

THE ISLAND OF COLOUR



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AFRICA'S MOST COLOURFUL ISLAND

- A. ANTANANARIVO
- B. MANDRARE
- C. MANAFIAFY
- D. TSARA KOMBA

About Madagascar | Evolution has occurred more or less in isolation on this remote island – located 400 kilometres of Africa's east coast – with the result that much of its indigenous wildlife is found nowhere else on earth. Madagascar's menagerie of weird and wonderful creatures includes the world's biggest and smallest chameleons, the near-extinct elephant bird, and over 70 species of lemur – long-tailed primates endemic to the island.

The Madagascan landscape is no less compelling than the resident wildlife, with terrain ranging from lush jungles and palm-fringed beaches to the knife-edged tsingys of Bemaraha National Park's 'stone forests'.



THIS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT MADAGASCAR



VANILLA

Madagascar produces **80% of the world's Vanilla!**
Next to Vanilla also cinnamon, red pepper and many other fantastic herbs and fruits are indigenous to the Island of Madagascar.



RHUM

With all those stunning herbs and fruits grown, year round in Madagascar, the locals make a fantastic **price-winning Rhum** called DZAMA. The plain Rhum is also used to infuse with various herbs and spices like vanilla or cinnamon. All lodges have a stunning collection of **Infused Rhum**, be sure to try some of them!

Madagascar is the only place in the world where you'll find **Lemur in the wild**. This type of mammal can not be found anywhere else in the wild. Madagascar is home to 62 different sort of Lemur, going from the Dwarf and Mouse Lemur, to the world famous "Ring-tailed-Lemur"



LEMUR



CHAMELEON

Madagascar is also home to almost **120 different types of Chameleon**.

You will see them everywhere! Next to the road, on the beach, near the lodge. Each and every one of them is different in shape and color.

Try to spot the word's smallest one, not bigger then the tip of your finger!



ORCHIDS

With almost 1200 different flowers, Madagascar is home to the largest Orchid variety in the world!



DAY 1 - WELCOME!

Arrival in the capital Antananarivo from your international flight. Welcome at the airport by Atelier Africa representative and transfer to your hotel, the Gallini Hotel.



Antananarivo is Madagascar's capital city, perched on top of a mountain range close to several nature reserves, including Tsingy de Bemaraha, with its fantastical limestone spikes. Founded in 1625, it has a rich historical heritage that is complemented by scenic landscapes traversed with a multitude of hiking routes. The city is also known for its bubbly nightlife, with live music played regularly at various clubs, bars and hotels.

05 November: Arrival in Antananarivo

You will be greeted on arrival at Ivato airport by an English speaking guide from Atelier Africa who will accompany you to your hotel in the upper town of Antananarivo. 'Tana' – as the locals call it has fascinating traditional architecture and a more Indonesian influence than the rest of Madagascar.

Maison Gallieni is a restored colonial mansion with an elegant mix of modern and traditional décor. Take a dip in the pool and enjoy the lovely views over the city before dinner.

Overnight at Maison Gallieni (Half Board)

Overnight including dinner and breakfast at LOKANGA HOTEL.



DAY 2 TO 5 | MANDARERE RIVER CAMP

Fly from Tana to Mandrare River Camp

>> Scheduled charter Cessna 210 (9:30 – 12:05)

After an early breakfast, drive to Ivato airport for your morning flight to Mandrare River Camp (2hrs 35min) with our scheduled charter.

Upon arrival at the Camp settle into your tent and enjoy the majestic views over the Mandrare River. A 3 course lunch is served on our river terrace.

Around 5pm 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 3 | MANDARERE RIVER CAMP



Mandrare River Camp

After breakfast of freshly baked croissant and pain au chocolat, fresh fruits, cereals and breads, continue to the stunning Sacred Gallery forest to the south of the Camp. Depending on the river depth, you will walk or take a boat across the Mandrare River to reach this largely deciduous forest. Inquisitive **groups of Ring-Tailed Lemurs** and the always entertaining **Verreaux sifaka** (also called Dancing Lemur) are the highlight of this excursion.

Return to the Camp for lunch and a relaxed afternoon.

In late afternoon, head for a walk through the Sacred Spiny forest filled with the ancestral tombs of the local Antandroy tribe, as well as an extraordinary array of flora and fauna, unique to the spiny forest. Your English speaking guide and a tracker from the local community will give you an introduction to Antandroy culture and customs. Your visit is followed by sundowners on the Mandrare River banks.

Overnight Mandrare River Camp (All Inclusive)



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DAY 4 | MANDARERE RIVER CAMP



Mandrare River Camp

After a cup of tea or coffee head to the Spiny Forest for an early morning walk. Witness the sunlight break through the octopus trees while looking out for the many endemic birds such as Crested Coua, a variety of Vangas and the Running Coua.

Head back to the Camp for a sumptuous breakfast followed by a visit to the local market (on Thursdays and Saturdays) or the local village to meet the fascinating Antandroy tribe.

Lunch will be served at the Camp followed by a relaxed afternoon watching life along the river from your tent terrace. At 5pm, depart for a sundowner amidst the baobabs.

Watching the sun set and moon rise with a view across the Baobabs to the mountains beyond is a magical experience. In the evening the local village may come to perform beautiful traditional dances, accompanied by singing and music. Song and dance is at the heart of Antandroy culture and is used to accompany the major rituals and events of everyday life.

Overnight Mandrare River Camp (All Inclusive)



DAY 5 | MANDARERE RIVER CAMP



Day 5: Mandrare River Camp

After breakfast depart for a day trip to the stunning Lac Anony. This salt water lake is separated from the Indian Ocean by a series of large sand dunes and is home to Greater Flamingos and a variety of salt water birds.

The lake is a two hour drive from the Camp. On arrival, walk along the lake shore to a beautiful picnic spot. Then scale the 70 foot high sand dunes for an incredible view of the surrounding area and go for a swim the lake. Return to the Camp in time for dinner.

Last night at Mandrare River Camp (All Inclusive)



DAY 6 | MANAFIAFY BEACH & RAINFOREST LODGE



Day 6: Fly to Mandrare River Camp to Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge by scheduled charter and road

After breakfast, take a short flight to Fort Dauphin (25 minutes) where you will be met by a vehicle and guide from Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge and escorted by vehicle to the lodge (2 ½ hrs).

Manafiafy, also known as Sainte Luce, is a beautiful sandy bay, fringed with forest covered mountains and wildlife rich mangroves. Upon arrival check into your luxury bungalow then enjoy lunch in our beach-side restaurant.

At 4:30 pm head for a **night walk in the Coastal Rainforest**. Explore the last untouched block of coastal rainforest in southern Madagascar to spot some of the 5 species and 3 sub-species of lemur, over 80 bird species, over half of which are endemic, and an abundance of geckos, chameleons and other reptiles present in the forest.

You'll see nocturnal lemurs leaping through the trees, Madagascar Scops Owl, satanic leaf-tailed geckos and other masters of camouflage. Return to the Lodge for dinner at 8pm.

Overnight at Manafiafy Lodge (All inclusive)



DAY 7 | MANAFIAFY BEACH & RAINFOREST LODGE



Day 7: Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge

After a continental breakfast with fresh fruit, pain au chocolat, breads, cereals and eggs, head to the Stitch project and local woodworking shop to interact with the local Antanosy community.

Stitch was created by the NGO Azafady to provide local women with sustainable livelihoods by training them in embroidery, English and business skills. Embroidery is a traditional Malagasy skill which the women have used to make beautiful purses, belts, and more.

After a sumptuous 3-course lunch and a bit of a rest, head to the nearby mangrove network at 4pm for birdwatching and photography. Ideal for botanists, landscape photographers and adventure seekers, this 40 km network stretches from Manafiafy to Fort Dauphin with the magnificent Anosy mountain range in the backdrop.

Motorboat or kayak excursions last anywhere from 2 hours to 2 days. Today you will be exploring the mangroves by motorboat. Endemic birds include the Madagascar Malachite Kingfisher, Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher, Madagascar Harrier Hawk, Madagascar Crested Ibis and Blue Coua.

Overnight at Manafiafy Lodge (All Inclusive)



MASSAGE ON THE BEACH



FINE CUISINE SERVED IN THE MOST IDYLIC WAY



KAYAK OR MOTORBOAT EXCURSIONS

DAY 8 | MANAFIAFY BEACH & RAINFOREST LODGE



Day 8: Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge

Before breakfast, head for a sunrise walk in the coastal rainforest. On this walk you will see groups of red-collared lemur foraging for food as they leap through the rainforest canopy.

The red-collared lemur is endemic to south-eastern Madagascar, lives in groups of up to 20 individuals and is active largely at dawn and dusk. This is a great time for birding, some species to see are Crested Coua, Giant Coua, Hook-billed Vanga, Lesser and Greater Vassa Parrots.

Return to the Lodge for a well-deserved breakfast. Relax until your late afternoon excursion to see Madagascar's largest bat, the Flying Fox, roosting in a nearby community forest, then filling the sky at dusk as they fly off on search of food.

Return to the Lodge for storytelling on the beach. Immerse yourself in Malagasy oral history and culture as the stars form a canopy overhead.



Overnight at Manafiafy Lodge (All inclusive)



< FEEL FREE TO CHOOSE YOUR ACTIVITY >



DAY 9: MANAFIAFY BEACH & RAINFOREST LODGE



Day 9 November: Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge

Morning at your leisure. Whale watching and deep sea fishing are available at an extra cost. Manafiafy is one of the best places to see hump-back whales in Madagascar with regular sightings of mothers and their calves.

After lunch, head to Manafiafy village. Manafiafy is a lovely Antanosy village with traditional wooden houses and pirogues lining the beachfront. Learn about the local customs and interact with the fishermen and their families.

End your day with a sundowner overlooking Manafiafy bay from a rocky outcrop offering stunning views of the area.

Overnight at Manafiafy Lodge (All inclusive)

DAY 10 - EVENING IN TANA

Day 10

FLIGHT Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge - Fort Dauphin
– Tana with scheduled charter Cessna 210 (9:30 – 12:05)

After an early breakfast, drive back to Fort Dauphin (2 ½hrs), transfer to the airport for your flight back to Tana (2hrs 35min).

Overnight at Relais des Plateaux in a luxe room (Half board)



Relais des Plateaux
One night in Tana





DAY 11 TO 14 - TSARA KOMBA



Nosy Be

Nosy Be's is Madagascar's biggest and most popular tourist destination and it's easy to understand why – located off Madagascar's northwestern coast, this small island is blessed with exquisite sand beaches, glittering volcanic lakes and diverse flora and fauna. What's more, despite its popularity, Nosy Be has remained refreshingly unspoilt and free of rampant development, with low-key beach bungalows more the order of the day here than glitzy commercial resorts. Most visitors are content to do very little except relax on the idyllic beaches, go swimming or snorkelling in the calm azure waters and enjoy seafood feasts at oceanfront restaurants, but if you fancy a bit of sightseeing, it's worth paying a visit to the bazaar in Hell-ville – where you can pick up samples of the fragrant spices for Nosy Be is nicknamed 'The Perfume Island' – and exploring the lush rainforests of the Lobeke nature reserve. Coral reefs skirting the coast offer phenomenal scuba diving opportunities, while a peppering of surrounding islets make for enchanting day trips.



Tsara Komba on Full Board

Owner run Tsara Komba is simply wonderful. Situated on the eastern side of Nosy Komba, this 8 roomed, luxury lodge is an ideal getaway for the discerning visitor. Built above its own private beach amongst stunning gardens and with wonderful views, the hotel is an ideal base from which to explore the island, dive, fish, snorkel or simply relax.

All four rooms and two suites are beautifully spacious (90 to 120 m2), boasting ensuite facilities and private verandas overlooking the ocean. The main area consists of a stylish sitting area, bar and restaurant. The chef produces such delicious French cuisine that guests find themselves returning back year after year.

Excursions to the markets and plantations on the mainland are easily arranged, as are trips to visit the Lemur Park on the other side of the island.





DAY 11 | TSARA KOMBA

Day 11: Tana – Nosy Be – Tsara Komba

Fly out with a Private charter Piper PA 28

Transfer to Ivato airport for your private charter to Nosy Be (3hrs 15 min).

Upon arrival, meet with Tsara Komba staff then transfer to the port to board the speed boat to the lodge. Tsara Komba is a luxurious 4 star eco-lodge on Nosy Komba Island. 2 Ocean View Suites and 6 Ocean View Lodges. L

Located on Nosy Komba, the most beautiful island of Nosy Be archipelago, Tsara Komba is a real eco paradise. “Art de Vivre” Slow Life, smart and ethnic atmosphere, a renowned Slow Food gastronomy, exceptional getaways to discover fabulous Malagasy landscapes and people, Tsara Komba offers a unique and tailor made experience. Check in for lunch. Afternoon at leisure

Overnight at Tsara Komba (Full board)





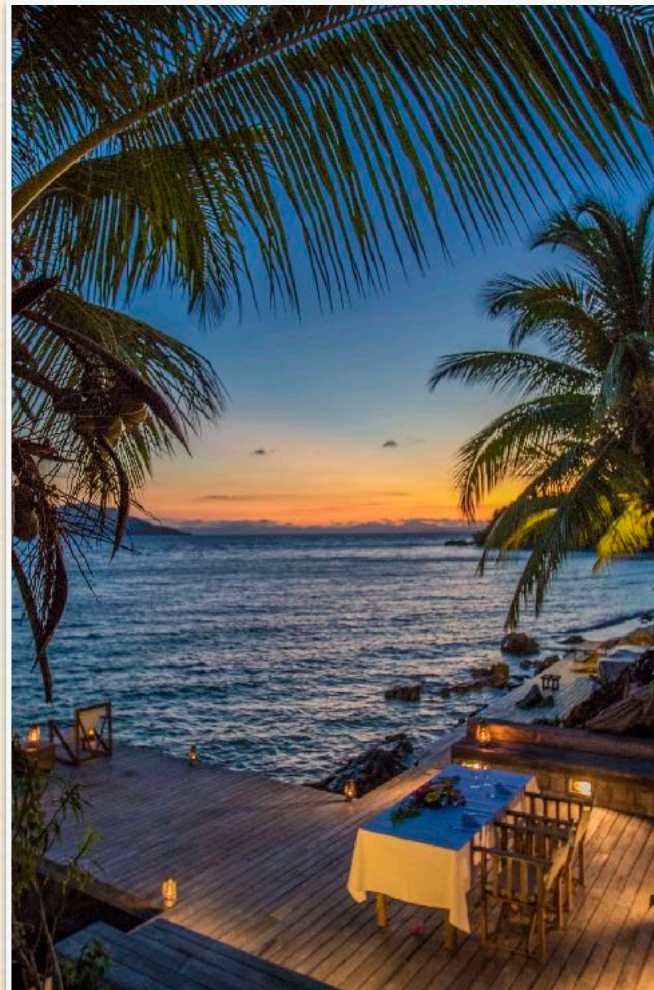
DAY 11 TO 14 - TSARA KOMBA

16 - 18 November: Nosy Be

Days at leisure. Nosy Komba is a small island nestled between Nosy Be and the mainland in the Mozambique Chanel. It is known for its population of black lemurs, lively local crafts market and stunning beaches. This volcanic island is covered with lush rainforest, home to the Macacoa lemur species and an abundance of chameleons, butterflies, tropical flowers and more. The beaches are white sand that flows into emerald waters.

Snorkelling, scuba diving and boating excursions offer encounters with turtles, dolphins and hump-back whales (July-November). Activities can be booked at the lodge. **Overnight at Tsara Komba (Full board)**

Fantastic food, great accommodation, fun activities, .. simply a perfect place to end you trip



DAY 11 TO 14 - TSARA KOMBA

ENJOY THE VERY FINE CUISINE WITH STUNNING VIEWS! >>>



DAY 15

TRAVELING BACK

Day 15: Tsara Komba – Nosy Be - Tana by private charter PA 28

Morning transfer to the airport by speed boat and road. Fly back to Tana with private charter (3hrs 15 min)
In Tana you will be met by an English speaking guide from MCC and assisted in checking in to your outbound international flight tonight.



“YOU CAN LEAVE AFRICA,
BUT AFRICA WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU”

Cost Includes

Airport assistance and transfers throughout.
Scheduled charter flights Tana – Mandrare – Fort Dauphin – Tana.
Private Charter flights with a PA 28: Tana – Nosy Be – Tana.
Transport in Antananarivo in air conditioned car.
All Transport in 4x4 vehicles.
All Inclusive of meals & all drinks in Mandrare River Camp (including imported wines & spirits) and Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge.
All meals as shown in the itinerary.
The services of an English speaking guide in Mandrare and Manafiafy.
All excursions indicated in the itinerary,
Park fees and community/environmental levies.

Cost Excludes

All international flights and visa fees or assistance unless otherwise specified.

All tips, drinks at Maison Gallieni, Relais des Plateaux, Tsara Komba and personal expenses.

Travel insurance, it is a condition that all clients travelling with AteleirAfrica must have appropriate travel insurance, including emergency medical evacuation cover.

We look forward to welcome you on African Soil!

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