

ANDASIBE, MANDRARE & NAMOROKA

Day 1 (Thursday): Arrival in Antananarivo

Upon arrival into Ivato Airport you will be greeted by an English-speaking guide from MCC who will accompany you to your hotel in the upper town of Antananarivo. 'Tana' – as the locals call it has fascinating traditional architecture and a more Indonesian influence than the rest of Madagascar. Maison Gallieni is a restored colonial mansion with an elegant mix of modern and traditional décor. Take a dip in the pool and enjoy the lovely views over the city before dinner.

Overnight at Maison Gallieni in a standard room (Half board)



Day 2 (Friday): Antananarivo – Andasibe (by road)

After an early breakfast, your guide will take you east to Andasibe, a stunning rainforest park, about 5 hours' drive from the city. The park consists of two government managed areas, the Perinet Special Reserve and Mantadia National Park, and privately managed reserved such as Mitsinjo Reserve and the VOIMMA reserve. The area is world famous for its population of Indri lemurs, which are the largest living lemur species. The journey to Andasibe offers first time visitors to Madagascar an introduction to rural life with rice fields, redbrick houses and roadside stalls selling seasonal fruits and vegetables lining the route. Check into hotel for lunch. This afternoon, visit a private reserve operated by local NGO Mitsinjo. The NGO funds reforestation, community education and sensitization to conservation issues as well as running Madagascar's first amphibian captive-breeding facility. Here you will see a fascinating array of wildlife including the indri and other lemur species, numerous chameleons and birds. Mitsinjo is an excellent location to see the same wildlife as the more well known Perinet Reserve but without the crowds. You can also plant an indigenous species along the reforestation trail (by prior arrangement).

Overnight at Mantadia Lodge in a standard room (Full board)



Day 3 (Saturday): Andasibe (Mantadia National Park)

After breakfast you will head to Mantadia National Park (1.5 hour drive) with a picnic lunch. Look for some of the lemur species in this stunning park including the *Indri indri*, diademed sifaka, grey bamboo lemur, red-bellied lemur and white ruffed lemur. While the trails are slightly more difficult, the rewards are great as the forest is taller, wilder and less crowded than Perinet. There are an abundance of birds including the scaly ground roller, the pitta-like ground roller and the red-breasted coua. This is a naturalist's goldmine with many seldom seen species of mammals, reptiles and birds. Enjoy a picnic by the Rianasoa Waterfall before hiking back to the vehicle and return to the lodge. A night walk will be organised in late evening in the forest surrounding the reserve with a local guide. You will see a variety of nocturnal lemurs: mouse lemurs, white footed sportive lemur, fat-tailed dwarf lemur, as well as the woolly lemur.

Overnight at Mantadia Lodge in a standard room (Full board)



Day 4 (Sunday): Andasibe (Perinet Reserve)

After breakfast, enjoy a visit to the 810 ha Perinet Reserve with a local guide in search of the *Indri indri*. With a barely visible tail, black and white markings and a surprised teddy-bear face, this lemur is one of the few animals in the world that cannot survive in captivity. There are another 11 species of lemur to spot as you walk through the rainforest. You may find a troop of grey bamboo lemurs, common brown lemur, diademed sifaka and the black and white ruffed lemur. Birdwatchers should look out for the velvet asity, the blue coua and the Nuthatch vanga and many more endemic species. Perinet is home to many reptiles, invertebrates, and some of Madagascar's over a thousand orchid species. Return to the lodge for lunch and in the afternoon transfer 5 hours to Antananarivo by road. Ideally situated next to the airport, the Nosy Manga Hotel offers large



comfortable ensuite bedrooms equipped with air-conditioning and satellite tv. The hotel is equipped with a roof-top pool, and a stylishly-decorated bar and restaurant area.

Overnight at Nosy Manga Hotel in a king standard room (Half board + lunch in Andasibe)



Day 5 (Monday): Antananarivo – Mandrare River Camp (Scheduled charter flight / 07:00 – 09:30)

After breakfast, drive back to Ivato Airport in time for your scheduled charter flight to Ifotaka (2hrs 30 min). Upon arrival you will be met by our guide and vehicle and transfer to the camp (5min). Settle into your tent and enjoy the majestic views over the Mandrare River. Around 5pm you will depart for a night walk in the Forest of Zenavo. This is a fantastic way to see diurnal lemurs bedding down, and the nocturnal lemurs begin to wake in the eerie and prehistoric spiny forest. You will spot sifakas and sleeping white-foot sportive lemurs, then once the sun has set, two mouse lemur species, sleeping birds, chameleons, owls and now active sportive lemurs.

Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a luxury tent (All inclusive)



Day 6 (Tuesday): Mandrare River Camp

After breakfast you will head out to the stunning sacred gallery forest to the south of the camp. Depending on the river depth, you will walk or take a boat across the Mandrare River to reach this largely deciduous forest. Inquisitive groups of ring tailed lemurs and the always entertaining Verreaux sifaka are the highlight of this excursion. Return to camp for lunch and a relaxed afternoon by the pool. In late afternoon, head for a walk through the sacred spiny forest filled with the ancestral tombs of the local Antandroy tribe, as well as an extraordinary array of flora and fauna, unique to the spiny forest. Your English speaking guide and a tracker



from the local community will give you an introduction to Antandroy culture and customs. Your visit is followed by sundowners on the Mandrare River banks.

Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a luxury tent (All inclusive)



Day 7 (Wednesday): Mandrare River Camp

After a cup of tea or coffee head to the Spiny Forest for an early morning walk. Witness the sunlight break through the octopus trees while looking out for the many endemic birds such as crested coua, a variety of vangas and the running coua. Head back to camp for a sumptuous breakfast followed by a visit to the local market or the local village to meet the fascinating Antandroy tribe. Lunch will be served at the camp followed by a relaxed afternoon watching life along the river from your tent terrace. At 5pm, depart for a sundowner amidst the baobabs. Watching the sun set and moon rise with a view across the baobabs to the mountains beyond is a magical experience. In the evening the local village may come to perform beautiful traditional dances, accompanied by singing and music. Song and dance is at the heart of Antandroy culture and is used to accompany the major rituals and events of everyday life.

Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a luxury tent (All inclusive)



Day 8 (Thursday): Mandrare River Camp

After breakfast depart for a day trip to the stunning Lac Anony. This saltwater lake is separated from the Indian Ocean by a series of large sand dunes and is home to greater flamingos and a variety of salt water birds. The lake is a two-hour drive from the camp. On arrival, walk along the lake shore to a beautiful picnic spot.



Then scale the 70-foot-high sand dunes for an incredible view of the surrounding area and go for a swim the lake. Return to the camp in time for dinner.

Overnight Mandrare River Camp in a luxury tent (All inclusive)



Day 9 (Friday): Mandrare River Camp – Antananarivo (Scheduled charter flight/ 10:00 – 13:30)

This morning, transfer to the airstrip (5 min) in time for your scheduled charter flight to Antananarivo (20 min Mandrare – Fort Dauphin / 30 min refuelling in Fort Dauphin / 2hrs 30 min Fort Dauphin – Antananarivo).

Upon arrival into Ivato Airport you will be greeted by an English-speaking guide from MCC who will accompany you to your hotel. Ideally situated next to the airport, the Nosy Manga Hotel offers large comfortable ensuite bedrooms equipped with air-conditioning and satellite tv. The hotel is equipped with a roof-top pool, and a stylishly-decorated bar and restaurant area.

In the afternoon, drive to Ambohimanga, 20 km north-east of Tana. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the ancestral home on the Merina kings and queens who united Madagascar under one rule. It is a fortified sacred hill with 16 gates leading to king Andrianampoinimerina’s house (ruled 1787 – 1810) and a series of elegant royal summer homes.

Overnight at Hotel Nosy Manga in a King Standard room (Full board)



Day 10 (Saturday): Antananarivo – Soalala (Scheduled charter flight /08:00 – 09:30) – Namoroka (by road)

Today, fly to the port town of Soalala by scheduled charter. On arrival you are met by your guide and transfer to Namoroka Tsingy Camp by road (2hrs 30 min) with a stop along the way for a village walk among the mango



trees. On arrival, settle into your tent. In the late afternoon, depart for a walk in the forest surrounding the camp. Along with birds, chameleons, Von der Deckens sifakas or red lemur, you may spot fossa or Aye Aye during your walk. In the evening, enjoy sundowners amongst the baobabs.

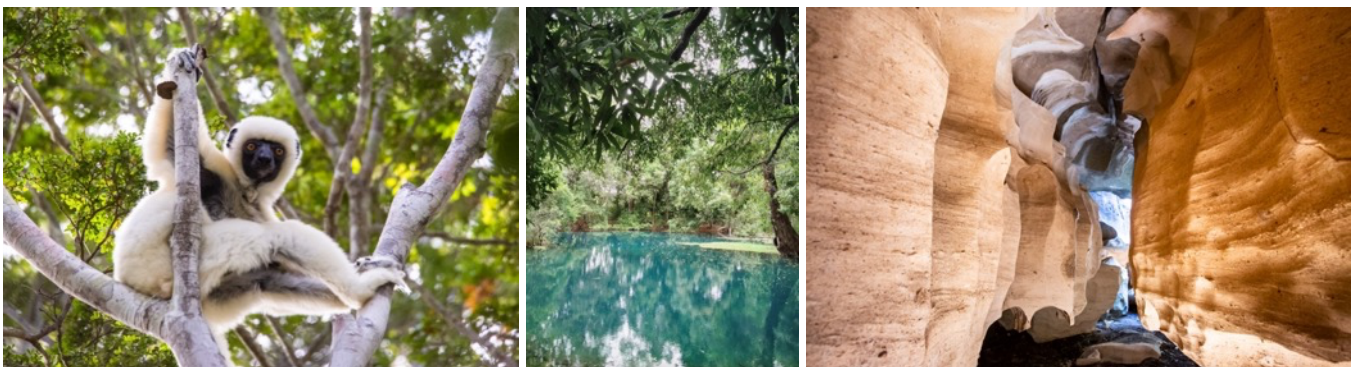
Overnight at Namoroka Tsingy Camp in a tent (All inclusive)



Day 11 & 12: Namoroka Tsingy Camp

Two days to explore the tsingy of Namoroka National Park and its surrounding areas. This national park welcomes just 50 visitors per year due to the challenges of accessing it by road. It is one of the more pristine protected areas on the island with an incredible abundance of birds (100 species) and other wildlife. There are 6 lemur species to see including the playful Von der Dicken's Sifaka, Milne-Edwards Sportive lemur, the Red lemur and the incredibly secretive Aye Aye. Depart for an exploration of the unique cave system that stretches under the entire massif. Here, you will encounter rare fossil remains of species such as the Archaeolemur, a giant lemur species with a body mass of up to 26kg which went extinct, along with much of Madagascar's megafauna about 1,000 years ago. Picnic lunch in the shade of the tsingy.

Overnight at Namoroka Tsingy Camp in a tent (All inclusive)



Day 13 (Tuesday): Namoroka – Soalala (by road)– Antananarivo (Scheduled charter flight /10:00 - 11:30)

After an early breakfast, transfer by road to Soalala (2hrs 30 mins) in time for your scheduled charter flight to Antananarivo. On arrival your private guide will accompany you by road to the international terminal.



ITINERARY RACK20 COST

	Green Season	High Season	Peak Season
Cost per person sharing	USD \$10,769	USD \$11,375	USD \$11,863
Cost per single	USD \$12,406	USD \$13,438	USD \$14,131

Green Season: 15 May - 20 June
 High Season: 21 June - 31 August / 1 - 10 November
 Peak Season: 1 September - 31 October

Cost Includes:

- Private guide and vehicle in Antananarivo and Andasibe
- Transport in an in air-conditioned car in Antananarivo
- All transport in 4x4 vehicles as indicated in the above itinerary
- Scheduled charter flights:
 - Antananarivo – Ifotaka – Antananarivo
 - Antananarivo – Soalala – Antananarivo
- The services of an English-speaking guide in each location
- All meals and accommodation as per itinerary
- All excursions indicated in the itinerary, park fees and community/environmental levies
- All inclusive of meals & all drinks at Mandrare River Camp
- All inclusive of meals & drinks at Namoroka Tsingy Camp

Cost Excludes

- All international flights and visa fees or assistance unless otherwise specified
- All tips, other drinks and personal expenses
- Travel insurance: it is a condition that all clients travelling with MCC must have appropriate travel insurance, including emergency medical evacuation cover and cancellation insurance

Luggage Restrictions

- The scheduled charter limits luggage to a total of 20 kg (44 lbs) per passenger (checked in + hand luggage)

Reservation details

- A 25% deposit is required to confirm and hold this itinerary
- Final payment is required 45 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation Policy

- 145 days or more - the 25% deposit can be carried over for a future booking from the same clients
- 145 - 45 days 25% cancellation fee
- 45 - 30 days 50% cancellation fee
- 30 days or less 100% cancellation fee