

11 Days Wonders Of The South Of Madagascar

Day 1: ANTANANARIVO

Meet and greet at Ivato international airport, Antananarivo then transfer to the Hotel.

Overnight at IBIS HOTEL or similar on Half Board.

Day 2: ANTANANARIVO/ANTSIRABE

Departure to Antsirabe at 8:30 am; 170km through the high plateau; adorned with its houses in red laterite and its hills ravined by the rain.

Visit of the city of water and its crater lakes; the small zebu horn articles and the rickshaw. Antsirabe is the first industrial city of Madagascar.

Overnight at PLUMERIA HOTEL or similar on half Board.

Day 3: ANTSIRABE/AMBOSITRA / RANOMAFANA NATIONAL PARK (260 kms, 6 hours' drive)

Departure to Ambositra, a small, peaceful town in a landscape of hills, eucalyptus forests and terraced rice fields. Visit of Ambositra where you will observe craftsmen at work and visit the shop: sculpture on precious wood (ebony, rosewood, etc.) and marquetry.

Continuation towards Ambohimahaso. Quick visit of Ambohimaso then continuation towards Ranomafana National Park. Check-in at the hotel.

Overnight at THERMAL HOTEL or similar on Half Board.

Day 4: RANOMAFANA NATIONAL PARK/FIARARANTSOA

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure in the morning to visit the Park to discover its faunistic and floristic varieties: golden Hapalemur (the only living being able to survive the cyanide contained in the shoots of a species of bamboo endemic of the region and which constitutes the main Feeding of the lemur); The different species of batrachians and reptiles; Orchids, palissandre wood as well as Rhipsalis, the only cactus growing in a tropical moist environment ...

Visit of the Ranomafana Museum, which presents exhibitions on the national park and Malagasy culture in general.

Lunch at the hotel.

Afternoon drive to Fianarantsoa. On the way, visit of the village of Ambatovaky, where the peasants specialized in forging to make the tools and utensils they need in their everyday farming work (spades, axes, plowshares, Etc.). Visit of an artisanal forge, possibility of visiting also inside a peasant hut.

Dinner and overnight at the ZOMATEL or similar.

Day 5: FIANARANTSOA/AMBALAVAO/RANOHIRA (298kms, 6h)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure for the city tour of Fianarantsoa: Visit of the historic old town. Tanàna Ambony (or upper town) was built in the 19th century on a hill with a panoramic view of the area. With its staircases, alleys, bell towers and old brick houses surrounded by verandahs, this is one of the most original towns in Madagascar. A palace had been erected at the summit, but only the stone where the head of the condemned to death was cut. Queen Ranaivalona had dug an artificial lake at the foot of the hill, replica of the Anosy Lake of Antananarivo. Continuation to Ambalavao: visit of the paper factory of Antaimoro. A secular method invented by the first Arab migrants to transcribe the Koran heavily damaged by the crossing at sea, Antaimoro paper is currently one of the jewels of Malagasy handicrafts. Discovery of a workshop of weaving of the wild silk.

Visit of a reserve of lemurs managed by the village community of Anja. A forest gallery of ficus, lianas and orchids has developed between spectacular rocky chaos, sometimes forming caves adopted as shelters by some animals. On the slopes of the reliefs, the plant relay was taken by succulent plants, such as kalanchoes and dwarf pachypodiums. In this green paradise, live in small colonies these ring-tailed lemurs, which are almost the emblem of the Great Island, the makis catta. They spend a lot of time on the ground, are not too fierce and are therefore easily observable.

Walk 30 to 45 minutes' easy walk.

Stop at the Mafaitra rest area: Picnic lunch presented on a mat and in individual basket. Continuation to Ranohira in the afternoon, crossing the plateau of Horombe and its savannah landscape. Arrival in Ranohira in the late afternoon

Overnight at the hotel LE RELAIS DE LA REINE or LE JARDIN DU ROY on Half Board. Le Jardin du Roy and Le Relais de la Reine, luxurious flats perfectly integrated in an oasis of 40 hectares, in the middle of the massif of the ISALO (swimming pool - equestrian center - exceptional panorama on the south part Of the Isalo National Park)

Day 6: RANOHIRA (6 kms drive then 6 kms walk)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the entrance to the Isalo National Park.

Guided visit of the natural pool, to discover a magical place, a swimming pool fed by a mini-cascade, oasis between a corner of two ruiniform cliffs in the shade of the pandanus. Lunch at "Les Toiles de l'Isalo" restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit of the museum or interpretation center of the park. Sunset at the "Window of the Isalo".

Overnight at the hotel LE RELAIS DE LA REINE or LE JARDIN DU ROY on Half Board.

Day 7: RANOHIRA/TULEAR/IFATY

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to Tulear. Passing by the Sapphire Village of Ilakaka Since the discovery of the Andranondambo mines (Fort Dauphin area) in 1991 and then in Ilakaka, on the Horombe plateau in 1998, it was discovered that the sapphire could be pink, yellow or purple and that the stone could also present itself in different colors, in all 105 different colors.

The deposits, among the largest in the world (more than 16 000 km²), attracted more than 15 000 inhabitants.

Continuation of our journey towards Tulear.

Along the way view of Mahafaly tombs.

Encounter with the desert landscapes where very poor vegetation is made up of thorny plants.

Arrival at Tulear.

Lunch at the restaurant in Tuléar.

Orientation tour of the city then transfer to Ifaty, fishing village Vezo located about thirty kilometers north of Tuléar.

Check in at the Hotel LE PARADISIÉR *** or similar (DUNES HOTEL if available) on Half Board. Dinner and overnight.

Day 8: IFATY

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning visit of Reniala, botanical and ornithological reserve containing various species of endemic plants as well as varieties of birds living only in this part of the Big Island. Lemurs, reptiles and turtles complete the whole. 2h to 3h easy walk.

Afternoon traditional canoe trip through the lagoon. Snorkeling possibilities on the coral reef.

Accommodation on Half board at the hotel.

Day 9: IFATY

Breakfast at the hotel.

Relax – free time and accommodation on half board at the hotel.

Day 10: IFATY/TULEAR/ANTANANARIVE

Free time before transfer to the airport.

Lunch in Tulear or Antananarivo depending on the flight schedule.

Transfer to the airport and flight to Antananarivo.

Welcome on arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Overnight at Relais des Plateaux or similar on Half Board.

Day 11: ANTANANARIVO – OUT

Transfer from the Hotel to Ivato airport to take flight back home according to the flight schedule.

End of our services

PRICE PER PERSON IN USD: VALID UNTIL 31st DECEMBER 2019

2pax	USD 2590 per person
4pax	USD 1670 per person
6pax	USD 1582 per person
10 pax or more (Group rate)	USD 1440 per person
Child under 12yrs old	USD 980 per child
Single room supplement	USD 635 per unit

Price includes:

- Accommodation in double standard room on half board for 10 nights
- Vehicle rent with fuel and driver
- Park fees
- Tour guide
- All visit and taxes
- Mentioned picnic lunches
- Domestic flight (Tulear / Antananarivo)

Price excludes:

- All personal expenses
- International Flights
- All excursions which are not in the program or optional
- All personal insurances

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