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TRAVEL ITINERARY

Masoala, Anjajavy and Miavana

Madagascar



TOUR AT A GLANCE

Day	Location	Accommodation
01	Antananarivo	Grand Urban Hotel (DBB)
02	Masoala National Park	Masoala Forest Lodge (FI)
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05	Anjajavy	Anjajavy Villa (FB)
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08	Miavana Nosy Ankao	Miavana Villa (FI)
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11	Day of departure	

FB = full board (3 meals per day) BB = bed and breakfast DBB = dinner, bed and breakfast
 FI = fully inclusive (all meals, snacks and standard beverages) RO = room only



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Madagascar is home to one of the most unusual mammalian assemblages on Earth and is often referred to as the 'Eighth Continent'. Its exceptional fauna and flora have evolved over millions of years of isolation. Madagascar has a remarkable diversity of habitats and associated flora, covering an area of about 587 000km². It is the world's fourth largest island (after Greenland, New Guinea and Borneo), yet its variety rivals that of an entire continent. This legendary uniqueness is nowhere better reflected than in its mammals where every native terrestrial species, of which there are 148, is endemic to the island and found nowhere else on the planet! Apart from the amazing diversity of mammals, Madagascar is also world renowned for its endemic birds. Of the two hundred species regularly recorded here, no fewer than one hundred and forty are endemic or near endemic. But the wonder of Madagascar extends well beyond its mammals and its avifauna to the colourful chameleons and fascinating flora of this appropriately named "laboratory of evolution".

LOCATION: MASOALA NATIONAL PARK

3 NIGHTS

Masoala National Park is the largest protected area in Madagascar. A good variety of lemur species can be found in these forests and by day you have the chance of locating groups of White-fronted Brown Lemur and the highly sought-after Red Ruffed Lemur, which are confined entirely to the lowland rainforests of the Masoala. The Masoala is also an excellent place to find the beautiful Lowland Streaked Tenrec while you should also encounter Eastern Red Forest Rat. These forests are furthermore home to an amazing diversity of bird species which include a large variety of Vangas, Scaly and Pitta-like Ground Rollers, Madagascar Crested Ibis and Red-breasted Coua. The peninsula's most famous avian denizen however is the regal Helmet Vanga, which you stand a good chance of finding during your forest explorations. Other species that you may also find include a variety of snakes including Ground and Tree Boas and the stunning Panther Chameleon. Insects include the bizarre Giraffe-necked Beetle, superbly camouflaged giant stick insects and some exceptional caterpillars. Night walks here can be extremely interesting and with luck you may locate a few lemur species such as Seal's Sportive Lemur, Greater Dwarf Lemur, Brown Mouse Lemur and Eastern Fork-marked Lemur. There will also be plenty of time to enjoy the stunning coastline with walks along the beach, splendid snorkelling, kayaking and sundowners.



PHOTO CREDIT: RED RUFFED LEMUR AND HELMET VANGA BY SIMON BELLINGHAM

LOCATION: ANJAJAVY

3NIGHTS

Enjoying a remote and astoundingly beautiful location on Madagascar's northwest coastline, Anjajavy Reserve is a secluded fishing village made up of wilderness beaches and azure waters backed by a spectacular example of a dry deciduous forest and mangroves. There is some fantastic wildlife to be found in this 450 hectare reserve. One of the many highlights is the Valley of Baobabs. Undoubtedly, the most magical aspect of Anjajavy are the groups of delightful dancing and leaping Coquerel's Sifakas. It is absolute nirvana with up-close viewing of lemurs and many birds in the surrounding trees! Night walks are very productive – nocturnal lemurs include Golden Brown Mouse Lemur, Grey Mouse Lemur and Milne-Edwards Sportive Lemur. Other creatures that you may well encounter on your explorations include the Oustalet's Chameleon, Collared Iguana, Hairy Crabs and Girdle-Tailed Lizard to name a few. Among the avian highlights are the Madagascar Fish Eagle, Sacred and Madagascar Crested Ibis, Crested Coua, Sickle-Billed Vanga, Bee-eaters and hoopoes galore, and dozens of Grey-headed Lovebirds. This reserve is also known to have in excess of 1,800 flora species. One may also be lucky enough to spot the country's largest carnivore, the Fossa, which with similar features to large felines, is actually part of the mongoose family. This seductive, Puma-like animal roams the forest throughout the day and night. In these forested areas larger prey species, such as lemurs, often ambushed at night whilst asleep, may comprise more than half of the Fossa's diet.



PHOTO CREDIT: BROWN LEMUR BY ANJAJAVY AND FOSSA BY JIM JAMES

LOCATION: MIAVANA NOSY ANKAO

3 NIGHTS

Miavana is situated on Nosy Ankao, the largest of the five islands making up approximately 15,000 hectares of a reef-protected archipelago, which along with the adjacent mainland, makes up the Loky Manambato Protected Area. The islands are generously served with the fresh and warm Indian Ocean currents and protected by the reefs which surround them. Nosy Ankao has gorgeous views of the ocean as well as the picturesque foothills and mountains of the north eastern Madagascar mainland approximately 3.5 away. In the Malagasy language the name Miavana means "to bring together" and it is through great care, knowledge and charm that the people of this magnificent destination bring together the wild beauty of Madagascar. There is a treasure trove of bays, beaches and lagoons providing a perfect platform for 'Blue Safaris'; a wonderful mix of guided water and land activities. There may be opportunities to watch Turtles nesting and laying their eggs or perhaps even getting to witness the young Turtle hatchlings make their way down to the ocean. Forest walks provide fantastic views of some of the unique Lemurs of Madagascar, namely the Golden Crowned Sifaka, Crowned Lemur and the all-black Perrier's Sifaka. On a nearby deserted island Manamphao, one may also get to see one of the largest nesting Tern sites in the Indian Ocean. To compliment the wildlife, which also includes Whale, Dolphin and Manta Ray watching, scuba diving and snorkelling in the azure warm waters, along with kite surfing and fishing, at this island sanctuary, there are also paradisiacal powder white beaches and Madagascar's finest eco luxury lodge.



PHOTO CREDIT: OUSTALET'S' CHAMELEON AND GOLDEN CROWNED SIFAKA BY MIAVANA

ACCOMMODATION: GRAND URBAN HOTEL



The Grand Hotel Urban is a luxury hotel in the centre of Antananarivo, capital of Madagascar. With its meticulous decoration, the Grand Hotel Urban stands out for its colonial aesthetics that gives it an elegant, welcoming atmosphere. Located in the city's financial and business district, the Grand Hotel Urban is in an ideal location both for tourism and for business. The hotel has 45 rooms spread over 7 floors in which guests can enjoy the best comforts and conveniences to make their stay in Madagascar an unforgettable one. The rooms are welcoming, with elegant decoration, satellite TV and air-conditioning. One can enjoy all the hotel's facilities, like the bar, the restaurant, the skybar, the swimming pool and the massage room.

Rates include: Accommodation, dinner and breakfast

www.grandhotelurbanmadagascar.com

ACCOMMODATION: MASOALA FOREST LODGE



The spectacular rainforest covered peninsula on Madagascar's northeast coast forms the backdrop for Masoala Forest Lodge. Accessible only by foot or by sea, with a maximum capacity of just 12 guests, the lodge is a haven of tranquillity. A place to relax, explore and connect with the natural world in all of its primordial splendour.

Rates include: Full board accommodation, all non-alcoholic drinks, MFL's homemade flavoured rums and other local spirits, laundry service, road and boat transfers, private local guide, sunset cruise on the sailing pirogue, national park fees.

Activities include: Exploring the beach and coastal forest walks, snorkelling, sea kayaking, visit to the Tampolo River, traditional dugout canoe river trip and nocturnal walks

www.masoalaforestlodge.com

ACCOMMODATION: ANJAJAVY VILLA



Located on the West coast of Madagascar 120 Km North of Majunga, Anjajavy is a remote fishing village on an extraordinary peninsula. The hotel is made up of individual rosewood villas, all facing the sea. Villas are maintained at an ideal temperature by silent air-conditioning systems.

Ground floor : - Lounge - Queen size bed with cotton mosquito net - Bathroom with bath, hair dryer and separate lavatory - Table and chairs, kettle for the tea and refrigerator

First floor/mezzanine : Ideal for the children or guest room for two additional people - Loft room with table and chair - Twin bed

Terrace: - Large terrace - Hammock, deckchairs and table - Foot shower

Rates include: Full board accommodation

Activities include: Catamaran sailing, Snorkelling, Kayak or mangrove, Windsurfing, Swimming pool, Badminton, Volley Ball, Pétanque, Billiards, village excursion, guided walks in the forests including night walks, cave and grotto visits, birdwatching.

www.anjajavy.com

ACCOMMODATION: MIAVANA VILLA



With Madagascar's history created from a rich tapestry of diverse human immigrants and unique and endemic animal and plant species, it is fitting that this is reflected in the design of this island paradise. The natural elements of water, sand and air merge elegantly with luxurious interiors unique to Madagascar and local stone and palm branch bring texture to every corner of the Villa. Strung out along the island, each of the 14 Villas has direct access to the white sandy beaches, turquoise water and coral reefs. The colours of the sand, wood and water have been brought inside the Villas and appear in hand dyed curtains, hand crafted chairs, and light fittings resembling old glass buoys. Every 1, 2 and 3 master bedroom Villa has their own kitchenette, lounge, private deck and pool overlooking the Indian Ocean and Madagascar mainland in the distance. Each Villa also has an ensuited study which can be turned into a child's bedroom for up to 2 children under 18. The main 'piazza' or village has many attractions from the glittering infinity pool and rooftop bar, to your choice of private dining in the beach pizzeria, lounge or Italian-inspired indoor grotto and cellar. With one of the most sublime views in the world, it will be hard to leave the multitude of relaxing spaces and head out on one of the day's recommended activities. Unlock your imagination and explore the wealth of treasures we've collected from around Madagascar in our museum or Cabinet de Curiosites - from an elephant bird egg to dinosaur bones and sunken treasure.

Rates include: All meals, accommodation, shared island activities listed below, selected premium wine, champagne, top shelf spirits and bar drinks, laundry and service charge.

Activities include: Guided lemur trekking (and boat transfers to the mainland adjacent), forest walks, scuba diving around Miavana and scuba diving lessons, snorkelling, cultural visit on Miavana, boat cruises, shore based fishing and half day fishing trips, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, kite surfing, bicycling and the use of one electric buggy per Villa.