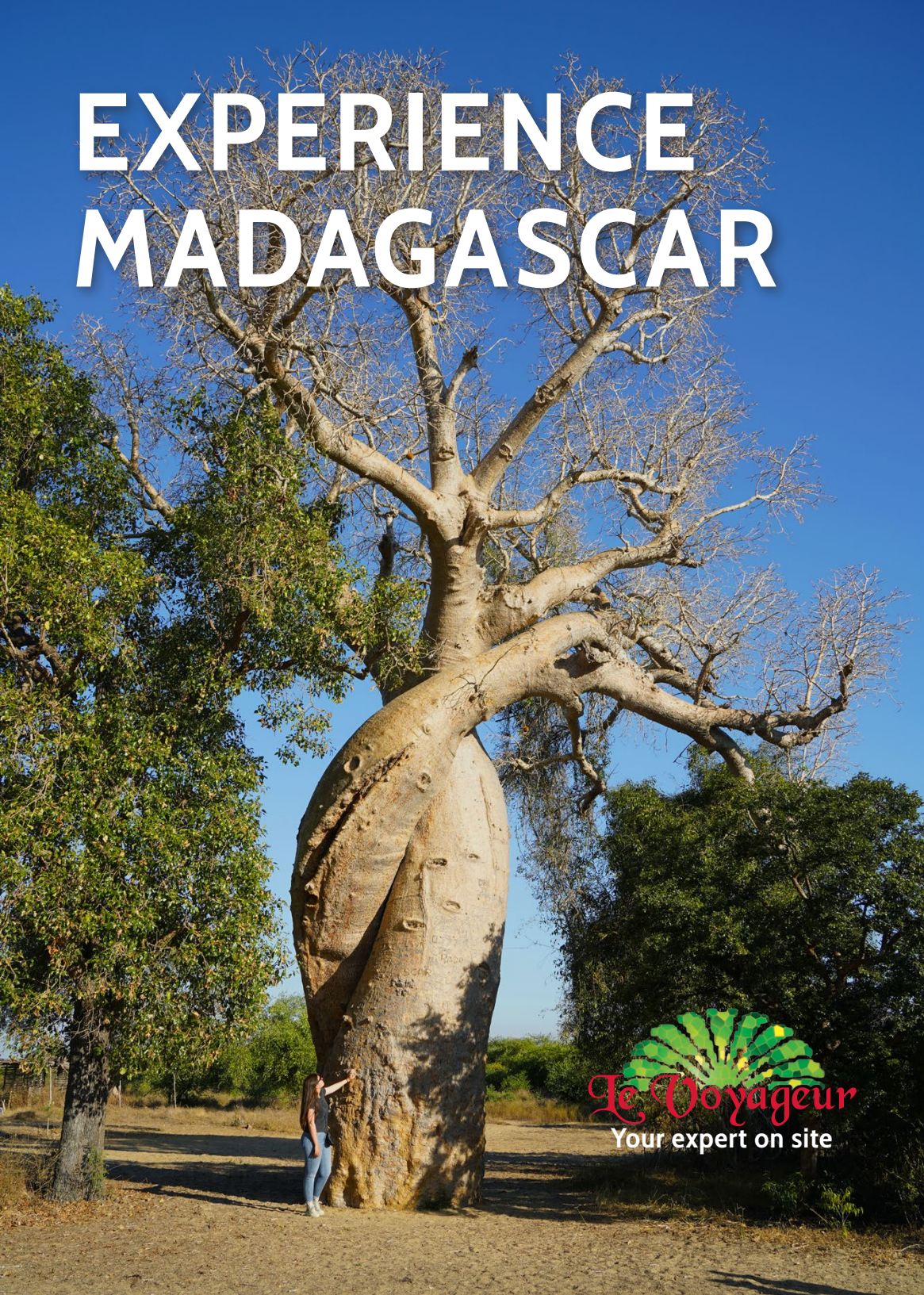
EXPERIENCE MADAGASCAR



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Madagascar unfolds as a natural wonder, housing over 80% endemic species in its fauna and flora, crafting an authentic natural paradise.

The diverse landscapes evoke the sensation of a global journey, from tropical rainforests to secluded sandy beaches, offering a kaleidoscope of experiences for the senses.

Spanning 592,000 sqkm, Madagascar is the world's fourth-largest island, akin to a minicontinent surpassing Great Britain and Ireland combined.

Situated 420 km off the Mozambique coast in the Indian Ocean, its 18 tribes preserve traditional ways, creating a cultural melting pot. The majority of the population leads a simple life intertwined with nature's cycles.

Approaching the locals reveals an **abundance of cordiality, warmth, and zest for life**, leaving an indelible impression. This engagement becomes a cherished souvenir carried forever in the heart, symbolizing the unique essence of Madagascar. The island's distinct faces range from tropical rainforests to barren steppes, monumental sandstone formations to crystal-clear lakes, picturesque terraced rice paddies to remote white sandy beaches – each offering a unique facet of this captivating destination.

Madagascar beckons those seeking an unforgettable experience, transcending its status as a destination to become a **lifelong memory** etched in the heart.

We tailor experiences to your preferences and schedule, taking you through the most enchanting landscapes up close. Our skilled drivers and English-speaking guides, available upon request, reveal the secrets and traditions of this captivating land.

While Madagascar is gradually embracing tourism, it remains a far cry from a conventional holiday destination. This uniqueness adds excitement but comes with some limitations, such as the necessity to book your trip well in advance, particularly during the peak months from July to November.

Accommodations vary from modest guesthouses to luxurious five-star hotels, each offering a genuine experience, though service quality may differ from European standards. Yet, the warmth of the hospitality compensates for any disparities, making your stay memorable with authentic smiles.

The road network is undergoing gradual improvements. Many roads are accessible year-round with a standard passenger car. Some off-road tracks, suitable for robust 4WD vehicles and skilled drivers, enhance the adventure through Madagascar's diverse landscapes. **Embark on this unique journey, and let us create an extraordinary Madagascar experience tailored just for you.**

Discover the wonders of Madagascar with us, where your desires shape the journey.

We handle everything from your arrival to departure, including itinerary, car with driver, optional guide, hotels, domestic flights and park entrances and park guides.

The colourful north

Diego Suarez, the principal city and economic hub in the north, nestles charmingly in a bay with panoramic views of the Malagasy „sugar hut." The region's highlights include the three bays, Windsor Castle, the emerald sea, and the expansive 18,000-hectare **Amber Mountain National Park**. This park hosts diverse lemurs, birds, endemic plants, and impressive waterfalls.

En route to Ankify, a rewarding side trip awaits at the **Red Tsingys** and **Ankarana National Park**. The park's cave holds sacred significance, serving as a site for local ritual celebrations. Off the north coast, numerous tropical dream islands like Nosy Be, Nosy Iranja, Nosy Tsarabanjina, and Nosy Sakatia boast white coral sand beaches, palm trees, and inviting sapphire waters.

Nosy Be, the most renowned among these islands, is evolving into a paradise for travelers. It offers a range of hotels, diverse water activities, quad biking, Ylang Ylang plantations, Lemurialand, and the Lokobe Reserve, ensuring varied and enjoyable days.

Divers, especially around Nosy Sakatia and the **underwater reserve of Nosy Tanikely**, will find ideal conditions for their underwater explorations on all these islands.

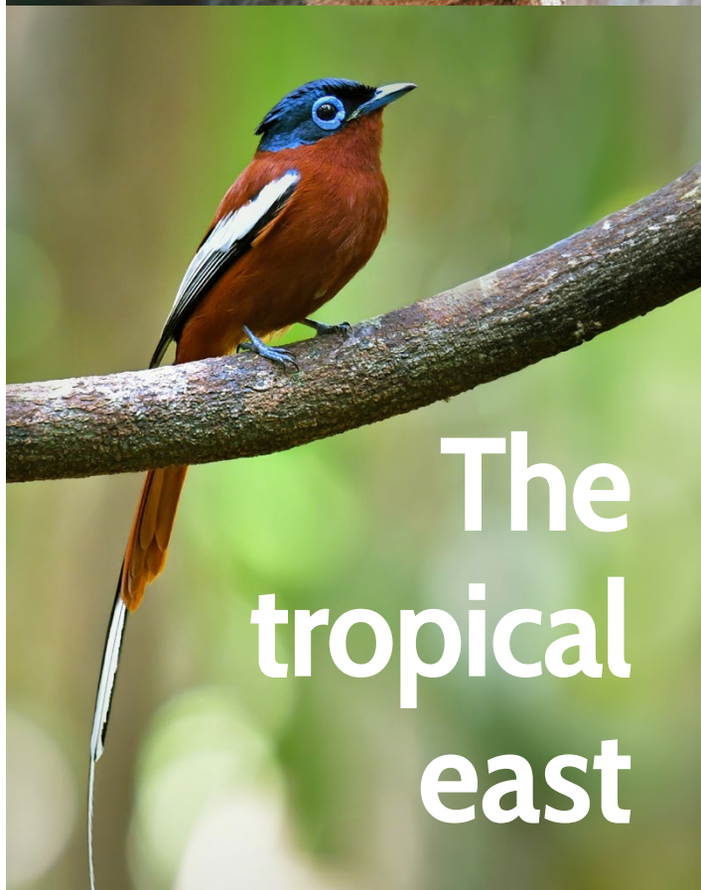
For the more adventurous traveler, there are other beautiful National parks and reserves to explore in the North, such as Andrafiamena, Sahamalaza and more, where you can also find rare **endemic species** such as the black or the blue-eyed lemurs.

The eastern part of Madagascar is a tapestry of **rainforests adorned with lush green treetops, rare orchids, and exotic fauna**. This region beckons exploration with various national parks offering a natural canvas of vibrant colors. Among these are **Marojejy and Masoala National Parks**, in which you can see silky Sifaka and the red ruffed lemur. In the biosphere reserve of Mananara or the **Aye Aye island** near Akanin'ny Nofy, the elusive Aye-Aye can be spotted. Additionally, there's the Andasibe/Périnet Reserve with the majestic Indri lemurs with impressing cry and the golden bamboo lemurs of Ranomafana National Park.

Traversing the east coast unveils the 600 km long **Pangalanes Canal**, a waterway replacing roads in this remote area, echoing a bygone era as goods are transported by traditional **pirogues**. A boat journey along the canal provides a glimpse into the daily lives of locals, leaving lasting impressions.

Off the eastern coast lie the captivating islands of **Sainte Marie** and the Ile aux Nattes, boasting crystal-clear waters and serene **white coral sand beaches**. In the waters surrounding Sainte Marie and Antongil Bay, witness the mesmerizing spectacle of humpback whales passing through from July to September.

While exploring the east, anticipate occasional tropical rain showers, adding to the enchanting atmosphere of this diverse and picturesque region.



The tropical east

The magical west

The renowned **Baobab Avenue** near Morondava stands as one of Madagascar's iconic landmarks, captivating visitors with its magic moments during sunset, when golden-red rays illuminate the giant trees.

In the nearby **Kirindy reserve**, observe lemurs, geckos, and a variety of bird species. Embark on a **Tsiribihina River safari**, witnessing turtles, crocodiles, lemurs, and diverse birdlife. After over two days, the journey leads to Belo/Tsiribihina, accessible from Morondava via a dirt track.

Continuing by 4WD, reach the **Tsingys**, remarkable „forest" of karstic limestone pinnacles resembling a moonscape, designated as a **UNESCO World Heritage site**. The Tsingy also host diverse fauna and flora, including birds, reptiles, lemurs, and rare plants.

Alternatively, opt for a canoe trip on the Manambolo River from Ankavandra to access the **Tsingys of Bemaraha**.

The wild south

The journey south unfolds with a tapestry of diversity, leading you through winding roads that traverse highlands adorned with rice paddies, vegetable fields, and tranquil forests. As you venture further, the imposing **Andringitra mountains** beckon, their towering walls inviting rock climbers to explore, and hikers can conquer Pic Boby, the second highest summit of the country. Lemur lovers can also visit the nearby **Anja Reserve**, which is home to a colony of ring-tailed lemurs.

Continuing south, you encounter a chain of hills whimsically named „the bishop's cap", and the vast steppe of the Horombe plateau reminiscent of African landscapes. A pinnacle highlight along this route is the awe-inspiring **Isalo mountains**, adorned with canyons and towers, creating a breathtaking panorama.

The journey takes an adventurous turn at Ilakaka, a bustling town reminiscent of the California gold rush. Moving forward, the **Zombitse National Park** introduces you to some of Madagascar's endemic birds, and around there, some baobabs can also be seen.

Approaching the harbor city of Toliara, opportunities for relaxation abound at the nearby **blue lagoons** of Ifaty or Anakao. North of Ifaty, a very long lagoon awaits you with white coral sand, turquoise waters, and some cosy lodges.

For enthusiasts of succulents and cacti, a rugged 4WD trip to Ft Dauphin is rewarding. Alternatively, a domestic flight facilitates easy access. **Ft Dauphin and its surroundings offer ideal conditions for wind- and wave-surfing**, along with a plethora of excursions, including visits to Nahampoana and **Berenty reserves, Andohahela National Park**, sisal plantations, and the pristine area surrounding **Lake Anony** with its sand dunes. The charming cove-lined fishing village of Evatra and its untouched bays add to the allure of this captivating region.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

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