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7 Nights ~ 8 Days: Discovering Nosy Be; Forests, Reefs & Turtle Lagoons

The islands around Nosy Be reveal a world of rare wildlife and vibrant seas. Lemurs, sea turtles, and coral gardens thrive in these warm tropical waters.

PRICING	TOTAL TOUR DAYS	ARRIVAL PORT	DEPARTURE PORT
—	8	Nosy Be	Nosy Be

Countries Covered: **Madagascar**

Tour Overview

Islands of Nosy Be: Sacred forests, coral reefs, and remote sandbanks shape this island exploration.

- Arrival on the island of Nosy Be, Madagascar’s celebrated tropical retreat in the warm waters of the Mozambique Channel.
- Exploration of the lush rainforest of Lokobe Reserve, reached by traditional Sakalava pirogue, revealing lemurs, chameleons, and the unique biodiversity of the island’s last primary forest.
- Boat excursion to Nosy Komba, often called Lemur Island, followed by snorkeling among the vibrant coral reefs of Nosy Tanikely Marine Park.
- Full-day journey to the remote twin islands of Nosy Iranja, famous for its dazzling sandbank, traditional fishing village, and important sea turtle nesting beaches.
- Visit to Nosy Sakatia, home to the remarkable Giant Turtle Lagoon and tranquil coastal waters.
- Discovery tour across Nosy Be, including Hell-Ville’s lively market, sacred natural sites, and sunset views from Mount Passot.
- Nature experience at Lemuria Land, featuring lemurs, fragrant ylang-ylang plantations, and a historic essential-oil distillery.
- Accommodation Plan: 7 nights in Nosy Be.

Trip Itinerary

Day Wise Program

Day 01 — Arrival in Nosy Be

Accommodation: Nosy Be | Meals Included: Dinner

Arrival in **Nosy Be** at **Fascene Airport**. Meet and assist by the local representative, followed by a warm Malagasy greeting — *Tongasoa!* Transfer to the hotel along palm-fringed roads that reveal the relaxed rhythm of life on Madagascar's most celebrated island.

Known as the "Perfume Island," **Nosy Be** is famed for its fragrant ylang-ylang plantations, turquoise waters, and surrounding emerald islands scattered across the Mozambique Channel.

Check-in at the hotel and time to settle into the tranquil island surroundings.

Dinner and overnight in **Nosy Be**.

Tourist bungalows with triangular thatched roofs and cloth curtains stand in a row. A man walks along a sandy beach with a backpack and flip-flops in his hand. Palms, tropical vegetation, blue sky

Madagascar. Islands in the Indian Ocean

Beautiful view of the Nosy Komba, Madagascar

Day 02 — Lokobe Reserve

Accommodation: Nosy Be | Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

The day begins with a journey to the coastal village of Ambatozavavy, where traditional Sakalava pirogues await for the crossing to **Lokobe Reserve**. Gliding across the calm waters of Ambatozavavy Bay in these wooden boats offers a glimpse into the traditional maritime life of the island's coastal communities.

Landing at the reserve reveals the last remaining primary rainforest of **Nosy Be**. A guided walk through the dense tropical forest introduces the remarkable biodiversity of the region. Among towering trees and fragrant vegetation, the forest shelters lemurs, vividly colored chameleons, rare reptiles, and a variety of birdlife that thrive within this protected habitat.

After emerging from the forest, time is spent in the small coastal village of Ampasimpohy, where daily life unfolds quietly along the shoreline. A lunch featuring local Malagasy dishes is served in a relaxed village setting before returning to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight in **Nosy Be**.

Panier de fleurs d'slang-ylang, Nosy Komba - Madagascar

Path through the rainforest of Lokobe nature strict reserve in Madagascar, Nosy Be, Africa

Madagascar endemic panther green chameleon at jungle Lokobe Reserve, Nosy Be in Madagascar

Poor village with wooden cottages at Lokobe nature strict reserve in Madagascar, Nosy Be, Africa

Martin-pêcheur pigmée dans le parc du Lokobe à Nosy Be, Madagascar.

Day 03 — Nosy Komba & Nosy Tanikely

Accommodation: Nosy Be | Meals Included: Breakfast, Snacks & Dinner

A morning boat excursion leads across the clear turquoise waters to **Nosy Komba**, often referred to as Lemur Island. Covered in lush vegetation, the island is home to small fishing villages and forested hills where lemurs and other endemic wildlife can often be observed along quiet walking trails.

The journey continues to **Nosy Tanikely Marine Park**, one of the most renowned marine reserves in the region. Surrounded by crystal-clear waters, the island protects vibrant coral reefs that shelter an extraordinary diversity of tropical fish. Snorkeling reveals a colorful underwater world, often accompanied by sea turtles gliding through the reef gardens.

Return to **Nosy Be** in the early afternoon. The remainder of the day remains at leisure to enjoy the relaxed island atmosphere.

Dinner and overnight in **Nosy Be**.

Aerial view of Nosy Tanikely island showcasing its lush greenery and tranquil waters in Madagascar's coastal region

The beautiful islands of Madagascar Nosy Tanikely- Marine National Park - Near Nosy Be

Lokobe Strict Reserve beach view in Nosy Be, Madagascar

Day 04 — Excursion to Nosy Iranja

Accommodation: Nosy Be | Meals Included: Breakfast, Snacks & Dinner

A morning boat journey follows the Malagasy coastline toward the spectacular twin islands of **Nosy Iranja**, widely regarded as one of the most beautiful island landscapes in northern Madagascar. As the islands appear on the horizon, a striking ribbon of white sand emerges between them, creating a natural sandbank that links the two islands at low tide.

The surrounding lagoon reveals brilliant shades of turquoise and deep blue, while coconut palms line the pristine shoreline. The island is also known as an important nesting site for sea turtles, adding to its ecological significance. A walk through the small fishing village offers glimpses of traditional coastal life, while the path to the lighthouse provides sweeping views across the lagoon and surrounding coral waters.

A relaxed lunch featuring fresh local ingredients is served in a scenic seaside setting. Time remains to enjoy the tranquil beach and clear waters before returning by boat to **Nosy Be** in the late afternoon.

Dinner and overnight in **Nosy Be**.

Lunch on the beach of Nosy Iranja

Magasin typique en Afrique - Nosy Be

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Nosy Iranja, the ancient work of the fishermen on the island

Falaise et phare de l'île de Nosy Iranja - Madagascar

Day 05 — Sakatia Island & Turtle Lagoon

Accommodation: Nosy Be | Meals Included: Breakfast, Snacks & Dinner

A gentle morning cruise leads to **Nosy Sakatia**, a small island known for its peaceful atmosphere and clear coastal waters. Offshore lies the celebrated Giant Turtle Lagoon, where sea turtles are often encountered in their natural habitat among the shallow coral gardens.

The calm lagoon waters reveal vibrant marine life, with coral formations and schools of tropical fish creating a colorful underwater landscape. Snorkeling in these warm waters offers a memorable glimpse into the marine richness of the Nosy Be archipelago.

A short break with local refreshments is followed by time to explore the island's quiet shores and natural pools before returning by boat to **Nosy Be** around midday.

The afternoon remains free to enjoy the relaxed rhythm of island life.

Dinner and overnight in **Nosy Be**.

Green Turtles at Nosy Sakatia

Tropical coral reef with a school of fish in shallow water with sun rays penetrating through the water in Nosy Sakatia, Madagascar

Beautiful islands of Madagascar – Nosy Sakatia - Near Nosy Be, Aerial view

Le Drongo malgache

Panther chameleon (Furcifer pardalis) on a branch

The beautiful islands of Madagascar Nosy Sakatia - Near Nosy Be

Day 06 — Discovery of Nosy Be Island

Accommodation: Nosy Be | Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

A full-day exploration reveals the cultural and natural highlights of **Nosy Be**. The journey begins in **Hell-Ville**, the island's lively main town, where the colorful market reflects daily Malagasy life with displays of tropical fruits, spices, seafood, and local crafts.

The route continues to some of the island's sacred natural sites, including the revered sacred tree and a hidden sacred waterfall. These places remain closely linked to local beliefs and traditions, offering insight into the spiritual heritage that continues to shape Malagasy culture.

Lunch is served in a relaxed setting featuring fresh local ingredients and regional flavors.

In the late afternoon, the road climbs to **Mount Passot**, the highest point of the island. From this vantage point, sweeping views extend across crater lakes, forested hills, and the surrounding islands scattered across

the Mozambique Channel. As the sun descends toward the horizon, the landscape is illuminated by the warm colors of sunset.

Return to the hotel in the early evening.

Dinner and overnight in **Nosy Be**.

Black Lemur (Eulemur macaco) / Moor Lemur sits in the trees in Lokobe National Park on Nosy Be Madagascar

Sleeping bat hanging on a tree in Lokobe nature strict reserve in Madagascar, Nosy Be, Africa

Schwarzer Lemur (Eulemur macaco) / Moor Lemur sits in the trees in Lokobe National Park on Nosy Be Madagascar

Day 07 — Lemuria Land & Ylang-Ylang Distillery

Accommodation: Nosy Be | Meals Included: Breakfast, Snack & Dinner

A morning visit to **Lemuria Land** introduces the lush biodiversity of Nosy Be. Guided walks reveal lemurs in their natural habitat, century-old ylang-ylang trees, and other endemic plants, offering a rare glimpse into the island’s rich flora and fauna.

The tour continues to a historic essential-oil distillery, founded in 1889 by missionary fathers, where the production of fragrant oils such as ylang-ylang is demonstrated. Visitors gain insight into the traditional techniques and aromas that have shaped Madagascar’s fragrant exports for generations.

Return to the hotel around midday with time to relax and enjoy the tranquil surroundings, carrying lasting memories of the island’s unique wildlife, culture, and aromatic heritage.

Dinner and overnight in **Nosy Be**.

original forest habitat, Amber Mountain National Park,

Olive bee-eater or Madagascar bee-eater (Merops superciliosus) is a near passerine bee-eater species in the genus Merops. Bird sits on branch against blue sky. Anakao Madagascar wildlife animal

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Crested Drongo, Andasibe, Madagascar

Panier de fleurs d'slang-ylang, Nosy Komba - Madagascar

Day 08 — Departure

After breakfast, transfer by car to **Fascene Airport** for the onward flight.

As the journey concludes, the memories of Nosy Be’s emerald waters, lush forests, and serene islands linger — from the lemur-filled trails of **Lokobe Reserve** to the coral gardens of **Nosy Tanikely Marine Park** and the pristine beaches of **Nosy Iranja**.

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Tour FAQs

Know more about this tour

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 $/EUR in local currency - Malagasy Ariary.
- The exchange rate is approximately 4400MGA = 1US$ / 4700MGA =1EURO [April 2024]
- The best place to get it changed is on arrival at the airport.
- Please request assistance from our team on arrival.
- Arirary 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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