Scopus Travel • Itinerary

6 Nights ~ 7 Days East

A compact tour to the east of Madagascar, ideal to be combined with tours to neighboring destinations.

PRICING	TOTAL TOUR DAYS	ARRIVAL PORT	DEPARTURE PORT
—	7	Antananarivo	Antananarivo

Countries Covered: **Madagascar**

Tour Overview

A week in the east of Madagascar

Family | Leisure | Small Groups | Wildlife/Nature Clubs

- 6 Nights & 7 Days in vibrant nature.
- Accommodation plan: Mantasoa 1N, Andasibe 2N, Palmarium 2N & Tana 1N.
- This tour starts in Mantasoa, 70 km east of Antananarivo. [1 night]
- The tour then proceeds east to the Andasibe (Analamazoatra primary forest, Vokona reserve) [2 nights]
- From Andasibe the tour proceeds to the Palmarium forest reserve. [2 nights]
- From Palmarium by boat through Pangalanes Canal to Manambato and by road to Antananarivo. [1 night]
- Operator hand to hand protocol for the safest, surest journey.
- Season: All year.
- Weather type: Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter.
- Recommended clothing: 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.

Tana to Anadacibe, Madagascar

View of the densely packed houses on one of the many hills of Antananarivo, the capital city of Madagascar

A lone farmer walks through lush rice paddy field surrounded by homes and buildings in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

Antananarivo, french name Tananarive, short Tana, Very poor capital and largest city in Madagascar, Madagasikara republic. View to top of Central Antananarivo.

City of Antananarivo at sunny day with fluffy clouds in the sky. Madagascar

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Day 02 — Nosy Soa Park & Transfer to Andasibe

Accommodation: Mantasoa | Meals Included: Breakfast, 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.

Mantasoa lake & Nosy Soa park, Maantasoa, Madagascar

Farikata (Vari) lemur, Nosy Soa park, Madagascar

"Mantela" also known as Tomato Frog (Dyscophus Antongilii), Nosy Soa park, Mantasoa

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Day 03 — Andasibe, Analamazotra Reserve

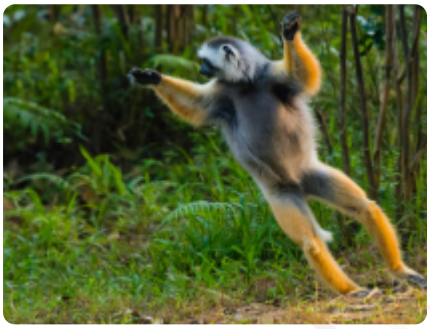
Accommodation: Andasibe | Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

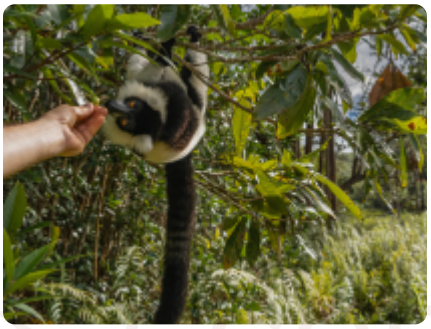
- *07.30*
- *Transfer to Andasibe Analamazoatra Primary Forest & National Park.*
- *What is a primary forest?*
  "A primary forest is a forest that hasn't been damaged by human activity. They're the forests we picture in our dreams – intact, self-regulating ecosystems, whose dynamics and functions haven't been disturbed by our presence." *Read more...*
- *3-4 hours walk in the Analamazoatra forest seeking out the largest of the Lemur species in Madagascar - the elusive, canopy dwelling Indri Indri.*
- *13.00 Transfer to Vakona private reserve.*
- Lunch at Vakona resort.
- *Optional evening walk at the reserve.*

- Dinner & Overnight at Andasibe

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

Madagascar, Andasibe, Vakona Lodge, Lemur Island. Red ruffed lemur (Varecia rubra) on the ground.





Madagascar, Andasibe, Vakona Lodge, Lemur Island. Diademed sifaka (Propithecus diadema) leaping along the ground because sifakas cannot walk.

Day 04 — Andasibe-Manambato-Palmarium

Accommodation: Pamarium beach | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- *Morning, 2 Hours canoe 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* Manambato. [4 hours]
- *Transfer by private boat to Plamarium Forest Reserve at Ankanin'ny Nofy.* [40 minutes]
- *Short lunch (Snack meal).*
- *Check into the hotel at Palmarium beach*.
- Free afternoon at Plamarium Beach.
- Dinner & Overnight at Palmarium Beach.

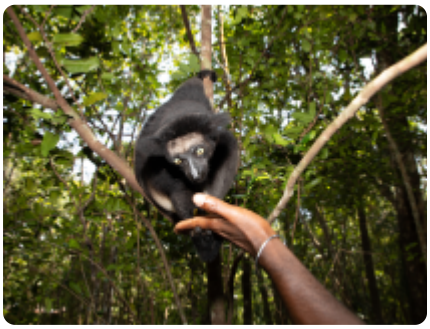
Malagasy fishermen and their outrigger canoes pirogue some of which had makeshift sails

The Pangalanes channel, eastern Madagascar

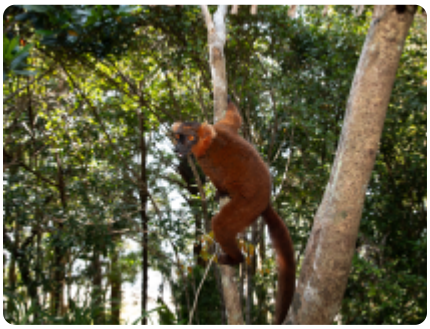
Day 05 — Ankanin’ny Nofy park walk, Aye Aye Island

Accommodation: Pamarium beach | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

- *08.30 Transfer to Ankanin’ny Nofy park by private boat.* [10 minutes]
- Relaxed walk in the reserve. [1 hour, 30 minutes]
- Close quarters with Chameleons, Brown Lemur, Farikata, Indri Indri and Bamboo lemurs.
- *Light lunch at Plamarium Hotel.*
- *Transfer to Plamarium Beach by private boat.* [10 minutes]
- *17.00 Transfer by private boat to Nosin Akoho’ Island.* [20 minutes]
- Evening walk to meet the nocturnal Aye Aye, the rarest species of Lemurs.
- *19.30 Transfer by private boat to Palmarium Beach.* [20 minutes]
- Dinner & Overnight at Palmarium Beach.



Lemur Indri indri, babakoto black and white largest lemur from Madagascar. backlit rainforest background, close-up.cute animal with piercing blue eyes in selective focus. Palmarium park hotel



Red lemur (Eulemur Coronatus), endemic animal from Madagascar. Palmarium park hotel. selective focus cute funny vivid red animal with black and red pattern on head and orange eyes

Ein Fingertier nachts in einer Kokosnuss nach Nahrung fingernd

Aye-aye, Daubentonia madagascariensis, night animal in Madagascar. Aye-aye nocturnal lemur monkey in the nature habitat, coast forest in Madagascar, widllife nature. Rare endemic

Day 06 — Pangalanes canal, Palmarium-Manambato-Antananarivo

Accommodation: Antananarivo | Meals Included: Break Fast, Lunch & Dinner

- *08.30 The Pangalanes Canal - Transfer by private boat to* Manambato. [45 minutes]
- Transfer to Antananarivo. [6 Hours 30 Minutes]
- Lunch en route.
- Check in to Hotel at Tana.
- *Optional Tour of Shopping for local produce.*
- *Farewell Dinner at Antananarivo.*
- Overnight at Antananarivo.

Rural landscape, Madagsacar

Ariel view Antananarivo, Madagascar

Day 07 — Departure

Meals Included: Breakfast

- *Relaxed Forenoon.*
- *Check out & Transfer to airport.*

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Typical landscape of Madagascar on overcast cloudy day - people working at wet rice fields in foreground, houses on small hills of Antananarivo suburb

Ziegelei in Antananarivo

panorama of Antananarivo or Tananarive, short Tana, Poor capital and largest city in Madagascar, Madagasikara republic.

Tour Highlights

High value tours, activities & attractions

Nosy Soa Park

Close interaction with Lemurs

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Palmarium forest reserve

The name Akanin’ny Nofy means “the nest of dreams”. The name describes this little paradise perfectly. However, the reserve is better known under its second name “Palmarium” or formerly “La Palmarie”.

Know More >>

The Canal des Pangalanes

Along the East Coast of Madagascar south of Tamatave, the Pangalanes Canal is a long succession of rivers and lakes. Separated in places by only a few hundred meters of forest or sandbanks of the Indian Ocean, you will enjoy two worlds that are as charming as each other.

Know More >>

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."

Know More >>

Popular Queries

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~$200 in local currency - Malagasy Ariary.
- The exchange rate is approximately 4500MGA = 1US$ [April 2024]
- The best place to get it changed is on arrival at the airport.
- Please request assistance from our team on arrival.
- Airary will be required to make local purchases, for restaurants, tips etc...

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 Madagsacar?

- **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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