

MADAGASCAR WILDLIFE DISCOVERY TOURS

DAY 1

ANTANANARIVO

Depart in the morning on Air France flight via Paris (Charles de Gaulle) to [ANTANANARIVO](#).

On arrival in [ANTANANARIVO](#) in the evening you will be met by your tour leader, and assisted with currency exchange.

You will be transferred to Tamboho Hotel for a 1-night stay.

DAY 2

ANDASIBE-MANTADIA NATIONAL PARK

Depart for [ANDASIBE-MANTADIA NATIONAL PARK \('PERINET'\)](#).

The 3½-hour journey takes us through Merina territory with the characteristic brickworks, paddy-fields, and villages.

Introductory walk in the rainforest.

Stay 3-nights at the comfortable Vakona Forest Lodge OR Andasibe Hotel.

DAY 3

ANDASIBE-MANTADIA NATIONAL PARK

Day for the rainforest reserve.

We are virtually certain to see the iconic Indri. Other species include the Grey bamboo lemur, Common brown lemur, some of the rainforest dependent groundrollers, Parsons and Short-horned chameleons and Madagascar day gecko.

On our night walk in Station Forestier d'Analamazaotra, we may see the Greater dwarf lemur, Rufous mouse lemur, Small-toothed sportive lemur and Eastern woolly lemur.

DAY 4

MANTADIA NATIONAL PARK

Spend the day discovering the rare wildlife in the primary rainforest of Mantadia National Park.

Mantadia's star attraction is the spectacular nominate subspecies of the Diadem sifaka, second largest of all surviving lemurs.

Other diurnal lemurs less easily seen include Red-bellied lemur and the garrulous Black-and-white ruffed lemur.

There is a substantial population of Indri in Mantadia - some are strangely darker than those in [**ANDASIBE-MANTADIA NATIONAL PARK**](#).

Almost all the most sought-after rainforest bird species may be spotted in Mantadia.

DAY 5

ANDASIBE-MANTADIA NATIONAL PARK – ANTANANARIVO

After a final rainforest walk to catch up on species previously missed, you will drive back to the capital city to arrive late afternoon and 1-night stay at Relais des Plateaux.

DAY 6

BERENTY PRIVATE RESERVE OR KIRINDY FOREST RESERVE

We transfer to [**ANTANANARIVO**](#) airport to check in for the Air Madagascar flight to Fort Dauphin (south-east coast) OR to Morondava (west coast).

On arrival in Fort Dauphin, you will be driven 4 hours inland to [**BERENTY PRIVATE RESERVE**](#) to stay 2-nights in simple en-suite bungalows at Berenty Lodge.

Exploring [**BERENTY**](#) with its broad trails on flat terrain is easy.

OR

Alternatively, on arrival in Morondava you will be met and driven 90 minutes north via the Alley of Giant Baobabs (a national monument and World Heritage Site) to the well-tended Camp Amoureux, to stay 2-nights in en-suite bungalows.

Night walks in both reserves are equally rewarding.

DAY 7

BERENTY PRIVATE RESERVE OR KIRINDY FOREST RESERVE

Spend the day either exploring gallery woodland and spiny bush at [**BERENTY PRIVATE RESERVE**](#) OR the remarkable Baobab forest of [**KIRINDY FOREST RESERVE**](#).

Best known for its large and well habituated populations of Ringtail lemur and the 'dancing' Verreaux's sifaka, [**BERENTY**](#) also holds a wide variety of birds, reptiles and fascinating dry country flora; and contains two of the only four remaining stands of gallery forest in the entire Mandrare River Valley.

OR

[**KIRINDY**](#) claims a world record in terms of primate density, with species resident including Red-fronted brown lemur, Verreaux' sifaka and the smallest of all primates, Madame Berthe's mouse lemur.

KIRINDY is dominated by 3 species of baobabs, notably the statuesque Grandidier's baobab, largest of all baobab species. It is the best place in which to seek the island's largest predator, the Fosa.

DAY 8

FORT DAUPHIN OR MORONDAVA

After spending more time exploring **BERENTY**, travel back to Fort Dauphin to stay 1-night in Croix du Sud.

OR

After more time spent exploring **KIRINDY FOREST** to see wildlife unique to western Madagascar, return to Morondava to stay overnight in Palissandre Cote Ouest.

DAY 9

ANTANANARIVO

You will be transferred to Fort Dauphin OR Morondava airport to check in for the Air Madagascar flight back to **ANTANANARIVO**, where you will be met and transferred to Tamboho to stay 1-night.

Time allowing you will be taken to see attractions in the capital, including the Aye ayes in the new nocturnal house at the National Zoo, Botanical Gardens and Museum.

DAY 10

IFATY BEACH

We fly to **TULEAR** on the south-west coast for a 2-night stay in Les Dunes.

This is in the most interesting area of spiny bush, which we will have the opportunity to explore.

In the afternoon those who wish, can snorkel - the hotel has boats to take guests out to the barrier reef offshore.

DAY 11

IFATY BEACH

Early morning excursion to the spiny bush for bottle baobabs, octopus trees, rare birds of **IFATY BEACH**, including the Long-tailed ground roller and Sub-desert mesite and many other interesting life forms in what is Madagascar's most bizarre habitat.

DAY 12

ZOMBITSE & ISALO NATIONAL PARKS

We travel 3 hours inland to the transition forest national park of Zombitse, which appears on all birding and most natural history itineraries as the forest is packed with rare birds, interesting reptiles and of course, lemurs.

We can also stop at the colourfully painted Mahafaly and Antandroy tombs of Andranovory.

Continue to Isalo, with the aim of watching sunset in Isalo.

Stay 2-night stay at Relais de la Reine de Isalo OR Isalo Rock Lodge.

DAY 13

ISALO NATIONAL PARK

We have the full day for the sandstone massif of [ISALO NATIONAL PARK](#), home to a strange community of range-restricted plants and animals, along with iconic lemurs such as Verreaux' sifakas.

DAY 14

AMBALAVAO & RANOMAFANA NATIONAL PARK

We travel east to Ambalavao and visit the Anjaha Community Conservation Site for habituated Ringtail lemurs in a dramatic setting.

Continue northeast to [RANOMAFANA NATIONAL PARK](#).

In this montane rainforest, 12 species of lemur find sanctuary, including all three species of bamboo lemur. Two - the Golden and Greater Bamboo lemur - are found almost nowhere else.

Introductory walk in the rainforest.

Stay 2-night stay at Centrest Sejour Hotel OR Setam Lodge.

DAY 16

AMBOSITRA

After a morning rainforest walk in [RANOMAFANA](#), we depart for the scenic drive to Ambositra with sightseeing en route.

We stay the final night at L'Artisan.

DAY 17

ANTANANARIVO

We travel back to [ANTANANARIVO](#) via [ANTSIRABE](#).

We visit highlights of the capital including the Artisans market.

After a farewell dinner at a restaurant in [ANTANANARIVO](#), those departing on the Air France flight will be transferred to the airport for the flight to Paris.

DAY 18

On arrival in Paris at Charles de Gaulle, connect on the onward flight to London Heathrow.