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[madaway.tours@gmail.com](mailto:madaway.tours@gmail.com)[www.madaway.com](http://www.madaway.com)**Tour Number OLM122273****Tour Name Pearls of North 12days 11 nights****Client Ollami****Start Date 27/12/2022****Arrival Nosy Be****Departure Nosy Be****Head of File : Mitsou****Quotation Full Itinerary****Day 1 27/12/22 Nosy Be**

Welcome at Nosy Be airport. Briefing and transfer to the hotel.

Sea stay.

**Le Zahir Lodge-Bungalow de Luxe DBB****Day 2 28/12/22 Nosy Be - Ambilobe**

Meeting at the reception of your hotel in Nosy Be. Briefing and transfer to Hellville harbor.

Boarding on a private speedboat at Hellville port for a transfer to Ankify.

**Excursion "La Pirogue in Ramena river and the village of Ambobaka"**

Ambanja is a pretty little town which is a nice break and authentic in the northern region of the Great Island. The city is surrounded by coffee plantation, vanilla, ylang-ylang, cocoa ... We offer you a guided tour of plantations (cocoa, vanilla, pepper, ylang, patchouli, vetiver) and then take the trail that goes up the Sambirano river (immersion in the valley and its vast cocoa plantations). This is an opportunity to observe villagers lifestyle and admire the lush landscape between the mountains and the river banks. In the village of Ambobaka, we take a traditional canoe up to the Ramena River. Visit of the waterfalls of "BON PERES".

Back to the village to visit the Ambobaka health center. It is also known to be a hotbed of traditional medicine. A lineage of healers carries an ancestral knowledge that allows them to treat using plants and various massage techniques.

Return to Ambanja, lunch in a local restaurant.

Transfer to the hotel at Ambilobe. Dinner and overnight.

**Mouna Hotel-Standard room with balcony L-DBB****Day 3 29/12/22 Ambilobe - Diégo-Suarez (Antsiranana)**

Starting Ambilobe, road North towards Analamera.

**Excursion "The Red Tsingy" with Lunch**

The Red Tsingy is the result of erosion by rainwater from a thick mantle of laterite. Composed of sandstone and marl, they offer their beautiful draperies ephemeral within single sedimentary basin of Madagascar.

Lunch in a local restaurant at Analamera.

Arrival in Diego Suarez in the late afternoon and transfer to hotel.

### Allamanda Hotel-Standard room L-BB

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#### Day 4 30/12/22 Diégo-Suarez (Antsiranana) Excursion "The Emerald sea" by private boat 45mn drive 40mn by boat

Departure depending on tide and weather conditions. Transfer to Ramena and boarding on local boat.

From Ramena beach you'll sail till the small pass, after which you can discover the beautiful emerald sea. This immense lagoon is shallow enough to see many fishes from the boat.

After 40 mn sailing you will reach Suarez island.

Enjoy the white sandy beach and the blue sea. Face painting or massage with local oil will be suggested on place.

Lunch will be cooked on place. Local lunch under hut.

Back to Ramena in the afternoon. Drive to Diego and transfer to your hotel.

### Allamanda Hotel-Standard room L-BB

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#### Day 5 31/12/22 Diégo-Suarez (Antsiranana) Visit of Amber Mountain National Park

Meeting at the hotel with the guide.

Visit to the park with a certified MADAGASCAR NATIONAL PARK guide for a journey of about 2.5 hours.

Evergreen forest with tropical humid microclimate, forest paths, botanical trails, waterfalls

The park is home of 7 species of lemur and a variety of endemic land species that can be observed in their natural environment.

**Lunch** at the restaurant « Le Relais de la Montagne d'Ambre, chez Maryline », ancient conial house with tropical garden full of flowers.

Optional stop along the way back to a monastery from which we will enjoy a wonderful panorama immersed in an atmosphere of absolute relaxation.

Here we can visit their well-kept garden of officinal and medicinal plants, from which essential oils and curative balms are obtained, according to local tradition.

Departure To French Mountain

#### Tour A : 'Loop circuit Baobabs Valley, Way of the Cross and panoramic terrace' 2.5 km, 1h30 visit

You will discover the dry tropical flora. You can get closer, touch and hug the 2 endemic Baobab species, including **Andansonia Suarezensis** and **Andansonia Madagascariensis**. You can also admire the thorny, the aloe, birds, lizards, chameleons. Lemurs can surprise you and accompany you during this loop circuit in the Baobab Valley: The 30-minute circuit presents no major difficulty. The time to catch your breath on the rest area, you will contemplate the magnificent view of the Baobab Valley.

You will continue the pedestration ascent along a way of cross. It is done in 1 hour until the 14<sup>th</sup> cross where there is the place of mass and also the large panoramic terrace. The magnificent panorama opens on the Bay of Diego and its 'Sugar Loaf', which are part of the very select CLUB OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BAYS IN THE WORL'.

Back to Diego. Transfer to the hotel.

**Allamanda Hotel-Standard room L-BB**

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**Day 6 01/01/23 Diégo-Suarez (Antsiranana)  
Excursion "Ramena and the 3 bay"**

It is about a succession of three bays on the coast situated along the Indian Ocean. They are lined with a long beautiful white sand beach allowing a delicious bathing.

Regularly blowed, the bay of Sakalava is the hangout of the windsurfers who evolve on magnificent waves.

The bay of Dunes and the bay of the Pigeons are accessible from the bay of Sakalava or cap miné.

**Lunch** in Ramena restaurant, a traditional village of fishermen bordered with white sand beach and coconuts trees.

On the way back to Diégo-Suarez, we will go round the Bay of Diégo which is meant to be one of the most beautiful bay in the world after Rio de Janeiro, where a majestic sugar loaf with its conical karstic structure is towering up above the sea.

**Allamanda Hotel-Standard room L-BB**

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**Day 7 02/01/23 Diégo-Suarez (Antsiranana) - Mahamasina**

Departure toward the south, we take the N6 of 121 km, which winds along the paddy fields and plantations to the village Mahamasina front door of Ankarana reserve.

**Excursion "The Ankarana East National Park"**

The massif of Ankarana is known for its attractive limestone peaks locally called Tsingy, that extend over 20km on the west coast.

Ankarana is refuge of 13 species of bats, 10 species of Lemurs and 92 species of birds.

Some endemic fauna species can be discovered in this reserve, like the « Fosa », the unique lemurs predator. This animal belongs to the family of Felidae.

Ankarana preserves a dense, tropical deciduous forest, spiny forests, baobabs, tall trees.

The path changes according to the weather and your physical conditions, from 2.5 to 4 hours visit with several circuits that you can choose in agreement with your guide : La Perte de rivière, the Turret of Tsingy, Tsingy Rary, the suspended bridge and the bats' cave.

**Lunch** in a local restaurant at Mahamasina.

Transfer to the hotel in Mahamasina.

**Ankarana Lodge-Bungalow standard L-DBB**

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**Day 8 03/01/23 Mahamasina - Nosy Be**

Departure from Mahamasina, direction to the South toward Ankify.

145 km of damaged road, about 4 hours by car.

Boarding on a private speedboat at Ankify for a transfer to Hellville port.

Take over at Hellville harbor and transfer to your hotel in Nosy Be.

Sea stay.

**Le Zahir Lodge-Bungalow de Luxe BB**

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**Day 9 04/01/23 Nosy Be**

Sea stay

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**Day 10 05/01/23 Nosy Be**

Sea stay.

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**Day 11 06/01/23 Nosy Be**

Sea stay.

**Le Zahir Lodge-Bungalow de Luxe BB**

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**Day 12 07/01/23 Nosy Be**

Meeting at the reception of the hotel in Nosy be and transfer to the airport according to flight schedule.

**End of services.**

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## Price per Pax

Prices in Euro (EUR)

Adult: 2      Child sharing with adult: 0      Young sharing with adult: 0      Tour leader: 0  
 Infant: 0      Child in own room: 0      Young in own room: 0      Local guide: 1  
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**27/12/2022-27/12/2022****With Local Guide**

Per adult	1 900,00 x 2 =	3 800,00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 800,00</b>

Quotation includes:

- All transfers as mentioned in the program
- Excursions by 4x4 WD/ Boat
- Assistance
- Driver
- English speaking guide (except in Nosy Be and Antorembea)
- Accommodation in mentioned hotels or similar
- Lunches as mentioned in the program (Legend: L= Lunch - D= Dinner - BB=Bed & Breakfast)
- Entrance fees for Parks or Sites
- MNP Guide in the Parks
- Fresh bottled water during excursions
- Vignettes and tourist taxes

Quotation excludes:

- Drinks
- Meals not mentioned in the program
- International and domestic flights/Airport taxes/visas and travel insurance
- Services not mentioned in the program
- Tips and personal expenses
- Insurances

***In case of bad weather or force majeure, we are able to modify sense of tours or even replace them by other ones, if planned sites are inaccessible.***

***NORTH TOUR WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THE RAINY SEASON FROM JANUARY 15 TO MARCH 15 of each year, due to inaccessibility OF TOURIST SITES.***

## Terms & Conditions

### Cancellation penalty :

#### Standard services:

- Upon confirmation 30 days prior to arrival clients : 20% of services sold.
- 29-15 days prior to arrival clients : 50% of services sold.
- 14 days prior to arrival clients or No Show: 100% of services sold.

**Payment:** 50% of deposit upon confirmation and the balance must be paid no later than **30 days prior to guests' arrival** .

#### group:

- Upon confirmation 60 days prior to arrival clients : 20% of services sold.
- 59-21 days prior to arrival clients : 50% of services sold.
- 20days before the arrival of guests or No Show : 100% of services sold.

**Payment:** 50% of deposit upon confirmation and the balance must be paid no later than **30 days prior to guests' arrival** .

#### cruise :

- Upon confirmation 30 days prior to arrival clients : 50% of services sold.
- 29 to the arrival of guests : 100% of services sold.

**Payment:** 30% of deposit upon confirmation and the balance must be paid no later than **30 days prior to guests' arrival** .

**WARNING :** In case of a cancellation from 01 or more participant in a group that is already confirmed, we would update price per person on the basis of final number participants. In this case, an extra payment may be charged for each participant left.

#### NB :

To ensure all services, payment must be done in Euro by bank transfer or Ariary to Madaway Tours' account  
(Details mentioned on the invoice). Proof of payment to e -mail.

## Accommodation Information

### Le Zahir Lodge

The Hotel Le Zahir Lodge in Nosy Be is a unique structure in Nosy Be. It was created and designed as a traditional African Lodge with the typical Madagascar structure but all Western comforts. The Lodge has eight wood roofed, stone-walled guest bungalows, swimming pool, bar, restaurant, personnel living quarters, laundry facility and service units.

The Hotel Le Zahir Lodge in Nosy Be has two types of bungalows: "Deluxe Family" units have 80 sq. meters of enclosed space with living room, kitchen and master bedrooms each with a bath. A 70 sq. meter covered veranda is decorated for outdoor living and six "Deluxe Single" units which have 45 square meters of enclosed space with foyer/living area, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom, with the possibility of a supplemental bed. A 25 sq. meter covered veranda is decorated for outdoor living.

Each bungalow is uniquely decorated with furniture and objects made by the artisans of Madagascar and reflect the rich local culture.

All units have:

- Ceiling Fans
- Room safes
- Individual hot-water heaters
- Telephones
- Fully equipped kitchens
- Refrigerators
- Gas stovetops

The 21 foot high ceilings of our bungalows were specifically designed for optimum air flow. Even in our warmest weather of January, February and March, the ceiling fans of each room guarantee our guests the maximum climate comfort.

Each bungalow has its own green garden area and was designed for maximum privacy.

### The Position

The Hotel Le Zahir Lodge in Nosy Be is 30 minutes from the airport; about 8 kilometers from Hellville, the capital; and 20 meters from the sands of Madirokely which are accessible by our private path. The Hotel Le Zahir Lodge in Nosy Be is an entirely private community and assures its guests an exclusive and privileged ambiance. We offer our guests the possibility of having their "feet in the water" while enjoying the maximum tranquillity.

The Hotel Le Zahir in Nosy Be is entirely protected by a park like setting and private security in order to insure total privacy in an exclusive and privileged ambiance.

### The Sea

Ambatoloaka - Madirokely is the largest and best organized beach area of Madagascar. The sea in front of Le Zahir is the cleanest of the island. After rainy season, from April onwards, the water is warm and clear. Swimming in this pool of water completely safe.

The shore is ideally located as the base for diving, fishing, snorkelling and day trips to the enchanting minor islands which surround Nosy Be - Komba, Tanikely, Sakatia, Nosy Faly, Nosy Iranja, Mitsio, Tsarabanjina and many more. All these sites will amaze you with their beautiful lagoons and beaches.

### The Swimming Pool

Our 22 meter pool has an original wave design, red granite borders and water falls. Situated in view of the bar, restaurant and all the verandas, it is a jewel of the complex. You can enjoy sun-bathing on the beds and lounges placed around the pool.

### The Bar & Restaurant

An octagonal structure of about 150 sq meters, the hospitality center has a 10 meter-high wood ceiling and can seat 40 people. The room has ceiling fans, high-tech audio system, i-pod consoles, satellite TV system and a projector with a 250x150cm screen which allows guests to view wide screen media.

The Hotel Le Zahir Lodge in Nosy Be and his restaurant offers to the clientele a four-course daily



menu carefully prepared by our chef to highlight Island delicacies created with the freshest foods. This reflects the many choices of local fish and shellfish available fresh from the sea.

**Internet (Wifi access) and Phone**

The Hotel Le Zahir Lodge in Nosy Be offers the means to connect in internet 24h/24h.

Further information: <http://www.lezahir-lodge-nosybe.com/>

**Mouna Hotel**

Mouna hotel is a brand new hotel located in Ambilobe, 135km from Diego-Suarez and 117km from the port of Ankify. All rooms are equipped with flat screen TV, air conditioning and some have a balcony.

It has a restaurant that has a panoramic view of the city.

**Allamanda Hotel**

Rated 3 stars NN, this hotel has the privilege of being a seaside property in the city of Diego Suarez! The 38m<sup>2</sup> "Premium" rooms are aligned in the foreground and offer a breathtaking view of the bay. The "standard" rooms of 24m<sup>2</sup> are located at the back and allow you to enjoy an exotic garden.

The establishment has a swimming pool reserved for residents.

The Mellville restaurant offers an indoor room including the bar and a terrace that will leave you dreaming!

The 24 m2 Standard rooms are accessible and also have a terrace overlooking the garden. (Minibar, safe, satellite TV)

Services: Bar-restaurant "Le Melville", internet, parking, swimming pool, airport shuttle, laundry.

Additional information on [www.allamanda-hotel.com](http://www.allamanda-hotel.com)





### Ankarana Lodge

Located less than one kilometer from the entrance of the Ankarana National Park, this hotel is part of a preserved natural environment.

The eco-lodge is surrounded by a large private park of 32 Ha covered with Tsingy (strange rock formations) and a primary dry forest.

This hotel uses solar and wind energy, the back-up generator assists only if necessary.

The Ankarana Lodge offers 5 bungalows, some guest house rooms and 5 pavilions with tents.

- For nature lovers, the hotel provides pavilions with tents and a large furnished open / covered "living room", to live and sleep with nature. The tents have an opening on each side, protected by a mosquito net, ensuring perfect ventilation. A good mattress on a double bed, a minibar and electric lighting provide appreciable comfort. The sanitary facilities are accessible in an annex building.

- For visitors looking for conviviality, the hotel has a guest house with a large shared terrace, which offers family accommodation with two bedrooms with private bathroom (shower and toilet), or three bedrooms double with washbasin (shared sanitary facilities in a neighboring building).

- For a more individual formula, the hotel provides 5 bungalows of 65m<sup>2</sup> each, with private bathroom (shower and WC). A large terrace is fitted out there, for a well-deserved relaxation after a walk in the tsingy.

The restaurant, built on a rocky plateau, offers a circular point of view on an unforgettable landscape.

After a day full of discoveries in the park, you can enjoy the swimming pool!

Additional information on: [www.ankarana-lodge.com](http://www.ankarana-lodge.com)



## Service Information

### Excursion Pirogue Ambanja



### Excursion "The Red Tsingy"

Through mountains, in the South East of Diego-Suarez, the Red Tsingy, result of the erosion by the rainwater of a thick coat of laterite, reserves you the other secrets of the nature.

Leaving Diego towards the South, we will take the RN6 ( National Road 6 ) along 45kms of winding road through rice plantations and farming fields to the village of Sahafary, then into a side road bordered with Eucalyptus trees (a reforestation project) up to a viewpoint dominating the Indian Ocean, the plain of Irodo, the reserve of Analamera and Lavakas.

The visit continues through an overhanging plateau of mountain track bordered with palm trees, reaching a peak landscape, a typical structure formed with the combination of bush fires, erosion and water infiltration.

The Tsingy rouges, composed of sandstone, lime and marl, offer their beautiful ephemeral draperies inside the only sedimentary basin of Madagascar.

Practical advice for the excursion: long trousers, tee-shirt with sleeves, sun lotion, sun glasses, cap, trainers, spare shoes and k-way.



### Excursion "The Emerald sea" by boat

We take a sailing boat past by Ramena beach to the Emerald sea.

Emerald sea is located in the North of the false pass. It is an immense emerald coloured lagoon. It is shallow enough to allow divers to swim

in a natural dreamlike aquarium in the company of fish of all shapes and sizes, with different colours coming to meet the visitor.

Other small Virgin Islands (Diego Island, Suarez Island) with white sandy beach, completely deserted allow you to join pleasure with usefulness in a unique site of the region.

Completely unspoilt, this intense and magical place will leave you with marvellous memories.

Practical advice for the excursion: tee-shirt with sleeves, K-way, sun lotion, sun glasses, beach outfit, trainers, replacement shoes and cap.



### Excursion "The Amber Mountain National Park"

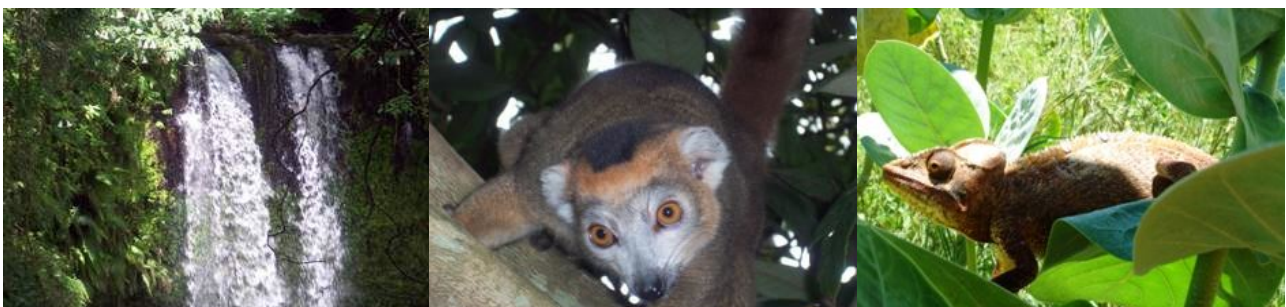
Joffre Ville, gateway to the Montagne d'Ambre National Park, is a small station southwest of Diego founded early in the century by Marshal Joffre. Synonymous with rest and freshness over 700 meters above sea level, the resort is known for its famous litchi on the Big Island. Visitors can find several attractions: the presence of a microclimate of a tropical wet evergreen rainforest, forest tracks, crater lakes, botanical trail, waterfalls and views. 7 species of lemurs, and a variety of endemic terrestrial species that can be observed in their natural habitat. 12 species of small mammals, 75 species of birds of which 35 are endemic, 49 species of reptiles and 24 species of amphibians ...

These include: the crowned lemur, who will meet you; Brookesia sp, one of the smallest chameleon in the world; Microcebus sp, which is the smallest primate in the world, the fosa the largest carnivorous mammal of Madagascar, butterflies, boa, endemic birds ... that you will discover with patience and luck ...

The Massif plays a prominent role in the water supply of the entire northern region of Madagascar. Protected since 1920 as a ranger station, and the first protected National Park in Madagascar in 1958, the park managed first by the WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) since 1985 and today MNP (Madagascar National Parks) to measure the issue of nature conservation in Madagascar.

The Montagne d'Ambre National Parc, which rises to 1475 m, covering an area of 18,200 ha, includes endemic species and specific flora and fauna. By walk on the forest trail (3 km), bordered by gigantic trees, strangler figs tree ferns, moss and lichens, we can reach the viewpoint (alt. 965 m) of the Grand Cascade waterfall 82 m, which ends in a caldera, where we will visit the likelihood of lemurs. Then we take the trail Botanical, "the Way of Miles Trees." (1400 m) where you will have the opportunity to identify in a same area, many species of trees, woods, orchids, plants medicines.

Practical advice for the excursion: long trousers, tee-shirt with sleeves, , k-way ou rain wears, warm clothing or pullover, sun lotion, sun glasses, Mosquito repellent and trainers.



### Mt des Français Boucle Vallée des Baobabs

The French Mountain is a historic site that has become a must-see site in the Diana region. There were historic battles during the colonial period, but today it is a favorite spot for local flora and fauna.





### Ramena and the 3 bays

Departing from Diego towards Ramena, after a few kilometres on bad roads, we will take a sandy track up to the Bay of Sakalava. An imposing 300 years old Baobab tree is soaring above the road before we reach a very beautifully white sandy beach where, with a bit of luck we will be able to encounter some lemurs.

Then we leave for the Bay of the Pigeons and after crossing some dunes, we will arrive at bay named after the dunes (Bay of the Dunes). A deserted beach will welcome you with an invitation to bathe.

Depending on the seasons, you may get a chance to watch a ballet of tortoises.

We will continue through Cap Miné where the vestiges of war guns and fortifications attest historic presence of the French Army and its former role as guardian of the pass (or the main gateway to Diego Bay), and the lighthouse which is still in good repairs.

After that we will go round the Bay of Diego which is meant to be one of most beautiful bays in the world after Rio de Janeiro, where a majestic sugar loaf with its conical karstic structure is towering up above the sea.

Practical advice: long trousers, tee-shirt with sleeves, sun lotion, sun glasses, beach outfit, trainers, replacement shoes and K-way.



### Excursion "The Ankarana East National Park"

The massif of Ankarana is dominated by attractive limestone karst formations called locally Tsingy, it extends on a little over 20km on the west coast. We count an underground complex network, extending over nearly 120km.

Ankarana is home of 13 species of bats, 10 species of Lemurs (Crowned Lemur and Brown Lemur), and 92 species of birds. The specific fauna, adapted to the life caves, gives to Ankarana its particular character. Ankarana preserves a dense, tropical deciduous forest with spiny forests, baobabs, tall trees.

Rare and endemic birds and many species found their holiday cottage in the reserve, as the fosa, the unique predator of the species of the family of Felidae in Madagascar.

We begin the visit by exploring The rivers Loss (gigantic hole in stratified layers in which rainwater rushes) and its naturally eroded "amphitheatre" (500 m), rich in fossils through a dry deciduous vegetation of Baobab and Euphorbia. Then we will continue with the discovery of the Tsingy Rary and the visit of the Tsingy Turret (3 hour-walks on a track without vertical drop in the shade of trees) as Ankarana is described as a new discovery at each turn.

Practical advice for the excursion: long trousers, tee-shirt with sleeves, , k-way ou rain wears, warm

*clothing or pullover, sun lotion, sun glasses, Mosquito repellent and trainers.*



## Destination Information

### Madagascar

A few miles from the great African continent, Madagascar is an extraordinary natural conservatory rich than fifty national parks and a variety of landscapes where an amazing diversity of fauna and flora have a thousand faces to offer. The Big Island remains one of the richest countries in biodiversity. You will encounter lemurs, chameleons, frogs, turtles, humpback whales, like nowhere else. You will also find a variety of medicinal and aromatic plants that are the hallmark of Madagascar: Periwinkle, Ravintsara, Katrafay, Ylang Ylang, Vanilla, ... The hospitality of the people from the mixing of African and Asian culture is not the slightest interest in the island.

### Usefull Informations:

#### 1 ) Visa and Passport

Free visa for any stay of 15 days or less, however 10 euros to be paid upon arrival for the control taxes.

The visa is issued upon arrival at Antananarivo or Nosy Be airports.

#### OR

through online registration and payment to the web page: <http://www.evisamada.gov.mg/en/> (receipt received to be presented at the airport upon arrival)

The rate for stays superior of 15 days and less than 30 days is 35 euros (According to the current exchange rates) per person.

To enter the country it is necessary to have a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of travel.

#### 2 ) Health

No mandatory vaccination for travellers, however, it is highly recommended to have all the standard vaccinations up to date. For those who are planning expeditions in remote areas, we advise

vaccinations against typhoid fever, hepatitis and tetanus before travelling. pour remplacer ce qui est dans granit

We also recommend you bring a package of drugs to relieve minor inconveniences associated with travel. Similarly, if you follow a specific treatment, it is important to plan your treatment during your stay.

Hospital and private clinic are located in main cities. Villages have only basic treatment center where they use traditional methods.

It is strongly recommended to drink only bottled water during your stay, and eat in the restaurants recommended by your guide.

no yellow fever

Moreover, bring mosquito repellent, anti-malaria treatment, an anti diarrhoeic, a water cleaner (micropur), sun cream.

#### 3 ) Time

Madagascar è GMT +3 :

+1 hour for South Africa

+ 2 hours (1 during summer) for Occidental Europe

-1 hou for Reunion and Mauritius island

#### 4 ) Forecast

In general, the climate in Madagascar is characterized by a dry and cold season that runs from April to October and a rainy and hot season from November to March.

The highlands climate is different from the coast one, sunny during the summer and cold during the winter. Sun shines almost during all year long in the coastal regions, with frequent rain from January to March.

#### 5 ) Language

The official language is the Malagasy. However, as Madagascar is a former French colony, French is widely spoken.

English is also spoken by most of the professional in the tourism.

**6 ) Money**

The local currency is the Ariary (1 euro = about 4000 ariary)

Official rate available on the website of the Central Bank of Madagascar  
<http://www.banque-centrale.mg>

During travelling, take care to bring only small notes, much easier to use.

Credit cards: visa and mastercard are useful only in the main cities. A surcharge from 6% to 9% is applicable for payments done with credit card.

Cash dispensers are now available in any main city of the country, but using only visa card. A withdrawal is limited to a maximum of 400 000 ariary (about 140 euros)

**7 ) Electricity**

220 volt /same plugs as in Europe.

As soon as you leave the main cities, electricity is often produced by a generator; as a consequence, electricity is only available a few hours a day.

Charge all the needed batteries accordingly.

**8 ) Communication**

To call from Madagascar, dial 00 followed by the country code and the phone number.

To call to Madagascar, dial 00 + 261 + 20 (for fixed phone number) or mobile phone number without "0"

Internet is available in the best hotels of the country.

**9 ) Insurance**

It is advisable to take out adequate insurance because we decline all responsibilities in case of illness, injury, loss, delays or damages for any reason whatsoever. We and our agents act only as agents of the passenger in all matters relating to tours.

**10 ) What to bring along ?**

- . A light raincoat
- . A pull over
- . Walking shoes
- . Sandals
- . T-shirts, long sleeves shirt, trousers & shorts easily washable and quickly dried
- . A hat
- . Back bag
- . Sunglasses
- . Sun lotion
- . Mosquito repellent
- . Swimming t-shirt for snorkeling and bathing
- . A quickly drying towel