

AFRICA EASY PRESENTS:

MADAGASCAR HIGHLIGHTS

12-day tour and safari

DETAILED DAY-BY-DAY SAFARI ITINERARY

Day 1 - Paris / Antananarivo

Board morning flight from Charles de Gaulle airport to Antananarivo, capital city of Madagascar. Upon arrival, clear customs and meet for a transfer to the Hotel Colbert.

Overnight: Hotel Colbert

Day 2 - Antananarivo / Perinet Reserve

Meet and depart by car to Perinet Reserve in the eastern rain forest of Analamazotra, with a brief stop at La Mandraka Nature Farm, site of a breeding project for chameleons and the rare Comet Moth. Enjoy a picnic lunch before continuing on to the Vakona Forest Lodge for dinner and an evening nature walk. BLD

Overnight: Vakona Forest Lodge

Day 3 - Perinet Reserve

A full-day visit to the reserve with an early start to see the Indri indri and hear their haunting "singing" call. Mild hiking provides a good opportunity to experience the abundant flora and fauna of the eastern rain forest. Dinner at Vakona Lodge. BLD

Overnight: Vakona Forest Lodge

Day 4 - Perinet Reserve / Tamatave

The morning is spent in the small reserve of the Vakona before lunch and afternoon departure for a drive to the coastal lowlands and Tamatave. Visit to Parc Ivoloina, a unique animal rehabilitation and environmental education center with a small zoo before dinner at the Hotel Sharon. BLD

Overnight: Hotel Sharon

Day 5 - Tamatave / Maroantsetra

Morning flight to Maroantsetra, gateway to the Masoala Peninsula great rain forest, a mecca for naturalists and wildlife enthusiasts. Transfer to the Relais du Masoala for check-in, lunch and then depart by boat to the Andrifotra Private Reserve – a lush, virgin and private Eden located between the bay and lazy river. Return to the Relais for dinner. BLD

Overnight: Relais du Masoala

Day 6 - Maroantsetra / excursion Nosy Mangabe

Day trip by boat to the tiny island of Mangabe for a full day excursion. Nosy Mangabe is a natural reserve and sanctuary for the world's rarest lemur – the nocturnal Aye Aye. Picnic lunch, nature walk and optional swim in the Indian Ocean will be the order of the day before returning for dinner at the Relais du Masoala. BLD

Overnight: Relais du Masoala

Day 7 - Maroantsetra / Antananarivo

Morning stop at the pleasant marketplace of Maroantsetra, known for intricate raffia hats and bags, before a transfer to airport for a flight to Tana. Check-in and dinner at the Hotel Colbert. BLD

Overnight: Hotel Colbert

Day 8 - Antananarivo / Ft. Dauphin / Berenty Reserve

Leisurely breakfast before a transfer to the airport for a flight to Ft. Dauphin. Upon arrival in the old southern port town, continue on a drive through the "spiny forest" past the Antanosy graves to Berenty. Afternoon and evening visits to the reserve and overnight at Gite d'Etape at the edge of the forest. BLD

Overnight: Gite d'Etape

Day 9 - Berenty Reserve

Full day to spend in the reserve with walks along the wide, well swept paths. The Lemur Catta Maki, better known as the ring-tailed lemurs, are very friendly and seem pleased to pose for photographs. Be ready for surprise encounters with the beautiful sifaka lemur as they "dance" across the path. Other species include flying foxes, lizards, chameleons, the endangered radiated tortoise and dozens of species of rare birds. BLD

Overnight: Gite d'Etape

Day 10 - Berenty / Ft. Dauphin / Antananarivo

Time for a visit to the reserve of the spiny desert and the small but comprehensive cultural museum at Berenty before the return drive to Ft. Dauphin and flight back to the capital. Dinner at the delightful Villa Vanille with local entertainment. BLD

Overnight: Hotel Colbert

Day 11 - Antananarivo

Spend today in the capital to enjoy an interesting day beginning with the Tsimbazaza Zoo and Cultural Museum, lunch and in the afternoon, the Queen's summer palace at Ambohimanga and shopping at the colorful artisan's market of Androvoahangy. Rest in dayrooms at the Colbert before a transfer to airport for return flight to Paris (departing just after midnight tonight). BLD

Day 12 - Antananarivo / Paris

Connect this morning to homeward destination.

- END OF SAFARI /TOUR -

TOUR BOOKINGS:

To reserve space on the above tour or on any of the tours on the ***Africa Easy*** website, please complete the **REQUEST INFO FORM** on the site (you will hear back within 24 hours). Or you may contact Africa Easy by telephone at 206-284-2319 (toll free: 800-617-2319) or e-mail: Nadia@AfricaEasy.com so that we can mail a reservation form to you.

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Included in this safari/tour:

- Internal (domestic) flights on Air Madagascar
- Airport transfers and taxes within Madagascar
- Services of English-speaking guide within Madagascar
- Services of vehicle and driver as needed throughout
- Excursions, entrance fees and local guides in parks and reserves

Not Included in this safari/tour:

- International airfare roundtrip from/to the US
- Gratuities (a nominal tip at time of service is customary)
- All beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, including bottled water
- Personal items such as telephone, fax, laundry, passport fees, travel insurance (highly recommended), etc.
- Visa fees for entry into Madagascar. We can assist in sending an application form.

Please note that the order of the itinerary may be rearranged subject to air schedule changes by Air Madagascar, and some hotels may have to be substituted with similarly priced hotels due to conditions beyond our control.