



Madagascar Baobabs & Lemurs Private Safari

Wildlife Wonders from Andasibe to the Spiny Forest

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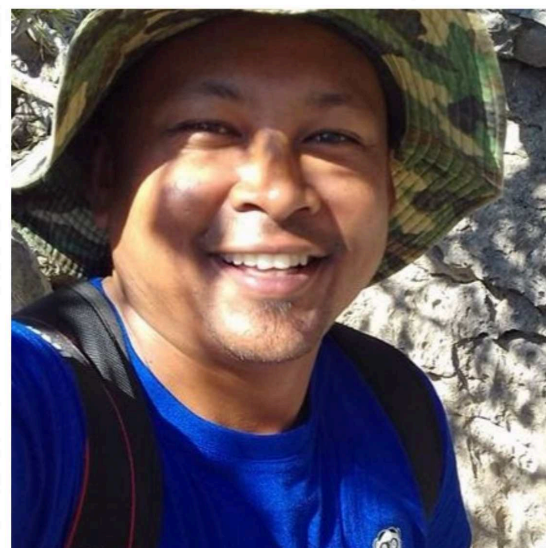
Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

This Madagascar adventure expertly blends the country's diverse landscapes, wildlife, and cultures.

REASON 2

Our carefully crafted adventure showcases lemurs day and night and takes you from end to end on the island!

REASON 3

MT Sobek has been running intrepid nature adventures in Africa for over 4 decades, working with expert guides for an immersive insider experience.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Wildlife viewing of endemic species, day and night walks through otherworldly landscapes, unforgettable scenic drives, and an idyllic island escape.



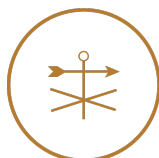
LODGING

Boutique hotels and eco-lodges with deluxe amenities, all in the midst of pristine nature.



CLIMATE

Expect a tropical maritime climate with cooler temperatures in the highlands and warmer temperatures from 70-90°F on the islands.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

This trip has seasonal pricing so please call for an exact quote.

Peak Season: September-October

Shoulder Season: June-August, November 1-19

Green Season: November 20-May

This trip must begin on a Friday and is not operational from January - March.

Internal Flights

Please note that Tsaradia 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. Should these changes necessitate an unexpected hotel overnight we commit to covering the cost of this on your behalf as part of our commitment to ensuring you are looked after to the best of our abilities during your stay.



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Marvel at Madagascar, a land of intoxicating nature, exotic wildlife, and unique flora—where 90% of species are endemic. Get up-close views of the island's many wonders, from the baobabs to the spiny forest, spotting lovable lemurs along the way. Travel by boat, plane, and on foot, taking in Madagascar's most famous national parks and special wildlife reserves. End the trip at a luxury eco-resort nestled on the Northern coast, where an array of exciting adventures await.

12 Days

Start: Antananarivo, Madagascar

End: Antananarivo, Madagascar

Departing: May, June, July, August, September,
October, November, December

Activities: Cultural Discovery, Safari & Wildlife, Family
Friendly

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Luxury Lodges

Group Size: 2-8 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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*“A prominent reason we have
chosen MT Sobek as our favorite
adventure travel company has been
the excellent travel guides.”*

- Carol & Burt D.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive at Antananarivo

Welcome to Antananarivo (a.k.a. "Tana" from the French colonial era), the vibrant capital of Madagascar. Marvel at the rich tapestry of cultural heritage nestled within its rolling hills and terracotta-roofed houses. Meet an MT Sobek representative at the airport and transfer to your hotel in the heart of Tana. In the evening, enjoy your first dinner in Madagascar and relax at your hotel, complete with a panoramic rooftop bar.

MEALS: Dinner

DAY 02

Take a Scenic Drive & Spot Lemurs in Andasibe

From Tana, head out for a scenic drive to Andasibe, a stunning rainforest park with two protected areas: the Perinet Special Reserve and Mantadia National Park. Perinet is world-famous for its population of indri, the largest living lemur species. En route to Andasibe, take in the rural life - rice fields, redbrick houses, roadside fruit, and vegetable stands. After check-in and lunch, visit the private Mitsinjo Reserve. Operated by a local NGO, the reserve helps to fund conservation efforts and is home to a stunning array of wildlife. You can even plant indigenous flora along its reforestation trail!

ACCOMMODATION: Vakona Forest Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4-hour private transfer

ACTIVITY: 2-hour wildlife excursion

DAY 03

Explore Mantadia National Park

Discover the biodiverse haven of Mantadia National Park. Follow rainforest trails in search of lemurs, including diademed sifakas, black-and-white ruffed lemurs, red-bellied lemurs, and indris. Be amazed by the abundance of endemic birds, from scaly ground rollers to red-breasted couas. This is a naturalist's goldmine with many seldom-seen species of mammals, reptiles, and birds. Enjoy a picnic lunch by the Rianaso Waterfall before hiking back to the vehicle and returning to the lodge. In the evening, you may choose to go on a night walk with your local guide to spot a variety of nocturnal lemurs.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private transfer

ACTIVITY: 5 hours of walking



Go Deep into Perinet Reserve

After breakfast, explore the lush Perinet Reserve with a local guide. Search for indri lemurs, with their distinctive black-and-white markings and surprised teddy-bear faces, and 11 other species, including grey bamboo lemurs and white-ruffed lemurs. Birdwatchers will enjoy spotting the velvet asity, Nuthatch vanga, and other fascinating birdlife. Perinet Reserve is also home to some of Madagascar's thousand orchid species. Head back to the lodge for lunch and return to Tana this afternoon.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4-hour private transfer

ACTIVITY: 3 hours of walking



Journey to Mandrare River Camp

Rise for an early flight to Fort Dauphin on Madagascar's southeast coast, where your local guide awaits. Enjoy an early lunch, then transfer to Mandrare River Camp, home to a mini Avenue of the Baobabs—far from the crowds. Settle into your tent and take in the majestic views over the Mandrare River. In the late afternoon, set out for a night walk in the Forest of Analoalo or Ambovo to see diurnal lemurs bedding down, and the nocturnal lemurs waking in the eerie and prehistoric spiny forest.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour flight; 4-hour private transfer

ACTIVITY: 1 hour of walking



Explore the Gallery Forest

In the morning, explore the stunning sacred gallery forest south of the camp. This largely deciduous forest is inhabited by inquisitive groups of ring-tailed lemurs and the ever-entertaining Verreaux sifaka. Enjoy a lunch at the camp and a relaxed afternoon by the pool. In the late afternoon, take a walk through the spiny forest, one of the world's most important ecological regions. Dotted with ancestral tombs of the local Antandroy tribe, it also offers insights into Antandroy culture and customs. Round off the day with sundowners on the Mandrare riverbanks.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 3 hours of walking



Spiny Forest Walk & Soak Up Local Culture

Walk in the spiny forest early in the morning to hear the song of endemic birds and witness the sunlight break through the octopus trees. After breakfast, visit a local market and meet the fascinating Antandroy tribe. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon, then set out for a sundowner spectacle amidst baobabs on a mountainous backdrop. In the evening, get a glimpse into local culture with a showcase of traditional dances and songs that are used daily to accompany the major rituals of the Antandroy people.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 3 hours of walking and cultural touring; optional traditional dance performance



Return to Tana

In early morning, drive to Fort Dauphin in time for your flight back to Tana. Meet your guide and transfer to the hotel. Enjoy an easy-going rest of the day and spend some time on your own exploring Madagascar's capital city.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private transfer; 2.5-hour flight



Fly to Anjajavy & Spot Lemurs

After an early start, fly out to Anjajavy in the northwest of Madagascar. Transfer to Anjajavy Lodge, located within a nature reserve alive with lemurs, chameleons, malachite kingfishers, and hummingbirds. In late afternoon, head out for a night walk in the reserve to spot a variety of nocturnal lemurs. Keep an eye out for the charismatic coquerel's sifakas, light-weight (2.2 ounces!) danfoss mouse lemurs, and also endemic tsingy tuft-tailed rat, Commerson's leaf-nosed bat, or Madagascar's largest predator - the rare and elusive fossa.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour flight; 0.5-hour private transfer

ACTIVITY: 1 hour of walking



Walk the Path of Crabs

Follow the Chemin des Crabes trail to see wonderful birdlife, beautiful baobabs and the famous hairy crab. Even if bird watching isn't your thing, it's hard not to be enchanted by the kaleidoscope of the reserve's common birds, from the vibrant red fody and Souimanga sunbird to the exotic paradise flycatcher and sickle-billed vanga. This is one of the best places to spot the regal Madagascar fish eagle, shy crested ibis, or rare Madagascar sacred ibis. Round off the walk with a visit to a small cave that holds a fossilized lemur skull, stalactites, and sharks' teeth. Enjoy a lunch at the lodge and a leisurely afternoon.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 2 hours of walking



DAY 11

Stroll Giant's Causeway & King's Alley

Take a long walk along the Giant's Causeway and King's Alley to discover ancient baobab trees, tsingy rock formations found only in Madagascar, and the Coquerel's sifakas, remarkable animals that live in family groups of up to 10 individuals. Even though perfectly adapted to living in the trees they often descend to the ground too, bouncing across the earth like mini kangaroos. After returning to the lodge, enjoy a lunch and a leisurely afternoon.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 2 hours of walking

DAY 12

Fly to Antananarivo & Depart

After breakfast, fly back to Tana and connect to your outbound flight. Bid farewell to Madagascar.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour flight



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Novotel Madagascar

The Novotel Madagascar is a 5-star paradise for travelers seeking comfort! Boasting 180 spacious rooms with panoramic views of Antananarivo, each come equipped with modern amenities. Take your pick from the rooftop Skybar, spa, indoor pool, and fitness area to relax and unwind. Savor international cuisine at Trio or indulge in a Japanese meal at Le Teppanyaki. This hotel is 15 minutes from downtown and a few minutes away from popular tourist landmarks like the Queen's Palace and Lake Anosy!

Mantadia Lodge

This lodge is a beautiful accommodation built on a hill with views of the surrounding forest. The Mantadia has an onsite restaurant offering 3 meals per day, in addition to a gorgeous turquoise pool and spa with a variety of treatments available. The rooms have private terraces, wood burning stoves, satellite TV, and Wi-Fi. The staff is very helpful, and the hotel has a boutique where guests can find gifts unique to the region including natural silk, and a variety of souvenirs from local artisans.



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Mandrare River Camp

Mandrare River Camp is beautifully situated on the banks of Mandrare River near the village of Ifotaka in Madagascar's southern province. The large deluxe tents along the riverbed offer splendid views of the sacred ancestral forests of the Antandroy tribe. Shaded by tamarind trees, each tent comes furnished with four-poster beds and bathrooms with bucket showers and flush toilets.

Anjajavy Le Lodge

Situated in an idyllic nature reserve on the outskirts of Anjajavy Forest, the Anjajavy Le Lodge is a Relais & Chateau property and relaxing getaway for travelers. The hotel boasts beautiful, rosewood villas atop a vast sandy beach, each with a private terrace overlooking the sea. Savor delicious local cuisine made with high-quality ingredients from the island or relish a tranquil moment in the stunning garden, adorned with an array of exotic flora and fauna. The Anjajavy Le Lodge is a wonderful place to refresh the body and spirit!

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted in the Trip Planner)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage
- Internal Airfare (shared charters)

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
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