

***Fly northeast to Sambava, then explore Marojejy National Park with its rare endemic fauna and flora, including the silky sifaka. Next, visit the Loky Manambato Reserve near Daraina with its golden-crowned sifaka. Then drive west to Ambilobe, then to Joffreville to visit Montagne d'Ambre National Park. Next, visit the red tsingys and the tsingys of Ankarana. Then on to Ankify and from there by boat to Nosy Be. Extension on Nosy Be possible.***

***This tour requires good physical condition, stamina, and sure-footedness. It can be done from April to November, but from June to mid-September it can rain frequently in the east.***

**Day 1: EUROPE – ANTANANARIVO**

Reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight stay at Hotel Le Chat'O or similar.

**Day 2: ANTANANARIVO - SAMBAVA (domestic flight)**

Transfer to the airport and flight to Sambava. Reception and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight stay at Hotel Identic or similar.

**Day 3: SAMBAVA - MAROJEJY 70 km (approx. 1.5 hours)**

After breakfast, drive from Sambava to Manantenina, then hike through low, medium, and high primary rainforest. Opportunity to observe reptiles, amphibians, bamboo lemurs, black-and-white ruffed lemurs, white-headed lemurs, and various bird species, including couas. Short break at the Cascade de Humbert waterfall (30 minutes from Camp Mantella), where you can cool off.

Dinner and overnight stay at the camp.

**Day 4: MAROJEJY**

After breakfast, hike in the park to discover *Brookesia karchei* and the endemic *Marojejya insignis* palms. With a little luck, you may also see the silky sifaka, one of the rarest lemurs in the world, as well as impressive landscapes with granite rocks and wooded hills. Here you will have an unforgettable view of the park.

Overnight stay with full board at the camp.

**Day 5: MAROJEJY - SAMBAVA 70 km (approx. 1.5 hours)**

After a leisurely breakfast, the morning is free for you to spend at your leisure. Then, around noon, you will begin the descent to Mandena (3 to 4 hours). From there, you will drive back to Sambava by car.

Overnight stay at the Orchidea Beach II Hotel or similar.

**Day 6: SAMBAVA - VOHEMAR 150 km (approx. 2.5 hours)**

After breakfast, city tour in Sambava, then relax on Ampandrozonana beach. In the afternoon, drive to Vohemar.

Overnight stay at the Hotel Baie d'Iharana or similar.

**Day 7: VOHEMAR - DARAINA - JOFFREVILLE 305 km (approx. 6 hours).**

After breakfast, drive to Ambilobe via Daraina (50 km north of Vohémar). There, visit the Loky Manambato Reserve. It is a small patch of protected forest that is home to an endemic species of lemur,

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the golden-crowned sifaka (*Propithecus Tattersall*). You can also discover mouse lemurs, boas, and various bird species there. Continue to the small town of Joffreville, southwest of Diego Suarez, which was founded by the French Foreign Legion in 1950 and developed into a resort for exhausted Foreign Legionnaires in the cool mountain air. Since the mid-1990s, the village has been filled with life: it serves as a starting point for visiting the 18,200-hectare Montagne d'Ambre National Park, home to seven species of lemurs, over 70 species of birds, and 24 species of amphibians. The park also includes several waterfalls up to 80 meters high, several rivers, and crater lakes.

Overnight stay at the Nature Lodge Hotel or similar.

**Day 8: MONTAGNE D'AMBRE - TSINGY ROUGE - ANKARANA (120 km, approx. 4 hours)**

After breakfast, visit the Montagne d'Ambre National Park, then drive south. On the way, visit the Tsingy Rouge, weather permitting (red laterite soil with beautiful crystal formations). Then drive to Ankarana (meaning "sharp stone"), a protected nature reserve. There you can admire the unique limestone formations known as "Tsingy" in the Malagasy language, as well as several caves where you can see stalactites, stalagmites, and bats. Hike of about three to four hours.

Similar to the Tsingy de Bemaraha and Namoroka, it is an eroded limestone plateau where wind and weather have formed needle-sharp rock peaks. Some of the valleys formed, some of which are deep, are cut off from the outside world and are traversed by streams that often disappear into underground cave systems, for example in the hole called "Perte de rivière." These streams can dry up in the dry season and quickly swell into rivers in the rainy season. Picnic lunch.

Overnight stay at Ankarana Lodge or similar.

**Day 9: ANKARANA**

Excursion to explore this reserve on a hike lasting several hours. If the spectacular landscape isn't reason enough to visit the Tsingy du Nord, as it is also known, you will find an interesting flora and fauna here. Eleven species of lemurs live here, including the rare aye-aye. Picnic lunch.

Overnight stay at the Ankarana Lodge or similar.

**Day 10: ANKARANA – ANKIFY – NOSY BE (120 km, approx. 5 hours, then approx. 30 min. by boat)**

Departure after breakfast to Ankify, a small village on the beach, then transfer by boat to the island of Nosy Be. On the way, we pass the long, pretty town of Ambilobe on the Mahavavy River. Much of Madagascar's sugar cane harvest is grown in the fields around the town and processed in a nearby factory, some of it into rum. The cocoa and spice plantations in this area are also an important source of employment. Ferries depart from Ankify to Nosy Be. However, due to often high waves, they are not allowed to sail to the perfume island with its tropical picture-book landscape in the afternoon. Upon arrival in Nosy Be, transfer by car to the hotel.

Overnight stay at Hotel Anjiamarango or similar.

**Day 11: NOSY BE**

Free days. Optional extra: mini-cruise to Nosy Komba, a small neighboring island where you can see lemurs (female black lemurs are brown, males are jet black). Vanilla is also grown there. A 622-meter-high volcano can be climbed. There are no roads or cars here... Then continue to the small island of Nosy Tany Kely with its underwater reserve (since 2011, a 200-hectare national marine park), a snorkeling paradise rich in various fish species, starfish, crabs, corals, and numerous types of algae. The water around this island is clear and mostly calm. A picnic on the beach can be served on request. Return to Nosy Be.

Or take a trip to the Lokobe Reserve to discover a rainforest with lemurs and other animals on a jungle hike lasting several hours.

Or to Mount Passot, the highest peak on the island at 329 meters, where you can admire the surrounding lakes and islands as well as the sunset.

Or to Lemuria Land, an animal and plant park that has been in existence since 2010 and where you can see bird, reptile, and lemur species as well as numerous orchids. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Overnight stay at the Hotel Anjiamarango or similar

### **Day 12: NOSY BE - FLIGHT HOME**

Transfer to the airport and check-in for your flight home with Ethiopian Airlines. Or return flight to Tana and then flight home the next day with various airlines.

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#### **RATES PER PERSON:**

For 2-3 people:

Double room: €2,265

For 4-5 people:

Double room: €1,895

For 6-7 people:

Double room: €1,665

Single room supplement: €390

Surcharge for German-speaking tour guide from Tana: €1160. This price can be divided among the number of participants.

#### **Included:**

- Transfer airport – hotel – airport
- Accommodation in mid-range hotels on a bed and breakfast basis, except in Ankarana where half board is mandatory
- Full board during the trek in Marojejy National Park.
- Picnic lunch on day 9
- Entrance fees to the mentioned (national) parks and reserves, including park guides
- Transport in an off-road vehicle with a Malagasy-speaking driver from Diego to Ankify
- Fuel and driver compensation
- Boat transfer from Ankify to Nosy Be
- VAT and tourism vignettes

#### **Not included:**

- International flight ticket and taxes
- Domestic flight ticket and taxes: Antananarivo-Sambava approx. 180 to 270 euros per person (subject to price changes)
- Visa costs (35 euros for stays up to 30 days)
- Other meals and drinks
- Personal travel, luggage, accident, theft, and cancellation insurance
- Diving trips, snorkeling, and water sports, excursions on Nosy Be



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