



Madagascar Baobabs & Lemurs Private Safari

12 Days



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➤ Madagascar Baobabs & Lemurs Private Safari

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 Perinet Special Reserve and Mantadia National Park to the spiny forest and Indian Ocean beaches. Spot lemurs and birds on night walks, admire baobabs at sunset, and take in the colors, scents and sounds of one the world's last lost worlds. Travel by road and air, roam famous national parks and special wildlife reserves and stay in luxurious lodges in the heart of protected areas. Experience Madagascar at its best.

Details

Arrive: Antananarivo, Madagascar
Depart: Antananarivo, Madagascar
Duration: 12 Days
Group Size: 2-10 Guests
Minimum Age: 6 Years Old
Activity Level: 

Testimonials

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

Carol & Burt D.

"Exceptional trips! Go with MT Sobek!"

Mitch S.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

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

REASON #02

Our carefully crafted adventure showcases lemurs 24/7 and takes you from end-to-end on the island!

REASON #03

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

What to Expect



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.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Josefa has worked as a naturalist guide in Madagascar since 2007. With over 15 years of experience guiding travelers throughout the island, his knowledge of Madagascar's wildlife, ecosystems and culture is encyclopedic. He has a Masters degree in linguistics and started his career as an English teacher before discovering his passion for guiding. His goal is to provide guests with the best experience the island has to offer through revealing its ecological and cultural diversity. He is an avid photographer and continues to explore Madagascar in search of the perfect shot even when he is not on tour.

[Josefa Rasolofomandimby](#)

Ludovic has been working in the tourism industry since 2017 and holds a certification from the Tourism Ministry of Madagascar. He loves the natural world, especially the birds, lemurs and botany of Madagascar. He strives to help guests have a memorable experience while traveling, and enjoys the exchange of information, sharing his knowledge of Madagascar, its people and ecological diversity while honing his English fluency and learning more about his home country.

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Itinerary

DAY 1

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: D

DAY 2

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 an indigenous species along its reforestation trail!

Accommodation: Vakona Forest Lodge

Activity: 2-hour wildlife excursion

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

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.

Activity: 5-hour walking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

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.

Activity: 3-hour walking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

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 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.

Activity: 1-hour walking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

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 late afternoon, take a walk through the spiny forest, one of the world's most important ecological regions. Dotted in ancestral tombs of the local Antandroy tribe, it offers insights into Antandroy culture and customs. Round off the day with sundowners on the Mandrare riverbanks.

Activity: 3-hour walking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

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.

Activity: 3-hour walk and cultural touring; optional traditional dance performance

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

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: B, L, D

DAY 9

FLY TO ANJAVY & SPOT LEMURS

After an early start, fly out to Anjavay in the northwest of Madagascar. Transfer to Anjavay 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 (63 grams!) 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.

Activity: 1-hour walking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10

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.

Activity: 2-hour walking

Meals: B, L, D

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 ground like mini kangaroos. After returning to the lodge, enjoy a lunch and a leisurely afternoon.

Activity: 2-hours walking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 12

FLY TO ANTANANARIVO & DEPART

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

Meals: B, L

Dates

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Inclusions & Exclusions

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- 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 portorage
- 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
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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