

North Madagascar Safari, 10 Days

USD Cost per person on the basis of 2 pax travelling:

LOW SEASON: 10th January 2019 – 9th July 2019 and 1st Sept 2019 – 30th Nov 2019

USD cost per person sharing **USD \$4,600**

Single room supplement **USD \$1032**

Child under 12 yrs sharing with parents **USD \$3,920**

HIGH SEASON: 10th July 2019 – 31st August 2019

USD cost per person sharing **USD \$4,625**

Single room supplement **USD \$1063**

Child under 12 yrs sharing with parents **USD \$3,950**

PEAK SEASON: 1st Dec 2019 – 10th January 2019

Minimum stay at Tsara Komba is 5 nights. The itinerary would then be for a total of 12 days.

USD cost per person sharing **USD \$5,718**

Single room supplement **USD \$1,488**

Child under 12 yrs sharing with parents **USD \$4,982**

Day 1: Arrive in Tana

You will be greeted on arrival at Ivato airport by our English speaking guide who will accompany you to your hotel in town. 'Tana' – as the locals call Antananarivo has fascinating traditional architecture and a more Indonesian influence than the rest of Madagascar.

Overnight at Pavillon de l'Émyrne in a superior room (Half Board)



Day 2: Tana – Diégo Suarez – Montagne d'Ambre with Air Madagascar

After breakfast you will meet with your English speaking guide and transfer back to Ivato Airport in time for your Air Madagascar flight to Diego Suarez. Diego Suarez is well known for its spectacular setting, overlooking a deep harbour. For centuries, it has been considered of great strategic importance. Today, Diego Suarez is an excellent gateway to the varied natural attractions of northern Madagascar. The city has long been relatively isolated from the rest of Madagascar, yet influenced by the many travellers and traders who have passed through: Arab, Chinese, Indian and Creole culture have all made their mark on this cosmopolitan city. Upon arrival, you will be met by our local staff who will take you for a drive to explore the three bays, an area of stunning coastal scenery and beaches. The three bays consist of the Baies du Sakalava, Pigeon and Dune and there is variety of walks possible in the area depending on your fitness. After a picnic lunch, continue to Joffreville.

Overnight at Nature Lodge in a Standard Bungalow (Full board)



Day 3: Montagne d'Ambre

This morning you will meet with your local English speaking guide and drive to Montagne d'Ambre National Park for a full day visit. Established by the French in 1958, this volcanic massif and its surrounding forest are now one of the country's best examples of ecotourism, which invites local community participation in planning and management. Thousands of acres of mountain rainforest are home to extraordinary plant and animal life. Huge ferns and strangler figs flourish in the forest, while several indigenous species of lemurs, including Sanford's lemur and the crowned lemur, are also found here. You

may even see ring-tailed mongoose and fossa. Magnificent birdlife includes crested ibis, paradise flycatcher, forest rock thrush and ground-rollers. You may wish to make one of the waterfalls the destination of your trip – as you make your way to one of the dramatic falls, you can learn more about the area’s inhabitants.

Overnight at Nature Lodge in a Standard Bungalow (Full board)



Day 4: Montagne d’Ambre - Ankarana

Meet with your English speaking local guide, and then head to Ankarana by road (4hrs). At half way, take the junction for 01 km to the Red Tsingy. It is a spectacular and rare formation of Tsingy, resulted from red earth erosion. Have picnic, and continue to Ankarana.

The drive is on a good asphalt road (one of the few in the country), with green and volcanic landscapes. This is the breadbasket of the Diana region. As you approach Ankarana you will get a spectacular view of the Tsingy.

Check in, then in the afternoon, go out for short circuits into the park, to see the Red & Meva Tsingy, a sample of the sharp pinnacles.

Evening at leisure.

Overnight at Iharana Bush Camp in a Terraced Bungalow (Full board)



Day 5: Grand Tsingy Ankarana

After breakfast, set out with our local English speaking guide for a full day visit to the Park.

Ankarana is an island of Tsingy and forest, the massif is penetrated by numerous caves and canyons. Some of the largest caves have collapsed, forming isolated pockets of river-fed forest with their own perfectly

protected flora and fauna. The reserve is known for its many lemur species, including crowned and Sanford's brown lemurs. It is also a birdwatcher's paradise with nearly 100 species. If you are lucky you may even spot fossa and tenrec.

Your guide will recommend the best trails to follow depending on your physical aptitude and interests.

Points of interest include:

- Baobab forest
- Ampondrabe river
- the abyss where the three rivers of Ankarana disappear
- Bat's cave
- Les tourelles des Tsingy, turret shaped rock formations
- Lac Vert, a stunning crater lake

Overnight at Iharana Bush Camp in a Terraced Bungalow (Full board)



Day 6: Ankarana – Ankify – Nosy Komba by road and boat

After an early breakfast, drive to Ankify (4hrs) to take the boat to Nosy Komba (25 minutes). Nosy Komba is a small island nestled between Nosy Be and the mainland in the Mozambique Chanel. It is known for its population of black lemurs, lively local crafts market and stunning beaches. This volcanic island is covered with lush rainforest, home to the Macacoa lemur species and an abundance of chameleons, butterflies, tropical flowers and more. The beaches are white sand that flows into emerald waters. Snorkelling, scuba diving and boating excursions offer encounters with turtles, dolphins and hump-back whales (July-November). Check-in to Tsara Komba for lunch. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the Lodge.

Overnight at Tsara Komba in a standard lodge (Full board)



Day 7 & 8: Nosy Komba

Days at leisure at Tsara Komba. A luxurious 4 star eco-lodge on Nosy Komba Island. 2 Ocean View Suites and 6 Ocean View Lodges. Located on Nosy Komba, the most beautiful island of Nosy Be archipelago, Tsara Komba is a real eco paradise. "Art de Vivre" Slow Life, smart and ethnic atmosphere, a renowned Slow Food gastronomy, exceptional getaways to discover fabulous Malagasy landscapes and people, Tsara Komba offers a unique and tailor made experience.

Overnight at Tsara Komba in a standard lodge (Full board)

Day 9: Nosy Komba – Nosy Be – Tana by boat and Air Madagascar

This morning, transfer to the airport by boat and vehicle (1hr) for your Air Madagascar flight back to Tana. On arrival in Tana, our driver and guide will accompany you to your hotel in town.

Overnight at Pavillon de l'Emyrne in a superior room (Half board)

Day 10: OUT

After breakfast, your our driver and guide will accompany you to the airport and assist you in checking in to your outbound international flight.

Cost Includes

Airport assistance and transfers throughout.

All meals as shown in the itinerary.

English speaking guide in Tana, Montagne d'Ambre and Ankarana.

All excursions as stated in the itinerary, park fees and community/environmental levies.

Internal flights with Air Madagascar as shown in itinerary.

Cost Excludes

All international flight costs and visa fees or assistance unless otherwise specified.

All tips, drinks, and personal expenses.

Activities at Tsara Komba.

Travel insurance: it is a condition that all clients travelling with us must have appropriate travel insurance, including emergency medical evacuation cover.

Reservation details

A 30% deposit is required to confirm and hold this itinerary.

As this is not a fixed date itinerary the final itinerary may alter slightly from the one given due to exact flight timings etc.

DISCLAIMER: Air Madagascar Flight Times

Please note that this itinerary is prepared based on the days that Air Madagascar flights operate, and not the exact times. While flight times are shown far in advance in the Galileo and Amadeus CRS's these times are inaccurate and will be subject to change when the correct schedules are set by Air Madagascar before the Summer and Winter seasons respectively. We are therefore unable to plan advanced itineraries with exact flight times. Please also note that flight schedule changes occur on a regular basis and we always adapt on the ground to these changes, which can be made at very short notice.

Please be informed that schedule changes are likely during your stay in Madagascar.