

Highlights of

MADAGASCAR



Madagascar Classic
- COLLECTION -



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

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- Day 2 (Tues) - Antananarivo - Andasibe (Mantadia Lodge)
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- Day 9 (Tues) - Antananarivo - Namoroka Tsingy Camp
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- Day 13 (Sat) - Namoroka Tsingy Camp - Antananarivo

Day 1 (Mon) - Arrival in Antananarivo

Upon arrival at Ivato Airport, your MCC guide will take you to Nosy Manga. Ideally situated close to the airport, Nosy Manga offers large comfortable ensuite bedrooms equipped with air-conditioning and satellite tv. The hotel is equipped with a roof-top pool, and a stylishly decorated bar and restaurant area

Nosy Manga King Standard Room (Half board)

Day 2 (Tues) - Antananarivo - Andasibe (by road)

After an early breakfast, your guide will drive you east to Andasibe, a lush rainforest park roughly 4 hours from the city. Andasibe includes Perinet Special Reserve and Mantadia National Park, renowned for its Indri lemurs the largest of the lemur species. The journey offers glimpses of rural life with rice fields, redbrick houses, and roadside stalls selling fresh produce. Check-in at the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon, explore a private reserve by Mitsinjo, an NGO supporting reforestation, community education, and conservation. Witness diverse wildlife and participate in indigenous species planting along the reforestation trail.

Overnight Mantadia Lodge - Standard Room (Full board)

Day 3 (Wed) - Andasibe - Mantadia National Park

After breakfast, drive 1.5 hours to Mantadia National Park with a picnic lunch. Spot various lemur species, including Indri indri, diademed sifaka, grey bamboo lemur, red-bellied lemur, and white ruffed lemur. The trails are more challenging, but the lush, wild forest offers a less crowded experience than Perinet. Encounter abundant birdlife, such as the scaly ground roller, pitta-like ground roller, and red-breasted coua. This park is a haven for naturalists, hosting rare mammals, reptiles, and birds. Enjoy a picnic near Rianasoa Waterfall before hiking back to the lodge. In the late evening, join a guided night walk in the forest to see nocturnal lemurs like mouse lemurs, white-footed sportive lemurs, fat-tailed dwarf lemurs, and woolly lemurs.

Overnight Mantadia Lodge - Standard Room (Fullboard)





Day 4 (Thurs) - Andasibe - Antananarivo (by Road)

After breakfast, explore the 810 ha Perinet Reserve with a local guide to find the elusive Indri indri lemur, known for its distinctive appearance. Spot 11 other lemur species as you trek through the rainforest, including grey bamboo lemurs, common brown lemurs, diademed sifakas, and black and white ruffed lemurs. Birdwatchers can also glimpse species like the velvet asity, blue coua, and Nuthatch vanga, among others. Perinet teems with reptiles, invertebrates, and over a thousand orchid species. Return to the lodge for lunch and later transfer back to Tana by road.

In the evening, have dinner in an enchanting property in the heart of Antananarivo with a unique panoramic view of Lake Anosy and the Queen's Palace at the authentic Maison de Maitre, built with character and restored with elegance and attention to details, known as the CITIZEN restaurant.

Overnight at Nosy Manga - King Standard Room (Half board)

Day 5 (Fri) - Antananarivo - Mandrare River Camp

Schedule Charter flight 07:00 - 09:30

After breakfast, drive back to Ivato Airport in time for your scheduled charter flight to Ifotaka (2hrs 30 min). Upon arrival you will be met by our guide and vehicle and transfer to the camp (5min). Settle into your tent and enjoy the majestic views over the Mandrare River. Around 5pm you will depart for a night walk in the Forest of Zenavo. This is a fantastic way to see diurnal lemurs bedding down, and the nocturnal lemurs begin to wake in the eerie and prehistoric spiny forest. You will spot sifakas and sleeping white-foot sportive lemurs, then once the sun has set, two mouse lemur species, sleeping birds, chameleons, owls and now active sportive lemurs.

Overnight Mandrare River Camp (All Inclusive)

Day 6 (Sat) – Mandrare River Camp

After breakfast, venture to the sacred gallery forest south of the camp. Depending on the river depth, you'll either walk or take a boat across the Mandrare River to this mostly deciduous forest. The highlights include inquisitive ring-tailed lemurs and entertaining Verreaux sifakas. Return to camp for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon by the pool. Later in the day, take a walk through the sacred spiny forest, housing ancestral tombs of the local Antandroy tribe and a unique variety of flora and fauna. Your English-speaking guide and a local community tracker will introduce you to Antandroy culture and customs, followed by sundowners on the banks of the Mandrare River.

Overnight Mandrare River Camp (All Inclusive)

Day 7 (Sun) – Mandrare River Camp

After a morning cup of tea or coffee, embark on an early walk in the spiny forest. Witness the sunrise through the octopus trees and spot endemic birds like the crested coua, various vangas, and the running coua. Return to camp for a delicious breakfast, followed by a visit to the local market or the captivating Antandroy village. Lunch will be served at the camp, and in the afternoon, enjoy a relaxed riverfront view from your tent terrace. At 5 pm, head out for a sundowner among the baobabs. Watching the sun set and the moon rise while gazing at the baobabs and distant mountains is a truly enchanting experience. In the evening, the local village may perform traditional dances, accompanied by captivating singing and music, a central aspect of Antandroy culture used for major rituals and everyday events.

Overnight Mandrare River Camp (All Inclusive)





Day 8 (Mon)- Mandrare River Camp – Antananarivo

Schedule Charter flight 10:00 – 13:30

This morning, transfer to the airstrip (5 min) in time for your scheduled charter flight to Antananarivo (20 min Mandrare – Fort Dauphin / 30 min refuelling in Fort Dauphin / 2hrs 30 min Fort Dauphin – Antananarivo).

In the afternoon, meet with your English speaking guide, then explore the historical upper town of Antananarivo, including the Queen's Palace, with its stunning French inspired architecture. Continue downtown and enjoy the old colonial railway station built by the French in 1910.

Overnight at Nosy Manga – King standard room (Half board)

Day 9 (Tues)- Antananarivo – Namoroka Tsingy Camp

Schedule Charter flight 08:00 – 09:30

Today, fly to the port town of Soalala by scheduled charter. On arrival you are met by your guide and transfer to Namoroka Tsingy Camp by road (2hrs 30 min) with a stop along the way for a village walk among the mango trees. On arrival, settle into your tent. In the late afternoon, depart for a walk in the forest surrounding the camp. Along with birds, chameleons, Von der Deckens sifakas or red lemur, you may spot fossa or Aye Aye during your walk. In the evening, enjoy sundowners amongst the baobabs.

Overnight Namoroka Tsingy Camp (All Inclusive)

Day 10, 11, 12 (Wed, Thurs, Fri) – Namoroka Tsingy Camp

Three days to explore the tsingy of Namoroka National Park and its surrounding areas. This national park welcomes just 50 visitors per year due to the challenges of accessing it by road. It is one of the more pristine protected areas on the island with an incredible abundance of birds (100 species) and other wildlife. There are 6 lemur species to see including the playful Von der Decken's Sifaka, Milne-Edwards Sportive lemur, the Red lemur and the incredibly secretive Aye Aye. Depart for an exploration of the unique cave system that stretches under the entire massif. Here, you will encounter rare fossil remains of species such as the Archaeolemur, a giant lemur species with a body mass of up to 26kg which went extinct, along with much of Madagascar's megafauna about 1,000 years ago. Picnic lunch in the shade of the tsingy.

Overnight Namoroka Tsingy Camp (All Inclusive)

Day 13 (Sat) – Namoroka Tsingy Camp – Antananarivo

Schedule Charter flight 10:00 – 11:30

After an early breakfast, transfer by road to Soalala (2hrs 30 mins) in time for your scheduled charter flight to Antananarivo. On arrival your private guide will accompany you to Nosy Manga to freshen up for the flight home, before transferring you back to the airport for your international flight.

Day use at Nosy Manga



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ITINERARY NETT COST in EUR

	Green Season	High Season	Peak Season
net cost per person sharing	€ 8 299	€ 8 706	€ 9 041
net cost per single	€ 10 038	€ 10 705	€ 11 185

Green Season: 15 May - 20 June

High Season: 21 June - 31 August / 1 - 10 November

Peak Season: 1 September - 31 October

- **Cost Includes:**

- Private guide and vehicle in Antananarivo and Andasibe
- Transport in an in air-conditioned car in Antananarivo
- All transport in 4x4 vehicles as indicated in the above itinerary
- Scheduled charter flights:
 - Antananarivo - Ifotaka - Antananarivo
 - Antananarivo - Soalala - Antananarivo
- The services of an English-speaking guide in each location
- All meals and accommodation as per itinerary
- All excursions indicated in the itinerary, park fees and community/environmental levies
- All inclusive of meals & all drinks at Mandrare River Camp
- All inclusive of meals & drinks at Namoroka Tsingy Camp

- **Cost Excludes**

- All international flights and visa fees or assistance unless otherwise specified
- All tips, other drinks and personal expenses
- Travel insurance: it is a condition that all clients travelling with MCC must have appropriate travel insurance, including emergency medical evacuation cover and cancellation insurance

Operating Dates

- This itinerary operates between 15th May and 10th of November

Luggage Restrictions

- The scheduled charter limits luggage to a total of 20 kg (44 lbs) per passenger (checked in + hand luggage)

Reservation details

- A 25% deposit is required to confirm and hold this itinerary
- Final payment is required 45 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation Policy

- 145 days or more - the 25% deposit can be carried over for a future booking from the same clients
- 145 - 45 days 25% cancellation fee
- 45 - 30 days 50% cancellation fee
- 30 days or less 100% cancellation fee