

PHOTO TOUR MADAGASCAR 2025

"Enchanted Landscapes, Exotic Wildlife and friendly people: A Photographic Exploration of Madagascar"

Embark on a Spectacular Photographic Adventure: Exploring Madagascar's Enchanting Landscapes and Diverse Wildlife. Join us on a captivating journey through the picturesque landscapes and rich biodiversity of Madagascar, where towering rainforests, rugged mountains, and pristine coastlines serve as the backdrop for your photography. Led by acclaimed photographer David, this expedition offers unparalleled opportunities for landscape, portrait, and wildlife photography, capturing the essence of this unique island nation. From majestic landscapes bathed in golden light to intimate portraits of local communities, every frame tells a story of Madagascar's captivating beauty. Whether you're capturing the elusive lemurs darting through the treetops or the kaleidoscopic chameleons blending into their surroundings, each moment promises to be a masterpiece in the making. Join us as we uncover the hidden gems and natural wonders of Madagascar, one click at a time.

Day 1, 14/05/2025: HOME - ANTANANARIVO

Our photographic odyssey begins as we gather at Ivato International Airport, embarking on an unforgettable expedition under the expert guidance of David. A seamless transfer whisks us to the Tana Hotel or similar, our sanctuary for the night, where anticipation for the photographic wonders awaiting us runs high.

Day 2, 15/05/2024: ANTANANARIVO – ANDASIBE (140 Km about 4,5 hours' drive)

With cameras poised, we set forth towards Andasibe, traversing a tapestry of rice fields, cascading waterfalls, and verdant forests. Our first stop at the Exotic Park in Marozevo offers intimate encounters with chameleons and other exotic species. As dusk descends, a thrilling nocturnal wildlife excursion awaits along the road bordering the Analamazaotra National Park.

With a little luck you will see wool and mouse makis, chameleons etc.

Overnight at Sahatandra River Hotel or similar

Day 3, 16/05/2024: ANDASIBE

Awake to a symphony of birdcalls as we delve into the natural wonders of Analamazaotra National Park. Led by David, we navigate forest trails, capturing the kaleidoscope of avian and reptilian life through our lenses. The afternoon unfolds amidst lemurs on Vakona's private reserve lemur's island, a haven for primate photography enthusiasts.

Overnight at Sahatandra River Hotel or similar

Day 4, 17/05/2024: ANDASIBE – AKANIN'NY NOFY (132 Km about 5,5 hour -drive, boat trip 1,5 hours)

Our journey eastward leads to Akanin'ny Nofy, a picturesque blend of land and water. En route, we capture the rural charm of Brickaville before embarking in Manambato on a serene boat ride on a covered

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motor boat along the Pangalanes Canal. The day concludes amidst the natural splendor of Lake Ampitabe, a perfect canvas for our photographic exploration.
Overnight stay at the hotel Palmarium.

Day 5, 18/05/2025: AKANIN'NY NOFY

As dawn breaks, we venture into the heart of the Palmarium reserve, immersing ourselves in the world of lemurs. Later, we embrace the local culture, engaging in portrait photography in a nearby village, harnessing the magic of natural light to capture captivating portraits of the indigenous people. The evening holds promise as we seek out the elusive Aye Aye lemurs (*Daubentonia madagascariensis*) under the guidance of David.
Overnight at Palmarium hotel.

Day 6, 19/05/2025: AKANIN'NY NOFY - ANTANANARIVO (about 1,5 h by boat on the canal, then around 272 km 8 h per car)

Our return journey to Antananarivo unfolds with tranquil boat rides and scenic drives, offering reflective moments to cherish the memories captured during our time in Akanin'ny Nofy. Back in the city, we bid adieu to the rustic beauty of Madagascar's countryside, savoring the final moments of our expedition.
Overnight at Tana Hotel or similar

Day 7, 20/05/2025: TANA – TOLIARA

Today marks a transition to the southern shores as we fly to Toliara, where golden sands meet azure waters. Upon arrival, relaxation beckons at the Hotel Victory, a prelude to the vibrant landscapes awaiting our lenses.
Overnight at the Hôtel Victory or similar

Day 08, 21/05/2025: TOLIARA - RANOHIRA (240 Km about 7 hour-drive)

Our journey to Ranohira takes an enriching turn as we pause to capture the intricate beauty of endemic plants at the Arboretum of Antsokay. Delving deeper into the countryside, we weave through Mahafali tombs, punctuating our drive with stops for captivating portraits in local villages, we'll wander through quaint village streets, our cameras poised to immortalize the authenticity of daily life, harnessing the gentle touch of natural light to craft evocative portraits of the indigenous community. celebrating the timeless allure of Madagascar's rural life.
Overnight at Isalo Ranch or similar

Day 09, 22/05/2025: RANOHIRA

As the sun ascends, we embark on a spirited hike through Isalo National Park, led by David and local guides. Amidst towering sandstone formations and lush valleys, we revel in the chance to photograph lemurs, endemic flora, and the crystalline waters of natural swimming pools. The day's adventures culminate in a visual symphony of wilderness wonders.
Overnight at Isalo Ranch or similar

Day 10, 23/05/2025: RANOHIRA – AMBALAVAO (185km about – 6 hour drive)

En route to Ambalavao, our expedition pauses to immerse in the rhythm of rural life. A visit to the Anja Reserve offers opportunities for intimate portraits of ringtailed lemurs amidst spectacular rock formations, followed by an exploration of the traditional Antemoro papermaking process. The day's journey unfolds as a tapestry of cultural immersion and photographic discovery.
Overnight at Hôtel Tsienimparihy or similar

Day 11, 24/05/2024: AMBALAVAO – RANOMAFANA (120km, about 4 hours drive)

Our photographic pilgrimage continues to Ranomafana, tracing the footsteps of the Betsileo tribe through Fianarantsoa. A night walk near the national park beckons, offering glimpses of nocturnal wildlife against the backdrop of Madagascar's lush forests. Our cameras poised, we embrace the magic of twilight in the wilderness.

Overnight at centrest sejour or similar

Day 12, 25/05/2025: RANOMAFANA – AMBOSITRA (150 Km about 5 hour-drive)

A morning rendezvous with Ranomafana National Park promises encounters with endemic lemurs and lush rainforest vistas. Energized by nature's splendor, we journey onward to Ambositra, pausing to photograph the ethereal Andriamamovoka waterfall and the hidden world of forest frogs. Each frame tells a story of biodiversity and natural harmony.

Overnight at Artisan Hotel or similar

Day 13, 26/05/2025: AMBOSITRA – ANTSIRABE – MIANDRIVAZO (340 Km about 8 hour-drive)

Our expedition winds through the Zafimaniry heartland, where master artisans carve intricate tales from wood. In Antsirabe, we capture snapshots of bustling markets before venturing to Miandrivazo, tracing the path of the Mahajilo River. Our lenses drink in the raw beauty of Madagascar's hinterlands, immortalizing moments of cultural exchange and rural tranquility.

Overnight in a hotel Princess Tsiribihina or similar

Day 14: 27/05/2025: MIANDRIVAZO – MORONDAVA (around 305 Km about 6 hour – drive)

Journeying towards Morondava, we traverse landscapes adorned with baobab sentinels, each silhouette a testament to the island's ancient allure. Our cameras frame fleeting glimpses of village life, weaving tales of resilience and tradition. As dusk descends, we arrive at Renala au Sable d'Or (or similar, our gateway to the fabled Baobab Alley.

Day 15: 28/05/2025: MORONDAVA

The Baobab Alley beckons, a photographer's dream woven in earth and sky. Amidst ancient giants, we find solace in the dance of light and shadow, immortalizing their timeless grace. Today, amidst our expedition, we will immerse ourselves in the vibrant tapestry of local life, venturing into a nearby village to capture stunning portraits illuminated by the soft glow of natural light. Our journey concludes with sunset at Baobab Avenue, and also we try to make an amazing Milky way shot if the skies are clear.

Overnight at Renala au Sable d'Or or similar

Day 16, 29/05/2025: MORONDAVA – ANTANANARIVO (3 times of flight per week)

Homeward bound, we bid farewell to Morondava, retracing our steps to Antananarivo. En route, reflections on our photographic odyssey blend with the landscapes passing by, each frame

Overnight at Tana Hotel

Day 17, 30/05/2025: ANTANANARIVO- EUROPE

Transfer to the airport with an optional stop at the handicraft market for shopping of locally hand made souvenirs. Check-in and departure for the flight home.

End of our services

TARIFFS PER PERSON (in midrange hotels):

6 people:

- For people sharing a DOUBLE/TWIN: **4595 €** per person

8 people:

- For people sharing a DOUBLE/TWIN: **3975 €** per person

10 people:

- For people sharing a DOUBLE/TWIN: **4015 €** per person

12 people:

- For people sharing a DOUBLE/TWIN: **3735 €** per person

14 people:

- For people sharing a DOUBLE/TWIN: **3515 €** per person

16 people:

- For people sharing a DOUBLE/TWIN: **3355 €** per person

Supplement for SINGLE : **695€**

Supplement for half-board: **310€**

Supplement for full-board: **665€**

Including:

- All airport transfers
- Accommodation in MIDRANGE hotels based on bed and breakfast during the tour.
- Parks and reserve fees and local guides
- Bus rental with a driver for the road trip to Andasibe an Manambato / from Toliara to Morondava, 02 buses from 10 pax
- 4WD car in Morondava visit on 28 may
- An English-speaking guide during the whole tour
- Entrance and guide fees in the mentioned parks and reserves
- Porters for the camera equipment in the following Parks: Day 3 Andasibe Analamazaotra, Day 9 Isalo NP, Day 12 Ranomafana
- Tourleader David FOC including domestic flights and full board
- Gendarmes for the night photo shoot at Baobab avenue
- Driver's indemnities and Fuel
- Transfer in the hotel-owned motor boat (there may be other passengers on board): Manambato - Akanin'ny Nofy - Manambato.
- Tourist levy and VAT

Excluding:

- International flights and their taxes
- Domestic flights with airport taxes: Antananarivo – Toliara / Morondava – Antananarivo approx. 600 - 700 Euro per person (subject to change)
- Visa fees (35 € for 30 days stay)
- All other meals and drinks



- All others activities not mentioned on the program
- Personal expenditures
- Personal insurance for eventualities like accidents, theft or damage to luggage, cancellation etc
- Insurance for photo equipment

Tariffs are subject to changes, especially if heavy fluctuation in exchange rate and/or fuel prices. All tours and tariffs are subject to changes in case of cancellations or overbooking of flights, changes in timetable, bad weather and road conditions, strike, political troubles, problems with fuel supply, tribal and other war, closing of sites, natural disasters such as earthquakes, cyclones, floods and other acts of God.