TSINGY DE BEMARAHA & BAOBAB AVENUE

THE GREAT NATURE CROSSING OF MADAGASCAR



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Trip Overview

This major exploration journey takes you to the heart of Madagascar's most spectacular sites, with highlights including the **Tsingy de Bemaraha massif** and the legendary **Baobab Avenue**.

Over nearly one month, the itinerary crosses an extraordinary diversity of landscapes: the eastern rainforests, lakes and private reserves, a wild river, unique limestone formations found nowhere else in the world, western savannas, south-west lagoons, and major national parks of the Highlands.

The trip combines guided hikes, lemur observation, river navigation, community reserves, major national parks, and artisan encounters. A comprehensive program blending adventure, nature, biodiversity, and culture, designed for travelers seeking an in-depth discovery of the Red Island.

Highlights

- Complete multi-regional exploration: East – West – South – Highlands
- Sunset at the Baobab Avenue, one of Madagascar's most iconic sites
- Descent of the Tsiribihina River by traditional barge with wilderness camping
- Lemur observation in multiple ecosystems (rainforest, private reserves, community sites)
- Major national parks included: Andasibe, Ranomafana, Isalo
- Discovery of the south-west spiny forest and Reniala Reserve
- Lagoon and seaside stay in Belo sur Mer and Ifaty
- Artisan encounters: Zafimaniry wood carving, recycled aluminum, local workshops
- Numerous major photographic sites: canyons, rock massifs, volcanic lakes, baobabs
- Well-balanced itinerary combining adventure, nature, culture, and rest time

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PROGRAM

Day 1 – Antananarivo

Arrival at the airport, welcome by your guide, assistance, and transfer to the hotel. Depending on arrival time, first discovery of the capital: Upper Town visit, panoramic views over rice fields, artisan markets, and first glimpses of Malagasy daily life. Full trip briefing and practical advice.
Overnight: Au Bois Vert





Day 2 – Antananarivo → Andasibe

Departure east through lush landscapes of rice fiel
villages. Stop at a private reserve to observe cham
rainforest area and lodge installation.
Overnight: Feon'ny Ala





Day 3 – Andasibe – Andasibe-Mantadia National Park

Early guided hike in the national park in search of the Indri Indri, famous for their powerful calls. Observation of other lemurs, endemic birds, and medicinal plants. Afternoon visit to a community reserve involved in conservation.
Overnight: Feon'ny Ala





Day 4 – Andasibe → Palmarium

Road transfer followed by a boat crossing on the eastern lakes through lush vegetation. Installation in an isolated private reserve. Evening guided night walk to observe nocturnal wildlife.
Overnight: Palmarium Lodge





Day 5 – Palmarium Reserve

Extended guided hike in the reserve to observe several lemur species in the wild. Explanations on behavior and natural habitat. Time dedicated to nature photography.
Overnight: Palmarium Lodge





Day 6 – Mantasoa Lake

Return to Lake Mantasoa, visit of the lake and Lemur Islands. Boat navigation and discovery of wooded islets. Walks and nature observation in a peaceful Highland setting.
Overnight: Mantasoa Lodge





Day 7 – Mantasoa → Antsirabe

Scenic drive to the thermal city. Discovery of artisan workshops: horn carving, miniatures, recycled objects, and local craftsmanship. Meetings and demonstrations.
Overnight: Couleur Café





Day 8 – Antsirabe

Bicycle tour through the countryside followed by a visit to Lake Tritriva. Discovery of the volcanic site surrounded by hills and local legends.
Overnight: Couleur Café





Day 9 – Antsirabe → Miandrivazo

Long drive westward with gradual changes in landscapes and climate. Passage through agricultural and semi-arid zones. Observation of rural life and visit to an artisanal gold mine.
Overnight: Princess Tsiribihina





Day 10 – Tsiribihina River

Start of the descent by traditional barge on the Tsiribihina River. Navigation between cliffs, sandbanks, and isolated villages. Birdwatching and river life scenes. Wilderness camp by the river.
Overnight: Camping

Day 11 – Tsiribihina River

Continuation of the river journey with stops at waterfalls, swimming opportunities, and local encounters along the riverbanks.
Overnight: Camping

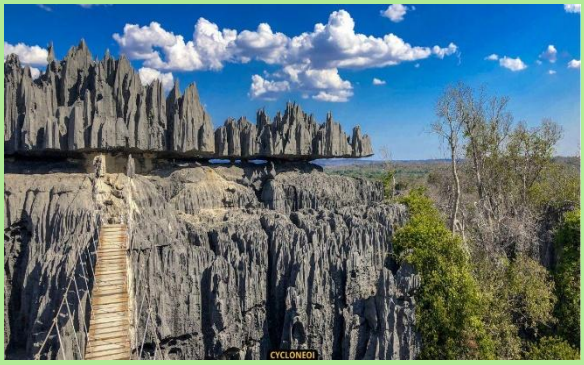
Day 12 – Bekopaka

Meeting with the Tsingy driver. Logistical organization, safety briefing, and preparation for the Tsingy exploration. Village discovery and rest time.
Overnight: Tanankoay

Day 13 – Tsingy de Bemaraha

Guided exploration of the Tsingy de Bemaraha: suspension bridges, limestone pinnacles, gorges, and viewpoints. Geological and naturalist explanations throughout the visit.
Overnight: Tanankoay





Day 14 – Kirindy Reserve

Drive to the western dry forest. Installation at the ecolodge. Guided night walk to observe active wildlife: small mammals, reptiles, and endemic species adapted to dry climates.
Overnight: Kirindy Forest Lodge





Day 15 – Kirindy → Morondava

Transfer to the west coast. Extended stop at Baobab Avenue for late-afternoon light, photography, and site interpretation. Evening arrival in Morondava.
Overnight: Chez Maggie





Day 16 – Morondava

Free day: beach, market, seaside promenade. Optional activities available: canoeing, fishing village visit, photography.
Overnight: Chez Maggie

Day 17 – Morondava → Belo sur Mer

Coastal track through Vezo villages. Visit of traditional shipyards and discovery of dhow-building techniques.
Overnight: Entremer





Day 18 – Belo sur Mer

Sea excursion depending on conditions: sandy islets, fishing zones, and lagoons. Observation of traditional fishing techniques. Swimming and relaxation.
Overnight: Entremer





Day 19 – Belo sur Mer → Ifaty

Transfer to the south-west and spiny forest region. Lodge installation. Late-day guided botanical walk to discover xerophytic flora and baobabs.
Overnight: Bamboo Club

Day 20 – Reniala Reserve

Guided visit of Reniala Reserve: baobabs, endemic flora, and birds. Ecological explanations and traditional uses.
Overnight: Bamboo Club





Day 21 – Ifaty

Lagoon day: snorkeling, marine wildlife observation, and beach relaxation. Boat outings depending on weather conditions.
Overnight: Bamboo Club





Day 22 – Isalo

Drive to the Isalo massif with panoramic stop at the Isalo Windows to admire rock formations and evening light.
Overnight: Satrana Lodge





Day 23 – Isalo National Park

Guided hike in Isalo National Park: canyons, natural pools, and rupestrian flora.
Overnight: Satrana Lodge





Day 24 – Ambalavao

Visit to Anja Reserve: ring-tailed lemur observation and presentation of community-based management.
Overnight: Betsileo Country Lodge





Day 25 – Ranomafana

Arrival in the rainforest. Installation and guided night walk to observe amphibians, insects, and nocturnal lemurs.
Overnight: Setam Lodge





Day 26 – Ranomafana National Park

In-depth naturalist hike in Ranomafana National Park with detailed ecological interpretation.
Overnight: Setam Lodge



Day 27 – Ambositra

Discovery of Zafimaniry wood-carving workshops and traditional craftsmanship with demonstrations.
Overnight: Artisan Hotel





Day 28 – Ambositra → Antsirabe

Crossing of the Central Highlands: rice fields, villages, roadside markets. Free time upon arrival.
Overnight: Couleur Café





Day 29 – Antsirabe → Antananarivo

Return to the capital with a stop at a recycled aluminum workshop for an artisan demonstration. Final souvenir shopping.
Overnight: Au Bois Vert





Day 30 – Departure

Airport transfer according to flight schedule. Departure assistance.
— End of services —



PACKAGE PRICE

Price per person in euros – Based on 6 people

- Adult: **€5,125**
- Child: **€2,562.50**

PACKAGE DETAILS

Price includes

- **Ground transportation**
  Private vehicles throughout the itinerary with English-speaking driver, including fuel, insurance, local tolls, driver accommodation and meals.
- **Airport transfers**
  All airport transfers included in the program.
- **Accommodation**
  Hotels and lodges mentioned in the itinerary, including room occupancy taxes and local taxes.
- **Tsiribihina River activities**
  Motorized boat descent with comfortable camping equipment.
- **Private reserves and natural sites**
  Anja Reserve, Antsokay Arboretum (MD Exotic), Mitsinjo Reserve, Lemur Island, Aye-Aye, Kirindy Forest, Ambararata Reniala, and spiny forest.
  Entrance fees and local guides included.
- **National parks**
  Andasibe, Zombitse-Vohibasia, Ranomafana, Isalo.
  Entrance fees and English-speaking local guides included.

Price does not include

- International and/or domestic flights
- Visa (approx. €35)
- Airport taxes
- Insurance (cancellation, assistance, repatriation, etc.)
- Airport transfers in Antananarivo (if outside the program)
- Optional activities in Ifaty (snorkeling, sailing, fishing, etc.)
- Tips (customary)
- Excess baggage
- Personal expenses (laundry, drinks, etc.)
- Any service not explicitly mentioned as included