

## QUOTATION

<b>QUOTE No:</b>	MCC 420
<b>AGENT:</b>	FAR COUNTRY COLLECTION
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<b>CLIENT NAME:</b>	SAMPLE
<b>TRAVEL DATE:</b>	18 Sep to 01 October 2024

Quote in USD \$ Nett and Non-Commissionable.

### 18 September 2024: 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)**



### 19 September 2024: 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 protected areas, the Perinet Special Reserve and Mantadia National Park. Perinet 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 stunning array of wildlife and can also plant an indigenous species along the reforestation trail.



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



### 20 September 2024: 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)



### 21 September 2024: 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. In the evening you may choose to go on another night walk with your local guide.

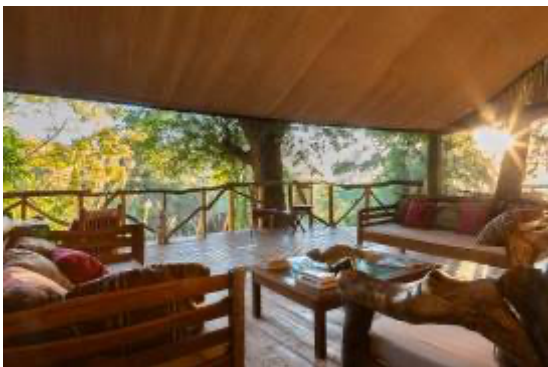
**Overnight at Mantadia Lodge in a standard room (Full board)**



**22 September 2024: Andasibe – Antananarivo – Mandrare River Camp (Private charter flight)**

After breakfast, drive back to Ivato Airport in time for your private charter flight to Ifotaka (3 hours). Upon arrival you will be met by our guide and vehicle and transfer to the camp. 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)**



**23 September 2024: 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.

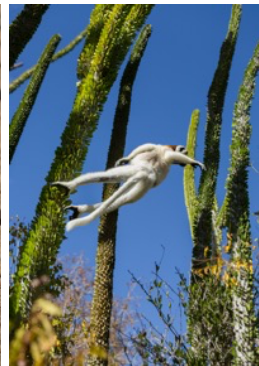
**Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a luxury tent (All inclusive)**



#### 24 September 2024: 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)**





**25 September 2024: Mandrare River Camp – Antananarivo (Private charter flight)**

Transfer to the airstrip in time for your private charter flight back to 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.

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



**26 September 2024: Antananarivo – Anjajavy (Scheduled charter flight @7.00/8.30)**

After an early breakfast, transfer to Ivato Airport in time for your scheduled charter to Anjajavy. Upon arrival you will be greeted by a hotel staff member and transferred to the lodge.

Anjajavy Lodge is located within a 1,030-hectare nature reserve on Madagascar's north-west coast. The lodge's 24 duplex, rosewood villas all have private decks overlooking the ocean. Meals can be served in an enclosed oasis in the hotel grounds or on the beach. At the heart of the lodge lies the impeccably maintained gardens, expertly created to encompass many endemic floral species, which lead onto the infinity-pool. Beyond the gardens lies the beautifully deserted and wild beaches.

The surrounding dry deciduous forest is mostly composed of palisander and ebony trees, ancient baobabs and other endemic species. Along parts of the coastline, a mangrove forest holds an array of birdlife and acts as a nursery for many aquatic species. The reserve is alive with a host of fascinating wildlife most notably the lemurs, the charismatic coquerel's sifakas, the Danfoss mouse lemurs, various chameleons and geckos, malachite kingfishers, and even the rare and elusive fossa. The reserve also has its very-own Tsingy which offers the opportunity to explore a very unique habitat with associated flora and fauna. Further along the coast there are numerous idyllic bays, each renowned for their specific attractions.

**Overnight at Anjajavy Lodge in a Seaview Villa (Full board)**



### 27 September – 28 September – 29 September – 30 September 2024: Anjajavy

For the duration of your stay in Anjajavy Lodge, enjoy an array of wonderful walk-based shared-activities that encompass the best of this fabulous region of Madagascar. Be it scenery, wildlife viewing, cultural aspects, or simply enjoying the beach, you will depart Anjajavy having experienced many memorable encounters.

Here are some of the recommended activities on offer:

- Walk along the 'Chemin des Crabes' to see the fabulous birdlife, beautiful baobabs and of course, the famous hairy crab. Along the way you will be enchanted by the kaleidoscope of colours and shapes of the reserve's common birds, from the vibrant red fody and Souimanga sunbird to the exotic paradise flycatcher and sickle-billed vanga. It is one of the best places to spot the regal Madagascar fish eagle, shy crested Ibis, or rare Madagascar sacred Ibis. At the end of the walk, you will visit a small cave where you will find a fossilized lemur skull, stalactites and sharks' teeth.
- Enjoy a long walk along the Giant's Causeway and King's Alley. You will discover extremely ancient baobab trees, tsingy rock formations found only in Madagascar, along with a variety of lemurs including the Coquerel's sifakas. These remarkable animals live in family groups of up to 10 individuals, and though they are perfectly adapted to life in the trees they often descend to the ground too. Unlike the famous Verreaux's sifaka from southern Madagascar with its characteristic sideways dance, the Coquerel's sifaka bounces across the ground like a mini kangaroo!
- There are numerous trails that lead to salt wells, coves, and caves. All very scenic and full of interesting features, these trails vary from following the scenic coastline or head inland to uncover the beauty of this part of Madagascar. Cultural features, baobabs, and a rich-array of birdlife and wild animals will ensure you leave Anjajavy with many memorable encounters.

Every evening the reception will have a board indicating the activities for the following day. If any of these are of interest to you, simply inform reception who will then do the necessary to prepare your activity.

Please note that there are also many payable activities that encompass boat or 4x4 excursions. You may decide to do these while in Anjajavy or you may prefer to book ahead to ensure availability. Anjajavy also offer an 'Activity Package' (€700 per person) which encompass the most popular activities. If you prefer to have your own private guide then this can also be arranged.



01 October 2024: Anjajavy –Antananarivo (Scheduled charter flight @9.30/11.00) – OUT

At 9:30 am, transfer to the airstrip for your morning flight to Tana by scheduled charter. Upon arrival at Tana airport, you will be met by an MCC staff member, who will assist you in checking in for your outbound flight.

### ITINERARY NETT COST

Cost per person sharing in a double room: **TBD**

#### Cost Includes:

- Airport assistance throughout
- Transport in Antananarivo in air-conditioned car
- All transport in 4x4 vehicles as indicated in the above itinerary
- Private charter flight Antananarivo – Ifotaka – Antananarivo
- The services of an English-speaking guide
- 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

#### 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
- Payable activities at Anjajavy

#### Luggage Restrictions

- Luggage restriction with private charters depends on passenger weight and type of airplane, as a guide we suggest guests restrict their luggage to a total of 20 kg (44 lbs) each (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