

SOUTH TOUR WITH AMBOHITSARA

(15 days / 14 nights)

Visit Ifaty with its beautiful beach and backlands with endemic fauna and flora. Drive to Ranohira and visit of the Isalo national park, then continuation and visit of the rainforest of Ranomafana with its national park. Drive to the sea at the east, then by boat along the Pangalanes canal to Ambohitsara, a typical village between sea and canal, also known for its "white elephant statue". Extension in Ambohitsara possible.

Day1 EUROPE - ANTANANARIVO

Meeting at the airport and transfert to the city. Stay overnight at the hotel.

Day2 ANTANANARIVO – TULEAR – IFATY (27 Km about 1,5 hour-drive)

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Tulear. Reception at the airport and shuttle transfer to Ifaty – a seaside resort protected by coral reefs. Night at the hotel.

Day3 IFATY

Day free on the beach, or walk in the back land to discover endemic species, (like baobabs, octopus trees, spiny bush, jujube trees ,cactus,...) or optionally visit the Reniala reserve. Night at the hotel.

Day4 IFATY – TULEAR (27 Km about 1 hour-drive) – RANOHIRA (240 Km about 4 hour-drive)

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

Day5 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. Overnight at the hotel

Day6 RANOHIRA – FIANARANTSOA (295 Km about 5,5 hour-drive)

After breakfast , drive to Fianarantsoa. 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. Then continue to Ambalavao to visit a hand made paper factory (not possible on Sundays). Arrival in Fianarantsoa at the end of the afternoon. Overnight at the hotel.

Day7 FIANARANTSOA – MANAKARA (on Tuesdays, and Saturdays, so arrival has to be planned accordingly)

Train ride to Manakara throughout tropical forests and plantations through 48 tunnels and over 67 bridges. On every station, the local population sell food, according to the season, river crabs, grilled fish, bananas, manioc, ricecakes... Transfert from the railway station to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day8 MANAKARA – MANANJARY (165 km about 3.5 hour-drive)

Car transfer to Mananjary along spice plantations, fruit trees etc.. Overnight at the hotel.

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Day9 MANANJARY – AMBOHITSARA (60 km boat trip about 4 to 5 hours)

Transfer to Ambohitsara aboard a motorboat on the Pangalanes canal. The Pangalanes canal has here an important function as there are no roads. Everything is transported on the canal, mainly in pirogues: fruits, toka gasy (a kind of local moonshine spirit), betsa-betsa (palmwine), and anything the people in the villages need or produce. Arrival in Ambohitsara – a small village between Pangalanes canal and the sea on the Pangalanes canal. Stay on full board at the simple hotel.

Day10 AMBOHITSARA – MANANJARY (60 km boat trip about 4 to 5 hours)

In the morning stay in Ambohitsara and surroundings. Visit to the statue of the "white elephant", which according to researchers is supposed to represent a pig, whose origin still causes archaeologists headaches. This holy statue "Vatomasina" made of soapstone has supposedly been looking northeast, its home: the border area of Siberia and North China, for over 2000 years. A walk through the village is also part of the program; here you can still see the real Madagascar, far away from the big cities and the stream of tourists. In the afternoon boat trip back to Mananjary. On the way you can still see the place where Jean Laborde was shipwrecked. Overnight stay in a hotel in Mananjary. Another option would be a boat trip to Mahanoro in two more days. From there, one could continue the tour by car further north to Tamatave, or return by car via Andasibe to Antananarivo. The Pangalanes Canal cannot be navigated on the Mahanoro- Vatomandry route at the moment, it is overgrown with water hyacinths. It is planned to dredge this section in the near future.

Day11 MANANJARY – RANOMAFANA (200 Km about 4 hour drive)

Drive to Ranomafana – a national park which is home to various species of lemurs, birds, reptiles. Possibility of doing a night walk along the road to try to see nocturnal species of animals, with some luck you'll see mouse lemurs, chameleons, etc. Overnight at the hotel

Day12 RANOMAFANA

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. Overnight at the hotel.

Day13 RANOMAFANA – ANTSIRABE (240 Km about 5,5 hour-drive)

After breakfast, drive to Antsirabe – also called the "Town of Water " because of thermal spas and the existence of two crater lakes. Overnight at the hotel.

Day14 ANTSIRABE – ANTANANARIVO (169 Km about 4 hour-drive)

After breakfast, a short city tour and visit of the lake Andraikiba, and of a workshop where they make miniatures from recycled materials, then drive to Antananarivo.
Overnight at the hotel.

Day15 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, day use at the hotel, then transfer to the airport for the flight back to Europe.

END OF SERVICE



TARIFFS PER PERSON:

1 person:

SINGLE: 4030 Euro

4-5 people:

DOUBLE: 1630 Euro

2-3 people:

DOUBLE: 2185 Euro

6-8 people:

DOUBLE: 1450 Euro

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: 540 Euro

Including:

- Airport transfers
- Midrange accommodation based on bed and breakfast, except in Ambohitsara: simple hotel on full board
- Train tickets
- Entrance fees in the mentioned parks and reserves
- The service of park and reserve guides
- Car transfer from Tulear to Fianarantsoa and from Manakara to Antananarivo, shuttle from Tulear to Ifaty and back
- Driver's indemnities and Fuel
- Motor boat transfers: Mananjary – Ambohitsara - Mananjary
- Excursion to Ambohimanga and handicraft market.
- tourist levy and VAT

Excluding:

- International flights with their airport taxes
- Domestic flight with airport tax and insurance: Antananarivo – Tulear: approx. 180 to 270 Euro per person depending on the booking class and season
- Visa fee (35 € for a stay up to 30 days)
- All other drinks and meals
- Personal expenditures
- Personal insurance for eventualities like accidents, theft or damage to luggage, cancellation etc

Supplement for guide from the agency from Tulear to Tana: 1140 Euro (to be shared by participants)

Supplement for best hotels:

DOUBLE: 405 Euro/Person

SINGLE: 700 Euro/Person

Supplement in best hotels for:

Half board: 220 Euro

Full board: 455 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*** Sup room

Ifaty / La Mira*** /Paradisier*** std room

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

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

Manakara / Parthenay** / unchanged

Mananjary / Vahiny Lodge*** / unchanged

Ambohitsara / Auberge* / unchanged

Mananjary / Vahiny Lodge*** / unchanged

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

Antsirabe / Chambres du voyageur** / Royal palace*** std room

Antananarivo /Lapasoa** / Tamboho Hotel*** Sup room

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.