Scopus Travel • Itinerary

# 7 Nights ~ 8 Days: From Indri Calls to Humpback Whales – East Madagascar

Venture deep into eastern Madagascar's primary rainforests in search of indri and rare lemurs, then cross coastal waters to the wild shores of Sainte-Marie Island. In season, migrating Humpback Whale add an unforgettable ocean spectacle to the journey.

| PRICING | TOTAL TOUR DAYS | ARRIVAL PORT | DEPARTURE PORT |
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Countries Covered: Madagascar

**Tour Overview**

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Family | Leisure | Small Groups | Wildlife/Nature Clubs

**Experience:** 7 nights & 8 days of rainforest treks, wildlife encounters, scenic canals, and island exploration.

**Accommodation:** Mantasoa 1N | Andasibe 2N | Tamatave 1N | Sainte-Marie 2N | Antananarivo 1N.

**Kickoff:** Begin in **Mantasoa**, 70 km east of Antananarivo, and explore **Nosy Soa Reserve**.

**Rainforest Adventure:** Trek **Andasibe-Mantadia National Park** and **Vokona Private Reserve**, discovering lemurs, chameleons, and vibrant forest life.

**Coastal Journey:** Drive to **Toamasina** (Tamatave), soaking up eastern Madagascar's shoreline landscapes and culture.

**Island & Marine Highlights:** Cross via road and boat to **Sainte-Marie Island**, where pristine beaches, pirate heritage, and seasonal humpback whale sightings await.

**Return to Capital:** Fly back to Antananarivo for a final overnight and farewell dinner.

**Safety & Comfort:** Hand-to-hand operator assistance throughout ensures a smooth, worry-free journey.

**Season & Weather:** Best June 15 – October 15 (cool, dry season; whale migration peak).

**Packing Essentials:** Casuals, outdoor shoes, sweater, shawl/scarf, pullover/windcheater.

## Trip Itinerary

Tour Program

### Day 01 — Ivato Airport – Antananarivo – Mantasoa Hotel (70Km)

Accommodation: Mantasoa | Meals Included: Dinner

- Midday arrival in Antananarivo at Ivato International Airport .
- *Meet & assist by Scopus representative/s. [Tel #….].*
- *Transfer to Mantasoa.* [70 km] [2 hours].
- *Check into hotel at Mantasoa*.
- Dinner & Overnight at Mantasoa.

*Mantasoa lake, Madagascar*

*Beautiful colonial houses, Antananarivo, Madagascar*

*Antananarivo, Madagascar*

*Down town, Antananarivo, Madagascar*

*Ariel view Antananarivo, Madagascar*

## Day 02 — Nosy Soa Park & Transfer to Andasibe

Accommodation: Andasibe | Meals Included: Breakfast, Packed Lunch & Dinner

- *08.00 Transfer by private boat to Nosy Soa park.* [35 minutes]
- Relaxed walking tour of Nosy Soa park [1.5 hours]
- Close interaction with Brown Lemurs, Dancing Lemurs & Ring Tailed Lemurs of Nosy Soa.
- *Return transfer by private boat to Mantasoa*. [35 minutes]
- Transfer to Andasibe. (2 hours)
- Packed light meal/sandwich lunch.
- Dinner & Overnight at Andasibe/Mantadia Forest.

*Ring tailed lemurs, Nosy Soa park, Madagascar*

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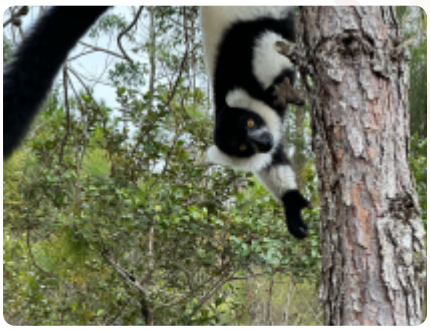
*Farikata (Vari) lemur, Nosy Soa park, Madagascar*



*Farikata (Vari) lemur, Nosy Soa park, Madagascar*

*Ring tailed lemur, Nosy Soa park, Madagascar*

*Friendly interaction with Ring tailed lemurs, Nosy Soa park, Madagascar*

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## Day 03 — Andasibe, Analamazotra Reserve

Accommodation: Andasibe | Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

- *07.30 Transfer to Vokona private reserve.*
- *1.5 Hours tour of Vokona Private reserve close encounter with Bamboo Lemur, Farikata, Sifaka & Ring Tailed species.*
- Also see the flying ducks, chameleons and the delicious wild guavas that grow in this area.
- *10.00 Transfer to Andasibe Analamazoatra Primary Forest & National Park.*

- *What is a primary forest?*
  *"A primary forest is a forest that hasn't been damaged by human activity. They're the forests we picture in our dreams – intact, self-regulating ecosystems, whose dynamics and functions haven't been disturbed by our presence."* *Read more...*
- *3 hours walk in the Analamazoatra forest seeking out the largest of the Lemur species in Madagascar - the elusive, canopy dwelling Indri Indri.*
- *Transfer to Hotel.*
- Lunch at Hotel. *(A' la carte, payment direct by the guests)*
- Dinner & Overnight at Andasibe

*Crested Drongo, Andasibe, Madagascar*

*Chameleon in the primeval forests of the Andasibe National Park, Eastern Madagascar*

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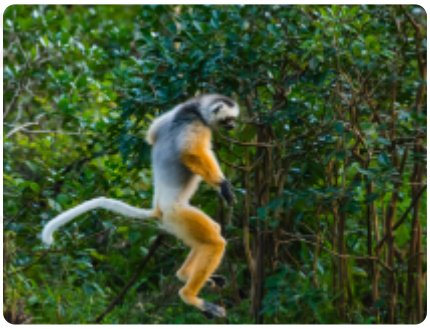

*Madagascar, Andasibe, Vakona Lodge, Lemur Island. Diademed sifaka (Propithecus diadema) leaping from a tree.*

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## Day 04 — Andasibe - Mahambo

Accommodation: Mahambo | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- *07.30 Transfer to Tamatave by road. [6 hours]*
- *Sea front lunch at Chez Chrsitian - Tamatave.*
- *Transfer to Mahambo. (3 hours 30 minutes)*
- *Free afternoon at Mahambo Beach.*
- Dinner & Overnight at Mahambo.

*Toamasina, Madagascar, April 30, 2017: Traditional rickshaws near the market in the downtown of Toamasina*

*A cafe and a pus-pus taxi in Madagascar*

*Shore of the sea with green palms and grass, Toamasina, Madagascar*

*Ambila, Madagascar, Nov 16: Shrimp fisher with fish trap in Pangalanes channel, Madagascar on Nov 16, 2016*

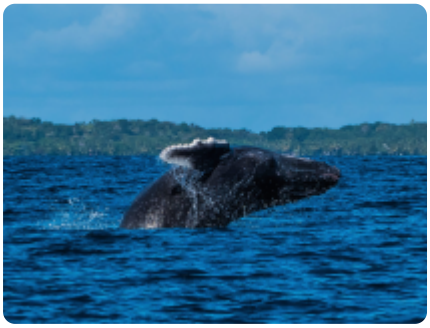
*Fish traps on the Pangalanes Canal, eastern Madagascar*

## Day 05 — Mahambo - Siant Marie Island

Accommodation: Saint Marie

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

- Transfer by boat to Nosy Boroha - Saint Marie Island. (4 Hours)
- Arrive to St Maries Island.  Transfer to Hotel.
- Free afternoon at the Hotel by the beach.



*Seascape of Sainte Marie Island (Nosy Boraha), Madagascar*

## Day 06 — Whale wacthing boat ride, Pirate Island & Cemetery

Accommodation: Saint Marie | Meals Included: Break Fast & Dinner

- 07.30 Boat trip watching Whales at close quarters. [1.5 hour]
- Breakfast
- *Transfer to Ambodifototra [Tel:,,,,]*. [30 minutes]
- Tour of the Pirates Cemetery at St Pierre.
- *Lunch at Ambodifototra. (A' la carte, payment direct by the guests)*
- *Transfer to Hotel*.
- Dinner & overnight at Saint Marie.

## Day 07 — Saint Marie-Antananarivo

Accommodation: Antananarivo

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

- Transfer to Saint Marie airport.
- Commercial flight to Antananarivo(Tana) Ivato airport.
- *Meet & assist by Scopus representative/s [Tel #....].*
- Transfer to Hotel.
- Check in to Hotel at Tana.
- *Optional Tour of Shopping for local produce.*
- *Farewell Dinner at Antananarivo.*
- Overnight at Antananarivo.

*Antananarivo cityscape, Tana, capital of Madagascar, french name Tananarive and short name Tana, Poor capital and largest city in Madagascar*

*Vanilla pods collected and left to dry on the sun*

## Day 08 — Departure

Meals Included: Breakfast

- *Check out & Transfer to airport.*

*Airplane silhouette landing in Antananarivo, Madagascar. City arrival with international airport direction signboard and blue sky. Travel, trip and transport concept 3d illustration.*

**Tour Highlights**

# High value tours, activities & attractions

## Nosy Soa Park

Close interaction with Lemurs

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## Nosy Boraha

Sainte-Marie Island is known for its authentic and preserved character, whale watching, beautiful beaches, and history.

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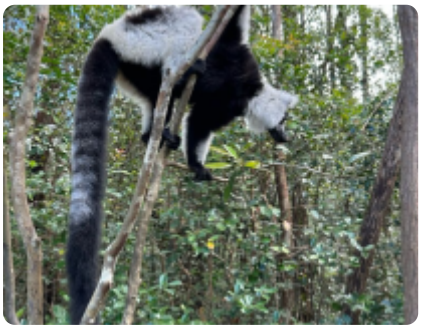

## Andasibe Mantadia National Park

"Almost the whole park is formed by primary forest which has never been modified by human beings. It is also a refuge for many animals and plants. Thus, it is not uncommon to come across a multitude of species: lemurs, birds, chameleons, and insects of all kinds."

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Additional information

**"Operator hand to hand protocol" -- what is it?**

- The Operator hand to hand protocol is an operational directive, where by the guests are handed over from one operator to the next, as the program requires.
- This method will preempt our guests looking for drivers, and contact persons and other assistance at various points of the journey.
- Though there is a cost, this method ensures hassle free, relaxed enjoyable tour for our guests.

**Who can travel?**

- Adult passengers from all countries.
- Minors must be accompanied by an immediate relative/guardian.

**What are the travel requirements?**

- Passport valid for at least 6 months from the start date of the tour.
- Entry permit as required for various Nationalities.
- Madagascar visa policy.
- Health insurance valid for the duration of the journey, preferably "cash free" policies.

**How safe is Madagascar?**

- As safe as safe could be.
- With no large carnivores, nor poisonous reptiles, outdoors are very safe.
- The population is very friendly and easy going.
- Public Transportation is erratic and is not recommended for tourists on short holidays.

### Are credit cards accepted in Madagascar?

- Not everywhere.
- Many vendors do not accept Master Card, and will insist on payment with VISA only or cash.
- Other popular cards like Amex, Diners, etc are also scarcely accepted.

### Should cash be carried in local currency?

- It is advisable to keep at least $100 in local currency - Malagasy Ariary.
- The exchange rate is approximately 4500MGA = 1US$ [April 2024]
- The best place to get it changed is on arrival at the airport.
- Please request assistance from our team on arrival.

### How much cash could be carried into and out of Madagascar?

- Visitors and residents can import up to MGA 400,000 and an unlimited amount of foreign currency. Sums of money greater than EUR 7500 will need to be declared at the customs department.
- Visitors and residents can also export up to MGA 400,000 in local currency and an unlimited amount of foreign cash providing a written declaration is made at the customs department.

### What are the other important entry regulations in Madagascar?

- **Free import**
  • 500 cigarettes or
  • 25 cigars or
  • 500 grammes of tobacco
  • 1 bottle of alcoholic beverages
- **Prohibited**
  • Illegal drugs
  • Weapons, explosives and ammunition
  • Knives and deadly weapons
  • Plant and plant products – unless permission has been obtained
  • Meat and meat products
  • Pets and animal products – unless permission has been obtained
  • Electronic equipment
  • Counterfeit money and goods
  • Pornographic materials
- **Restricted**
  • All passengers planning on re-exporting guns and ammunition will be required to apply for an export permit from their local “Chef de Province”.
  ***• All perfume is subject to duty regulations and cannot enter the country for free.***
  • Fruit and vegetables will need to be declared and an entry permit obtained before being granted entry into the country.
  • Protected plant and plant materials are prohibited from entering the country.
  *• All animals entering the country will be forced to undergo a sanitary inspection upon arrival. The creatures will require a veterinarian health certificate from the country of origin specifying the creature’s condition and lack of any contagious diseases. Dogs over three months and cats over six months old will need to be specifically vaccinated against rabies less than one month and over three months respectively prior to their entry into the country.*

### Are foregin insurance policies accepted in Madagascar?

- Yes they are and it is a mandatory requirement to travel with us.

### How much does this package cost?

- The cost of a tour package is a function of various services; viz, class of accommodation, period of travel, meal plan etc.
- Please make a booking and we will send a price offer for your consideration.

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