

## **SOUTH & EAST TOUR (16 days / 15 nights)**

*A very nice classical tour that gives a great view of the different landscapes, fauna and flora of Madagascar. Drive to the South with visits of the Ranomafana and Isalo National park. In Tulear visit of the Arboretum and flight back to Tana, then continuation to the east with a visit of the Perinet park and along the Pangalanes canal until Tamatave. Flight to the Sainte Marie island to relax on the beach. Extension on Sainte Marie island possible.*

### **1st day: EUROPE - ANTANANARIVO**

Meeting at Ivato international airport and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel

### **2nd day: ANTANANARIVO - ANTSIRABE (169 Km about 4 hour-drive)**

Depart to Antsirabe through a landscape composed mainly of mountains and rice fields.

Tour of the "Town of Water" - so called because of its numerous thermal springs and existence of two crater lakes.

Visit of a workshop where they make miniatures from recycled materials. Overnight at the hotel

### **3rd day: ANTSIRABE – RANOMAFANA (240 Km about 5,5 hour-drive)**

After breakfast, drive to Ranomafana - a national park of rainforest which is home to various species of lemurs such as the golden bamboo lemurs, brown lemurs, birds, chameleons, frogs.

Stop in Ambositra for the visit of some Zafimaniry handicrafts centres: woodcarving

Continuation to Ranomafana. After check-in at the hotel, night walk along the road to see nocturnal species of animals, with some luck you'll see mouse lemurs, chameleons, frogs etc.. Back to the hotel and Overnight.

### **4th day: RANOMAFANA - FIANARANTSOA (85 Km about 1,5 hour-drive)**

After breakfast, visit of the some 40'000 hectares big Nationalpark with its lemurs, chameleons, spiders, frogs, varieties of orchids and medicinal plants. Only in 1986 was discovered the golden Bamboo lemurs here, and there are more than 100 species of birds. This walk takes around 3 to 4 hours, and goes mostly on trails, sometimes a bit steep up and down, and sometimes you'll go off the paths and into the forest to spot the lemurs, it's a bit exhausting and requires endurance and agility. After lunch, off to Fianarantsoa - the capital of the Betsileo tribe. Overnight at the hotel

### **5th day: FIANARANTSOA - RANOHIRA (295 Km about 5,5 hour-drive)**

Early departure to Ranohira. Stop in Ambalavao - the commercial centre of the southern Betsileo region, renowned for its folks, arts and crafts – to visit the "Antemoro Paper" factory. This paper is a delicate, handmade, flower-decorated paper made of the fibres of a tree called "Avoha" (visit not possible on Sundays). Another stop 12km south of Ambalavao to visit the Anja park, where you can see on a walk of around two hours on a little bumpy tracks, but not steep, some families of ring-tailed Katta lemurs in their natural surroundings. Arrival in Ranohira around sunset, overnight at the hotel.

### **6th day : RANOHIRA**

Morning trek inside the Isalo National Park to discover on a walk of around three to five hours on sometimes bumpy tracks, at some parts a bit steep, the massif of Isalo, its ruin like sandstones, canyons, endemic fauna and flora (Lemurs and endemic plants such as Pachypodium , aloes,..) and to swim in its natural pool. Back to the hotel in the afternoon. Overnight at the hotel.

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**7th day : RANOHIRA - TULEAR (240 Km about 4 hour-drive)**

After breakfast, off to Tuléar along a straight road. The landscape is composed of high bushes, thick gallery forests and some proudly decorated Mahafaly tombs. In Tulear, visit of the Arboretum with many species of endemic plants. Overnight at the hotel.

**8th day : TULEAR – ANTANANARIVO**

According to the flight , transfer to the airport for the flight back to the capital . Meeting at the airport and transfer to the city. Overnight at the hotel.

**9th day : ANTANANARIVO - ANDASIBE (140 Km about 3 hour –drive)**

After breakfast ,drive to Andasibe through a landscape composed of rice fields , waterfalls, and scarce forest stations. Before dinner, off for a night walk along the road to see some nocturnal species of animals, with some luck you may see woolly or mouse lemurs, chameleons etc. Back to the hotel and overnight.

**10th day : ANDASIBE – MANAMBATO - AKANIN' NY NOFY (132 Km about 4 hour -drive ,boat trip 2 hours)**

After breakfast , visit of the reserve on a walk which takes around three hours, first a bit up, then mostly flat. Discover the species dwelling inside this forest like Indri Indri, the largest species of lemurs. Drive to Manambato then transfer by a motorboat to Akanin' ny Nofy (which literally means "Nest of Dreams"). Overnight at the hotel

**11th day : AKANIN' NY NOFY**

A full day to discover this beautiful area at the clear and calm waters of the Ampitabe lake and the private Palmarium park with a big variety of lemurs on one spot. You can do a walk of several hours, on small trails, a little bit up and down, but not steep. When night falls, excursion by boat to spot the Aye Aye lemur, with its long middle finger (*Daubentonia madagascariensis*). Overnight at the hotel.

**12th day : AKANIN'NY NOFY - TAMATAVE - SAINTE MARIE boat trip about 3 hours (flight only once or twice per week, arrival date must be adapted accordingly)**

Transfer early morning by motor boat along the Pangalanes canal until Tamatave (if the flight to Sainte Marie should be early morning, the transfer to Tamatave has to happen the afternoon before). Pick up at the port and transfer to the airport for the flight to Sainte Marie. Meeting at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel. . Alternatively, the transfer to Sainte Marie could also be done by shuttle bus to Soanierana Ivongo and then by boat to Sainte Marie ( subject to weather conditions).

**13th day and 14th day : SAINTE - MARIE**

Days free. Options: excursion by car and/or by boat to see a little village of fishermen, pirates cemetery and a lagoon (looking almost like a swimming pool), or excursion to the "île aux nattes". From July to September, you might see some humpback whales near the island. Overnight at the hotel.

**15th day : SAINTE MARIE - ANTANANARIVO**

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Antananarivo. Transfer to the hotel, rest of the day free. Overnight at the hotel.

**16th day : ANTANANARIVO -EUROPE**

In the morning, excursion to Ambohimanga – a UNESCO World heritage site: a King's palace built on the top of the hill covered with forests. In the afternoon, back to Tana and visit of a handicraft market. At the end of the afternoon, transfer to the hotel and day use. In the evening, transfer to the airport for the flight back to Europe.

## END OF SERVICE



### **TARIFFS PER PERSON:**

#### **1 person**

SINGLE: 3885 Euro

#### **4-5 people:**

DOUBLE: 1610 Euro

#### **2-3 people:**

DOUBLE: 2145 Euro

#### **6-7 people:**

DOUBLE: 1440 Euro

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: 480 Euro

#### **Including:**

- All airport transfers
- Midrange accommodation based on bed and breakfast, on Sainte Marie on half board
- Parks and reserve fees (Ranomafana, Ranohira, Andasibe, Palmarium)
- Service of local guides in parks and reserves
- car or bus rental with a driver for the road trip
- Fuel and driver's indemnities
- transfer in the hotel-owned motor boat (there may be other passengers on board): Manambato- Akanin'ny Nofy – Tamatave
- visit of Anja and Arboretum sites, Palmarium reserve and the excursion to spot the Aye Aye
- tourist levy and VAT

#### **Excluding:**

- Domestic flights with airport taxes: Tuléar -Antananarivo, Tamatave - Sainte Marie, Sainte Marie – Antananarivo: approx. 540 to 810 Euro per person (depending on the booking class and season)
- Visa fees (35 € for 30 days stay)
- International flights and their taxes
- All other meals and drinks
- Excursions on Sainte Marie
- Personal expenditures
- Personal insurance for eventualities like accidents, theft or damage to luggage, cancellation etc

Supplement for guide from the agency without stay in Sainte Marie (1135 Euro, to be shared by participants)

**Supplement for best hotels:**

SINGLE: 1145 Euro

DOUBLE: 825 Euro/person

**Supplement in best hotels for:**

Half board: 205 Euro

Full board: 510 Euro

**Planned hotels for this tour (subject to availability, other hotels are possible, tariff may have to be adjusted):**

**Name of city / Standard hotel / best hotel**

Antananarivo /Lapasoa\*\* / Tamboho Hotel\*\*\*

Antsirabe / Chambres du voyageur\*\* / Arotel \*\*\*

Ranomafana / Centr'est\*\* / Setam Lodge\*\*\* (Setam lodge on half board base compulsory)

Fianarantsoa / Villa Sylvestre\*\* / Zomatel \*\*\* new wing

Ranohira / Isalo Ranch\*\* / Isalo Rock Lodge\*\*\*\* on half board

Tulear / Victory\*\*\* /Moringa\*\*\* suite

Antananarivo /Lapasoa\*\* / Tamboho Hotel \*\*\*

Andasibe / Grace Lodge\*\* / Vakona Forest Lodge\*\*\*

Akanin'ny Nofy / Palmarium\*\* / unchanged

Sainte Marie / Lakana\*\* / Princesse Bora Lodge\*\*\*sup. luxury villa (in both hotels half board compulsory)

Antananarivo /Lapasoa\*\* / Tamboho Hotel \*\*\*

**Attention!**

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.