



# Welcome to Wild Madagascar!

bespoke touring The Red Island

**October 28 - November 11, 2025**

15 days/14 nights

An all-inclusive tour offering you a panoramic adventure from East to West Coast, discovering some of the most spectacular and iconic landscapes on the Red Island.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Charter flight over Tsingy de Bemaraha National Park
- View the vast Morondava Delta of 'the long coast'
- Explore the fishermen's village of Petania
- Beachfront Bungalow in Morondava
- Guided walk through the Zazamalala Reserve
- Witness the spectacle of Baobab Allee at sunset
- Experience the Dry Forest of the East Coast
- Explore the Rain forests of the South East Coast
- Explore the Andasibe-Mantadia National Park
- Get close to Indri lemurs at Lemur Island
- Boat journey in the Pangalanes Canal
- Beachfront bungalow in the Palmarium Reserve
- Boat excursion on Lake Ampitabe
- Guided walk in the Palmarium Reserve
- Beachfront Bungalows on Ile St Marie
- Day excursion to Ile aux Nattes
- Art and Craft visits beyond the tourist trail
- City Tour of Antananarivo





## what's this tour like ?

Madagascar is the 4th largest island in the world, and yet it has only 7 national highways. You may have read that travelling there is a challenge! Yes, it's a poor country, and as always when transport infrastructure is lacking, the logistics of travel become more complicated. One *can* spend absolutely exhausting days bumping along bone-crunching roads, but I hope I have done that in December 2024, so that you don't have to!

My intention in planning this tour is to offer you as wide a possible vista of the diversity of landscape, flora and fauna that a comfortable 2-weeks of travelling can provide. by spending less time on difficult roads and more time enjoying the destinations.

It's *not* a whistle-stop tour, nor is it in the low season when accommodations are yawningly vacant and roads are inundated with tropical rain.

All of these features are logistical highlights to enhance your enjoyment, maintain a high level of comfort and optimise your precious time on the ground, with genuinely wonderful Malagasy people, amazing fauna, and immersing yourself in the tranquility of abundant flora for which our beautiful hotels have been selected.

- **Time of year** - we are here for the high season for the East coast, when it is driest and birdlife is abundant, lemurs are more prevalent.
- **Standard and location of hotels** - you will enjoy the comfort of 4-4.5 star hotels, resorts and lodges
- **Expertise of on-board guide**, a senior guide with clearly spoken-English also a specialist 'birder'
- **All-in inclusions** (lets' not waste time at the end of our meals figuring out the bill and always searching for ATMs? most meals and all tips are included).
- **Modes of travel** - charter flight x 1, scheduled flights x 3, 4 x 4 in the west Coast, Coach in the East cast and boats where necessary to reach the eastern islands of the Pangalanes Canal
- **Our charter flight** gets you over the remote Tsingy wilderness areas listed by UNESCO
- **Flights instead of days and days on difficult roads** - the flights save us 7 days on the road with all associated costs of transport, drivers, guides, hotels and lodging.



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## **DAY 1** Oct 28 **Arrival at Ivato Airport, ANTANANARIVO**

Our representative will meet and bring you to the hotel where we will have a welcome dinner together. Hopefully you will arrive by 5pm. The hotel is a 10 minute drive to the airport, and features fabulous Madagascan contemporary art, and exceptionally good cuisine (it's French-owned and operated) with a decent winelist and lovely service and amenities. **D**



## **DAY2** Oct 29 **ANTANANARIVO- BEOPAKA - MORONDAVA** (charter flight #1)

Leave hotel by 7 am for our CHARTER FLIGHT northwestwards, to view the Tsingy de Bemaraha National Park, listed with UNESCO's World Human Heritage Cultural, witnessing the Manambolo Canyon and the large and small Tsingy - this is an extremely difficult place to reach by road, yet is arguably the island's most impressive landscape with its massive stony needles. Morning tea before boarding for the scenic flight over the Morondava River delta before reaching Morondava to relax at your 4.5 star beach bungalow spa resort. **LIGHT BREAKFAST/BRUNCH/D 3 nights**



## **DAY3** Oct 30 **MORONDAVA** - travel with 4 x 4)

This morning we'll take an early walk to the fishermens' village of Petania on the mangrove delta, and if you're keen take a short boat ride before breakfast. Explore the town or beach or enjoy your hotel facilities before lunch at the hotel, afterwards heading out by 4x4 to experience the environment before finding the perfect viewing spot for sunset on BAOBAB ALLÉE. Tonight we'll dine at one of Morondava's famous seaside restaurants **B/L/D**



## **DAY4** Oct 31 **MORONDAVA**- travel with 4 x 4

Today we'll have an early start to visit a unique Nature conservation project, the Zazamalala Reserve where you'll have a guided walk full of fascinating creatures including Verreaux's Sifaka, the Greater Bamboo Lemur and the Ringtail Lemur. The botanical garden is full of rare plants and species and crucially they educate and support their local community. Free time this afternoon or a picnic lunch and stay out all day **B/D**



## **DAY5** Nov 1 **MORONDAVA to ANTISIBE via TANA** (flight #2)

Coast-to-Coast today as you fly to Antananarivo FLIGHT MD703 at 9.45 am, arr. 10.50, to board the coach for the drive east to Andasibe, stopping for a picnic lunch. Anadsibe, where you stay in a secluded 4-star lodge set in spacious grounds next to its own private area of forest. Andasibe - Mantadia National Park, is an elevated primary growth forest, home to 11 species of lemur, including rare, endemic and endangered species. A nocturnal walk is planned after resting, before dinner **B/L/D 3 nights**







**DAY 6** Nov 2                    **ANDASIBE** - coach travel

A pre-breakfast walk in the forest around Eulophiella offers the chance to see indri lemurs (the largest), diademed sifakas, red-bellied lemurs, chameleons and good bird-watching. with our specialist birding guide. Today you'll enjoy an in-depth visit to the Mantabia Park with a local guide. Relax at your lodge after a late lunch, with the option of a a different nocturnal walk in nearby forest especially to seek out the dwarf and woolly lemurs before dinner. **B/L/D**

**DAY 7** Nov 3                    **ANDASIBE** - coach travel

Are you up for a pre-breakfast birding walk? Leave to visit the lemur island for exceptionally close encounters with several lemur species, as well as sighting the endangered dancing lemurs. (days 6/7 may be interchanged). Take a leisurely canoe ride to spot the bamboo lemur, and spend time enjoying an evening drink from the panoramic terrace of your splendid lodge. A restful evening of in-house dining before our travel day tomorrow. **B/L/D**

**DAY 8** Nov 4                    **MORONDAVA** by coach **TAMATAVE** by boat  
to the **PAMARIUM RESERVE**

Get ready to logout for 3 days! The Palmarium Reserve is located on the east coast at a place called Ankanin'ny Nofy (The Nest of Dreams). Located on 50 ha on the edge of Lake Ampitabe and the Indian Ocean on the picturesque Pangalanes Channel, it's only accessible by boat. You stay in a bungalow with a private terrace offering a breathtaking view of Lake Ampitabe. This is a unique place to be in perfect harmony with Nature. 12 species of lemur abound here! **B/L/D 3 nights**

**DAY 9** Nov 5                    **PALMARIUM**

A boat trip today to a village on the far side of Lake Ampitabe dozen species of lemurs living in full freedom in the reserve, Indri, Sifaka, Coronatus, Varécia, Variegata, Propithecus. A rare and endemic terrestrial and arboreal fauna as well as a magnificent flora (orchids, carnivorous plants, ebony, mahogany, traveller's trees...) the most beautiful palm trees specific to Madagascar, including the rarest varieties (Dypsis, Ravenala, Orania, but also Voanioala and Lemurophoenix). **B/L/D**

**DAY 10** Nov 6                    **PALMARIUM**

Indulge in the luxury of having 3 nights here as you awaken each morning in a living painting. The private terrace of your bungalow a call to contemplation and well-being, offering you a unique sense of serenity and seclusion. Today your 2-hr guided walk will introduce you to the flora and fauna, enjoy a leisurely lunch, take a swim, and perhaps a boat ride this evening for bird watching? **B/L/D**



(my photos are from the park, Dec. 24)



**PALMARIUM - boat- coach- TOAMASINA -**

**DAY 11** Nov 7

**- ÎLE SAINTE-MARIE (flight #3)**

Leaving Palmarium by boat - 5 miles to the mainland - then coach to Toamasina, from where you will take a FLIGHT farther north (MD503/534) at 11.05 am arriving 3pm with direct transfer to your seaside bungalow on the paradisaical island of Sainte-Marie, also known as Nosy Boraha, an infamous hideout in the Golden Age of Piracy - C.16th and C.17th. Your luxury spa hotel on a stunning beach is a dream,! You've made it *all* this way - take time to reflect as you lap up all the luxurious services and delicious cuisine. **B/D 2 nights**



**DAY 12** Nov 8

**ÎLE SAINTE-MARIE - ÎLE AUX NATTES**

The paradise at the end of the world - this tiny islet, reached by a quick pirogue ride may be your destination today. Free from sharks, the lagoon of the island is endowed with significant coralline growth. Its underwater fauna is conserved as a natural heritage and popular diving site in the Indian Ocean; you may choose to stay put - the choice is all yours - lunch is provided wherever you chose to be and we'll dine together this evening for our last sunset on the road. **B/L/D**



**DAY 13** Nov 9

**ÎLE SAINTE-MARIE - ANTANANARIVO (flight #4)**

(Enjoy a leisurely morning before we depart for our FLIGHT (MD535). at 15.05, arriving in Tana an hour later, with transfer directly to your 4-star city hotel to relax, enjoy the restaurant and spa, with shopping and local markets nearby for discovering on foot **B**



**DAY 14** Nov 10

**ANTANANARIVO**

Tana is a pretty town if slightly chaotic, founded in 1610 by the Merina Kingdom, it's the oldest city in Madagascar. With around 4 million inhabitants its a vibrant place where colonial buildings sit besides sprawling markets throbbing with colour life and exotic produce. Today your city tour includes the palace, and recommended is the photography museum, with lunch in its stylish elevated cafe. Stock up on baobab oil, beautiful raffia bags and Malagasy chocolate to take home ... with our farewell dinner this evening. **B/D**



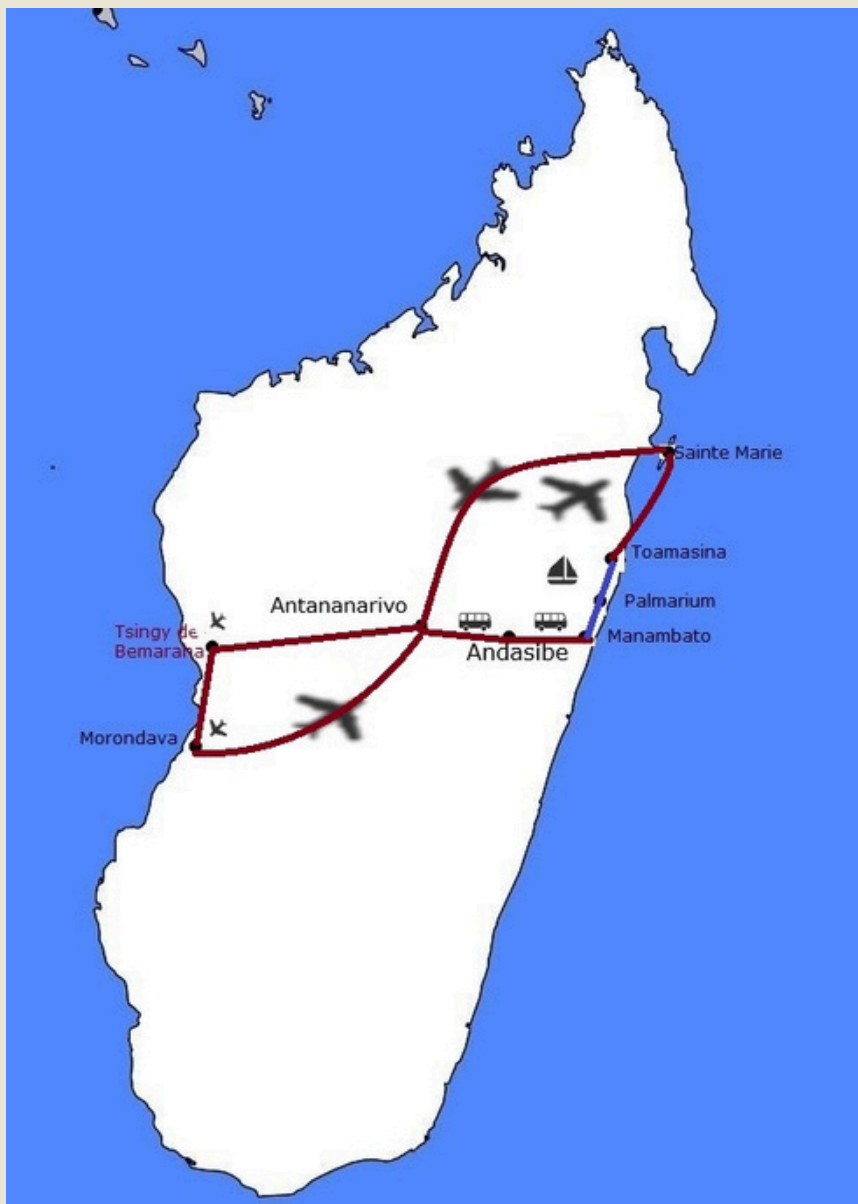
**DAY 15** Nov 11

**DEPARTURES**

Unless you forgot to board the plane in Ile Sainte Marie, today is departure day, and your hotel provides a shuttle at whatever time you need to depart. Anna will be here to look after your departures. please enquire if you need a late checkout (may be possible) or an extra day for a late departure .

**TOUR CONCLUDES**





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### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 14 nights accommodation
- ✓ 14 breakfasts
- ✓ 9 lunches with bottled water
- ✓ 12 dinners with bottled water
- ✓ airport transfers
- ✓ senior on-board guide throughout
- ✓ all flights as described (3)
- ✓ charter flight as described (1)
- ✓ A/C 4 x 4 vehicles on West Coast
- ✓ A/C coach City and West Coast
- ✓ full logistic support crew
- ✓ all park and reserve entrances
- ✓ museum entrances
- ✓ all boat fees
- ✓ all tips prepaid - €200 pp
- ✓ portorage where available
- ✓ Anna will escort this tour

### NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- personal insurance
- personal costs, alcohol and drinks

### HOTELS and LODGES

- 1 night in ANTANANARIVO 4.5-star Art Hotel close to Airport : NOSY MANGA
- 3 nights in MORONDAVA 4-star beach spa resort PALISSANDRE
- 3 nights in ANDASIBE in 4-star rainforest lodge resort EULOPHIELLA
- 3 nights in ANKANIN'NY NOFY in the 4-star Palmarium Reserve at the PALMARIUM HOTEL
- 2 nights in Île SAINTE-MARIE at the 4.5-star beach resort PRINCESSE DE BORA
- 2 nights in ANTANANARIVO 4.5-star city hotel ROYAL PALISSANDRE

€3699 per person  
twin-share / double

€649 single  
supplement

Looking forward to sharing this adventure with you



please don't hesitate to be in touch with any queries  
and be sure to secure your place soon -  
the hotels are only holding rooms for my tour with a deposit

I must reserve the right to alter hotels if sufficient bookings don't take  
place in time to secure the hotels as listed

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