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**The Northern Madagascar + Andasibe
From the 04th to the 15th September 2018**

DAY 1 ANTANANARIVO

Tuesday, 04th September 2018

Meeting upon arrival at the airport in Antananarivo by an agency representative. Then transfer to your hotel in town.

Lunch and dinner in your expense.

Overnight at "Trois Métis" hotel.

The « Trois Métis » is located in the heart of the city of Antananarivo, in the district of Antaninandro. It is a large building that respects the architecture of Madagascar, a guest house style "warm and friendly"

The 25 rooms (including 2 suites) have an area of 17-40 sqm, balcony with stunning views of the plains of the city or private garden with garden furniture. (2 floors without lift) They are all equipped with private bathrooms (shower & toilet), mini bar, and cable TV, safe, telephone and frescoes.

The young and creative kitchen team will offer you a subtle blend of French gastronomy and that of the Indian Ocean, with of course the revenue typically "Malagasy" it is imperative to taste.

DAY 2 ANTANANARIVO / DIEGO

Wednesday, 05th September 2018



According to the flight schedule, you will be transferred to the airport and flight to Diégo. In your arrival, you will be welcomed by our local representative and will go to discover the city of Diego, the largest city in northern Madagascar and the third port of the island.

The city is housed in a large and beautiful bay "Diego Bay," one of the finest in the world and second largest (coast 156 km) after that of Rio de Janeiro. During the colonization, French people used the site as a naval base because its situation coast of Africa, Mayotte, the Comoros, and Seychelles.

You will continue your visit to the French Mountain, the necropolis of the ancient colonizers.

Accompanied by a guide, you will discover the dry tropical flora, endemic Baobabs (*Adansonia suazensis*) prickly aloe. Birds, lizards and even lemurs can surprise you and accompany you during this ascent which does not present any major

difficulty. At the top, the caves and the vestiges of colonial times await. The mines of the French Legion fort and its tunnels, finally allow you to access the stunning views of the bay in its entirety and its 156 km coastline. The magnificent panorama opens over the city, the Bay of Diego and his "Sugar Loaf", which are part of the very select "Club of most beautiful bay in the world."

After the visit, you will come back to Diego.

Lunch and dinner at your expense

Overnight at "Terrasse du Voyageur" hotel.

This is a new structure located in the heart of the city of Diego Suarez. A large new building with comfortable rooms (private bathroom and hot water): 10 air-conditioned twins, 10 ventilated doubles, 06 ventilated singles. The breakfast buffet is served on the terrace.

As the name suggests the terrace offers a panoramic view of Diego, Amber Mountain and French Mountain. It is also a stargazing platform with telescopes. A facilitator will help guests discover the sky of the southern hemisphere.

The hotel is run as a cultural center with a monthly programming (musical theater, concerts, storytelling, and various exhibitions).

Traveler's Terrace organizes in collaboration with neighborhood associations, recreational afternoon for children and the children are enjoying their telescopes in a workshop format. Other awakenings of activities as well as films and documentaries are also available. At the end of each season, a percentage of revenue will be allocated as a grant to an association to support a cultural project.

DAY 3 DIEGO / JOFFREVILLE / DIEGO

Thursday, 06th September 2018



In the morning, you will leave Diégo to **Joffreville**, from there you will continue to **Amber Mountain National Park**.

Amber Mountain National Park covers 18,200 hectares of a prominent volcanic massif, is one of northern Madagascar's most visited natural attractions. It was created in 1958 to protect the massif and its ecosystems, including the region's unique flora and fauna. The park receives 07 species of lemurs, 70 species of reptile and amphibian includes a variety of frogs, geckos and chameleons. Besides, you can find more than 75 species of birds and a variety of orchids.

You will discover the park.

After the visit, you will drive back to Diégo.

You can have your lunch at Amber Mountain before to go back to Diégo.

Lunch and dinner at your expense

Overnight at "Terrasse du Voyageur" hotel.

DAY 4 DIEGO / RED TSINGY / ANKARANA

Friday, 07th September 2018

After breakfast, you will leave to **Ankarana**. After some kilometers, you will take the junction to the **Red Tsingy**, a landscape of another planet at the gates of Analamera reserve. These tsingy come from an

erosion called "lapis". This unique geological formation related to the combination of bush fires, erosion and infiltration of rainwater, offers a landscape of unearthly beauty. You will make a visit.

After the visit, you will continue to Ankarana that you will reach in the afternoon.

After Bemaraha reserve, the Ankarana National Park is the second place to admire the Tsingy.

Often inaccessible precipices favored the autarkic development of flora and fauna. Vegetation typical of karst plateaus, prairies and invasive plants, dry forest. Botanical path lined with tall trees, Canarium of Madagascar, pachypodiums baroni and Hildegardia, euphorbia, pandanus, accessible creepers, aerial orchids, baobab (Adansonia of the family). Wildlife is a little richer if cites 10 species of lemurs who live there (eulemur fulvus sanfordi, northern Lepilemur, bamboo lemur ... griseus), 92 species of birds including the "varied Mésite" the rarest in the world existing in Madagascar in this reserve, chameleons, Fossa.

Lunch at your expense

Dinner and Overnight at "Iharana Bush" Camp. (A minimum of a half board is required at this hotel)

Iharana Bush Camp is a bush camp. It is located on a lake, facing a massive Tsingy near the national park of Ankarana, not far from Mahavavy river. The natural site is of great beauty. Synthetic tents are replaced by beautiful natural structures cob. The rooms are actually eight "cottages" or "cabanas". The architecture "organic" is inspired by the Malagasy traditional housing: Earth Walls ocher and laterite satrana roofs (palm), vegetal walls - wood, roots, vines, granite. The combination of materials gives the camp a very original character, in complete harmony with its environment.

Here we are in nature: no tv, no phone, no air conditioning, but a team of young Malagasy, most originating in the place, smiling and available for you to enjoy the serenity of the great outdoors or you discover Area camp (discovery of village life, the Mahavavy river, walk around the massive, visiting ethnic Graves caves that people in the region of Ankarana, the Antankarana ...).

DAY 5 ANKARANA

Saturday, 08th September 2018



This day will be dedicated to the discovery of Tsingy through a private trail outside the park, designed by the team of the Iharana Bush Camp.

With Iharana guide you will go for a hike in the heart of Tsingy. A circuit designed by Jean Claude Dobrilla the spelunker, just for you, which is the access road to this hike. How to play the Tsingy? by creating, for Iharana customers, a private path combining ladders, bridges, guardrails and stunning lookouts. The starting point for this trail is the camp with two options: a departure by boat or on foot. Let us guide you to the cave of the chameleon ...

This development was carried out by the

Tsingy specialist, Jean Claude Dobrilla who is, for example, the responsible for the development of the Bemaraha National Park. The creation of this hike at the center of the earth available to all and absolutely unique is the result of a year of work, research and shipping. Biodiversity, ecosystem endemic Tsingy of Ankarana will prove to you during this adventure. Photo enthusiasts do not forget your camera: lemurs, butterflies, vegetation of great variety, invertebrates and birds will come your way.

Under the gentle rays of the setting sun, your walk takes you to the viewpoint of Ambatomiloloha, following the trails of the massif. Throughout your ascent, you will discover the sparkling lake that borders

the camp: breathtaking view.

To celebrate the arrival to the gazebo, enjoy a spectacular sunset between the Tsingy.

A good physical condition is required for this tour: there are narrow and steep passages as well as small step ladders.

Lunch at your expense

Dinner and Overnight at "Iharana Bush" Camp. (A minimum of a half board is required at this hotel)

DAY 6 ANKARANA / AMBANJA / ANKIFY / NOSY BE

Sunday, 09th September 2018



Early, in the morning you will leave Ankarana to **Ambanja**. From there you will continue to **Ankify** by a road through **cocoa plantations, coffee and ylang ylang** and through **mangroves**. Ankify is a peninsula located 17 km from Ambanja. It faces the islands of Nosy Be and Nosy Komba. The small port included is allowing those on board to these islands. You will take the boat to Nosy be. The crossing takes about 1 hour.

In your arrival, you will be welcomed by your hotel representative and transfer to the hotel.

The rest of the day will be free. **Optional tours and excursions.**

Lunch and dinner at your expense.

Overnight at "Anjiamarango" Beach Resort.

DAY 7 NOSY BE

Monday, 10th September 2018

Day at leisure. **Optional visits and excursions**

Lunch and dinner at your expense.

Overnight at "Anjiamarango" Beach Resort.

DAY 8 NOSY BE

Tuesday, 11th September 2018

Day at leisure. **Optional visits and excursions**

Lunch and dinner at your expense.

Overnight at "Anjiamarango" Beach Resort.

DAY 9 NOSY BE / ANTANANARIVO

Wednesday, 12th September 2018

According to the flight schedule, you will be transferred to Nosy Be airport and flight to **Antananarivo**.

In your arrival, you will be welcomed by an agency representative and will be taken to your hotel.

Lunch and dinner at your expense.

Overnight at "Trois Métis" hotel.

DAY 10 ANTANANARIVO / ANDASIBE

Thursday, 13th September 2018



The morning will be dedicated to the discovery of the capital.

Antananarivo, the "City of a Thousand" is the largest city in Madagascar. It stands on the side of one of the twelve sacred hills. This city is the cradle of the Merina dynasty. The visits of the **upper town (the old town)** where formerly stood the **ROVA**, palace of **Queen RANAVALONA first (1828/1861)** and the Palace of the **Prime Minister Rainilaiarivony** converted into National Museum; will be an opportunity to discuss the important role of **"Hova"**; highland people, who first established state structures in Madagascar.

You will continue the morning strolling

through the **lively and typical districts** which have, over time, keep an authentic character.

After the visites, you will go towards **the East direction**. Your journey will take you to the highlands of Mandraka Valley

You will do a stop in Marozevo (72 km from Antananarivo), to visit the **private reserve of Mr. Peyrieras, enquiring writer and naturalist. Famous for its butterflies; the reserve also presents other insects, reptiles and batrachians**

After visit, you continue to **Andasibe, the only one place where you see the Indri-Indri**, the biggest species of lemurs.

Andasibe consists mainly of primary forests that are home to rare and endangered species.

Lunch and dinner at your expense.

Overnight at "Feon'ny Ala" hotel.

Feon'ny Ala is a Chinese owned hotel situated at the edge of Perinet Reserve. It has basic A-framed bungalows with very plain en suite bathrooms. Whilst simple it offers value for money and is a good choice for serious nature lovers due to the fact that it is located at a good starting point for night walks which are very popular. In the morning listen out for the call of the Indris in the nearby forest whilst sitting out on the wooden terrace. The large restaurant provides good local food, and is great for group bookings.

DAY 11 ANDASIBE / ANTANANARIVO

Friday, 14th September 2018

Andasibe-Mantadia National Park is a 155 square kilometer protected area, consisting principally of primary growth forest in Alaotra Mangoro Region in eastern Madagascar

After breakfast, you will do the visit of Analamazaotra reserve, a part of Andasibe- Mantadia national park. It has an astonishing diversity of flora and fauna, and a well-planned system of trails.



There are nine species of lemur in the Analamazaotra Reserve, so as well as the indri you may also see different species of lemurs, amphibians and reptiles.
After the visits, drive back to Antananarivo.

Lunch and dinner at your expense.
Overnight at "Trois Métis" hotel.

DAY 12 ANTANANARIVO / LONDON

Saturday, 15th September 2018

Early in the morning, you will go to **Ambohimanga ("Blue Hill")** visiting the Royal Hill. On the basis of cultural criteria, Ambohimanga is the only Malagasy site included on the **UNESCO list of world heritage**. **The fortress** consists of a royal city, a royal burial site, and an ensemble of sacred places. Combined with a strong sense of national identity, it retains its atmosphere of spirituality and sacredness, in practice and in the minds of the people, for some 500 years. It remains a place of worship and pilgrimage that can come from Madagascar and elsewhere.

After the tour, you will be transferred to the airport for the international flight. Departure at 04.15 pm.

- End of services –

Price 02 people basis in a double room: 1 200 Euros / person

Are included:

- * Accommodation **on bed & breakfast** basis (except at some hotels where a half board is required) at mentioned hotels or similar
- * Transportation by private 4WD car from day 2 to day 6 and from day 10 to day 12, fuel and English-speaking driver guide included
- * The service of an historian guide during Antananarivo visit
- * Boat transfers from Ankify to Nosy be
- * Entry fees and local guides during parks visit in the program
- * Other visits and excursions in the program
- * Transfers and assistances at the airport.

Not included:

- * Visa
- * Lunches and dinners

- * Domestic flight
- * Optional visits and activities
- * Drinks, tips and personal expenses.