dinner at 8pm.

Overnight: Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge (Luxury Bungalow) B L D

DAY 07: MANAFIAFY – VILLAGE VISIT, BIRD WATCHING & BOAT RIDE

After a continental breakfast with fresh fruit, pain au chocolat, breads, cereals and eggs, head to the Stitch project and local woodworking shop to interact with the local Antanosy community. Stitch was created by the NGO SEED to provide local women with sustainable livelihoods by training them in embroidery, English and business skills. Embroidery is a traditional Malagasy skill which the women have used to make beautiful purses, belts, and more.

After a sumptuous 3-course lunch and a bit of a rest, head to the nearby mangrove network at 4pm for birdwatching and photography. Ideal for botanists, landscape photographers and adventure seekers, this 40 km network stretches from Manafiafy to Fort Dauphin with the magnificent Anosy mountain range in the backdrop. Motorboat or kayak excursions last anywhere from 2 hours to 2 days. Today you will be exploring the mangroves by motorboat. Endemic birds include the Madagascar Malachite Kingfisher, Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher, Madagascar Harrier Hawk, Madagascar Crested Ibis and Blue Coua.

Overnight: Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge (Luxury Bungalow) B L D

DAY 08: MANAFIAFY – SUNRISE COASTAL WALK, LEMURS, BIRDS, BATS, THE FLYING FOX AND MUCH MORE

Before breakfast, head for a sunrise walk in the coastal rainforest. On this walk you will see groups of red-collared lemur foraging for food as they leap through the rainforest canopy. The red-collared lemur is endemic to south-eastern Madagascar, lives in groups of up to 20 individuals and is active largely at dawn and dusk. This is a great time for birding, some species to see are Crested Coua, Giant Coua, Hook-billed Vanga, Lesser and Greater Vassa Parrots. Return to the Lodge for a well-deserved breakfast. Relax until your late afternoon excursion to see Madagascar's largest bat, the Flying Fox, roosting in a nearby community forest, then filling the sky at dusk as they fly off on search of food. Return to the Lodge for dinner.

Overnight: Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge (Luxury Bungalow) B L D

DAY 09: MANAFIIFY – WHALE WATCHING, DEEP SEA FISHING, VILLAGE VISIT, AND SUNDOWNER ON THE BAY

Morning at your leisure. Whale watching (15th June – 15th Nov) and deep-sea fishing are available at an extra cost. Manafiafy is one of the best places to see hump-back whales in Madagascar with regular sightings of mothers and their calves. After lunch, head to Manafiafy village. Manafiafy is a lovely Antanosy village with traditional wooden houses and pirogues lining the beachfront. Learn about the local customs and interact with the fishermen and their families. End your day with a sundowner overlooking Manafiafy bay from a rocky outcrop offering stunning views of the area.

Overnight: Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge (Luxury Bungalow) B L D

DAY 10: MANAFIIFY / FORT DAUPHIN / ANTANANARIVO / DEPARTURE

After an early breakfast, drive back to Fort Dauphin (2.5 hours), transfer to the airport for your flight back to Tana (2 - 3hrs). Upon arrival you are met and assisted to your departure flight.

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PRICING INFORMATION:

Departure: Charter departs from Antananarivo on a Monday or Thursday at 9:30 am. Because of that Day 01 of the trip must be either on a Sunday or on a Wednesday.

Return: Return to Antananarivo on a Tuesday or Friday, arriving at 12:05 pm.

Program operates with a minimum of 2 guests. Please contact us re solo traveller rates.

LOW SEASON

Travel window: Mar 25 – June 20, 2020 & Nov 21 – Jan 09, 2021 & Nov 21 – Jan 09, 2022

\$8,700.00 per person double occupancy (**land and shared internal charter flights**)

\$1,525.00 single room supplement (*applicable only if occupying own room*)

HIGH SEASON

Travel window: June 21 – Nov 20, 2020 & June 21 – Nov 20, 2021

\$9,800.00 per person double occupancy (**land and shared internal charter flights**)

\$2,325.00 single room supplement (*applicable only if occupying own room*)

INCLUSIONS

All Transport in 4x4 vehicles to and from Fort Dauphin and for all visits

Full board - with all meals, canapés, picnic lunches etc.

All drinks outside Antananarivo; mineral water, soft drinks, beer, wine, sparkling wine, gin, rum, whiskey, brandy (International Brands)

A 50,000 Ariary conservation levy towards local community and environmental projects

All park entry fees, local guide fees etc.

The services of a qualified Malagasy guide to accompany you on all visits (specialist guides on request at an additional cost)

Charter flight circuit Antananarivo – Mandrare – Fort Dauphin (for Manafiafy) – Antananarivo.

Four nights all-inclusive accommodation at Mandrare River Camp

Four nights all-inclusive accommodation at Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge

Activities and transfers indicated in the itinerary, park entry fees and environmental levies

EXCLUSIONS

Whale watching, deep sea fishing and massage at Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge

International air, visas, Insurance etc.

Laundry facilities are available in camp on request (Free - limited Hand washing facilities)

French Champagne is available on request and subject to stocks, payable locally (pre-ordering is advised)

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposit per person required at time of booking: **A deposit of 30% of the program price is required at the time of booking.** Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 120 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of the request to secure confirmation.

CANCELLATION CHARGES

Cancellations must be received in writing and will become effective on the date of receipt of your email. Cancellations received by Emmarosh are subject to the following:

CANCELLATION FEES PER PERSON

This program has special cancel policy that is different from the other programs.

145 days or more - the 30% deposit can be carried over for a future booking from the same clients

144 - 91 days prior to departure (or more): 30% of the program price per person.

90-61 days prior to departure: 50% of program price

60 days prior to departure (or less): 100% of the program price

Changes to the Itinerary:

The guest will be responsible for any changes or cancellations made to the itinerary at their request or beyond their control, before or during travel, including expenses incurred due to a change, delay or cancellation of any flights. If a guest cancels or leaves a journey and a roommate remains, an additional supplement may apply to the price for the remaining guest.

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR INTERNAL AIR

All internal air is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply).

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR EXTRA SERVICES

Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in connection with Emmarosh programs are subject to specific cancellation penalties.

SPECIAL NOTE:**Luggage**

Please note that total luggage is restricted to 15kgs or 33 lbs. per person in soft sided / duffel type of bags. Hard cased suitcases are not allowed on the shared charter flights. We offer laundry services free of charge outside Antananarivo for this program only.

Weight Limits

Our ground handler requires in advance knowing the weight of each passenger participating on this program for internal charter flights purposes. For guests weighing more than 200 lbs. per person a surcharge may apply because a bigger aircraft would have to be used.