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# Madagascar

Voyage to the East Coast + Ile aux Nattes



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8 night / 9 days

Theme: Adventure and Beach





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Travelling to **Madagascar** is above all a “Great Adventure”, a trip away from the beaten track, with amazing sites. You will experience something unique and exceptional.

Madagascar offers a combination of tropical wildlife and sandy beaches. The “Grande Ile” or “Ile Rouge” is a welcoming country, with its unique endemic fauna and flora it will not leave you unmoved...



## Voyage to the East Coast + Ile aux Nattes

This tour takes you from the highlands of Antananarivo down through the forested **Perinet** region and on to the flat coastal plains of Eastern Madagascar and the **Pangalananes Canal**.

You will certainly discover a wide variety of Lemurs and other endemic species. You will notice the difference between the landscape of the inland highland and coastal belt.

You will also be fascinated by the diversity of the population.

To finish, enjoy a beach stay on the unspoiled and magic Island of Ile aux Nattes on the south of Sainte Marie.

Days	Route	Transport	Activities	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1	Antananarivo	Road Transfer	Free	Pavillon de l’Emyrne	BB
Day 2	Antananarivo - Andasibe	Road Transfer	Andasibe Vakona Reserve Night walk	Vakona Forest Lodge	FB
Day 3	Andasibe	-	Mantadia National Park Lemur Island	Vakona Forest Lodge	FB
Day 4	Andasibe - Akanin’ny Nofy	Road & Boat Transfers	Free	Bush House Hotel	FB
Day 5	Akanin’ny Nofy	-	Village Betsimaraka Palmarium (optional)	Bush House Hotel	FB
Day 6	Akanin’ny Nofy – Tamatave – Sainte Marie – Ile aux Nattes	Boat & Flight Transfers	-	Maningory	HB
Day 7	Ile aux Nattes	-	On request	Maningory	HB
Day 8	Ile aux Nattes	-	On request	Maningory	HB
Day 9	Ile aux Nattes - Sainte Marie - Antananarivo	Flight Transfer	-	-	-



### **Day 1: Antananarivo (30mn - Transfer)**

Meet and greet on arrival by the Dodo Travel's staff at the airport and transfer to your Hotel. Depending on the time of arrival optional excursions can be organised during the day.

*Overnight at Pavillon de l'Emyrne (or similar)*

### **Day 2: Antananarivo – Périnet / Andasibe “Reserve” (3hrs - Transfer)**

After breakfast you will depart for the **Périnet / Andasibe “Reserve”**. After lunch, visit and walk thru the Vakona Private Reserve with its crocodile and other endemic species. Before dinner enjoy a night walk looking for the nocturnal creatures present in the Vakona Reserve.

*Lunch, Dinner and Overnight Vakona Forest Lodge (or similar)*

### **Day 3: Périnet / Andasibe “Reserve”**

After breakfast you will visit the Andasibe Reserve where you should see the Indri Indri, Madagascar's biggest Lemur. In the afternoon there will be a visit to Lemur Island, it is a small sanctuary where rescued and no longer wanted pet lemurs live in a semi wild state (the ones that were former pets are quite tame). An optional night walk is available.

*Dinner and Overnight Vakona Forest Lodge (or similar)  
Picnic Lunch*

### **Day 4: Périnet – Manambato – Akanin'ny Nofy (5hrs - transfer)**

Should you have not seen the Indri Indri the day before and if are an early bird, you may try your luck again before the departure to **Manambato**. Manambato a village in the edge of the Lake Rasoabe; after an hour cruising on the **Canal des Pangalanes** you will arrive in the Lake Ampitabe where the Bushhouse Hotel is located. Lunch will be served at the hotel and a wide range of excursions are available from the hotel.

*Lunch & Dinner and Overnight Bush House Hotel (or similar)*





## Day 5: Akanin'ny Nofy

Optional excursions either on foot or by boat are available. Enjoy a visit in the private reserve of Ansirakalaloty '**The Palmarium**'- an escorted visit during which you will be able to admire several species of lemurs and a stunning flora. Discover the Betsimisaraka fishermen village, with its school specially looked after by Bushhouse Hotel.

*Lunch & Dinner and Overnight Bush House Hotel (or similar)  
Picnic lunch or lunch*

## Day 6: Akanin'ny Nofy – Tamatave – Sainte Marie (90mn boat transfer + 20min flight transfer)

Transfer by boat to **Tamatave** by crossing the Pangalanes Canal. After disembarking in Tamatave you will be transferred to the airport to fly to the little paradise of Sainte Marie. There you will be transferred by boat to Ile aux Nattes.

*Dinner and Overnight at Maningory (or similar)*

## Day 7 and 8: Sainte Marie

From the hotel, fishing and diving can be organized and from July to September, whales watching. You can also rent a bike in Sainte Marie which is only 5 minutes away by pirogue and explore the island.

*Dinners and Overnights at Maningory (or similar)*

## Day 9: Sainte Marie - Antananarivo

After an early breakfast transfer to the airport by boat for your return flight to Antananarivo, on arrival transfer to your city hotel or onward arrangements.





**The Maningory Hotel** is located at ten minutes by boat from the airport, and at 20 minutes from the main village. It is particularly protected against the trade winds, which blow almost all the year long in the region. The most beautiful beaches of **île aux Nattes**, as well as the beaches in the southern part of Sainte Marie, are all situated on the western coast that is on each sides of the hotel, from which you can admire magnificent sunsets. From your private terrace, you will also be able to watch whales passing by from your terrace, during whale watching season (August-September). The coral reefs around the hotel will allow you to snorkel safely in the middle of several species and colours of fishes in calm waters. Actually, the fishing centre of the **Maningory** provides the restaurant staff with a wide variety of fresh fish everyday.

All the bungalows are made up of natural building materials, in a traditional way, perfectly integrated in the local vegetation, and are all curled up within a green garden populated with coconut palms and tropical flowers and essences. Every small huts offers all the comfort you need for the length of your journey; bathroom with hot water shower, wash basin and private toilets. They all have a private veranda facing the ocean, which will allow you enjoy beautiful sunsets. Each bungalow offers calm and tranquillity of the beautiful beaches shaded with coconut palms, and refreshed by a fresh breeze.

Home games are available, as well as excursions, diving and snorkelling for all levels, monitored by a French professional diver, Xavier; Alain, who is specialised in several types of seas over the world, will assist and guide you along sea excursions on request, and will put at your disposal the special facilities he has.

### **Perinet / Andasibe**

Situated in the province of Toamasina between 930m and 1040m of altitude the reserve is a complex of protected areas that can be visited individually or by group: **La Réserve Spéciale d'Indri** is a reserve especially for the Indri Indri Lemur and also contains other species as well as great Flora.

**The Vakona Reserve** is a private reserve owned by Vakona Forest Lodge and includes Lemur Island which is a great opportunity to get up close to Lemurs in a natural setting.

### **The Pangalanes**

This enormous stretch of smooth water goes on for 665kms (it starts north of Tamatave and goes down to Farafangana in the south). A multitude of lakes and natural lagoons are seen all along the canal. It is the primary North/South transportation route and allows the local villagers to carry their goods safely along the coast. You will also see deserted beaches and scattered forests with many orchids and traveller's trees as well as many birds along the canal.

### **Sainte Marie**

Situated on the east coast of Madagascar, Ste Marie, a haunt of pirates in the past, is still an island where the generous nature offers a view of what the paradise could be. It will know how to cast a spell on you that you find your stay there too short. Time has another dimension here, influenced by the "moramora" where the gentle way of life keeps us away from the bondage of the modern world. Every thing is quiet. It's multiple wild beaches, of rare beauty and not so much frequented, are places of dream to swim. Its submarine patrimony protected by a much extended coral construction renders the island a site for diving and fishing, a privileged place in the Indian Ocean.



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