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Madagascar In-Depth

21 days, Antananarivo to Nosy Be

Trip code DMSN

What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Soa Zara Tree Planting Project, Ranohira
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group

- Your Local Living Moment: Community Guesthouse and Traditional Dinner, Fiadanana
- Your Discover Moment: Ifaty
- Andasibe Indri Special Reserve guided walk
- Artisan workshop visit
- Traditional healer visit
- Paper factory visits
- Anja Reserve walk
- Isalo National Park visit
- Amber Mountain National Park and Ankarana Reserve visits
- Nosy Komba & Nosy Tanikely boat tour
- Free Time in Nosy Be
- Internal flights
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing September 27th, 2019 and onwards

Itinerary



NOTE: Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

Antananarivo

Arrive at any time.

There are no planned activities until an evening welcome meeting. If you arrive early, we recommend speaking with the hotel reception to learn more about available activities around the area.

Please note, occasionally the following itinerary may have to be shuffled due to changes with the internal flight schedules. Typically, this results in shuffling days of the itinerary around and does not cause any missed activities, destinations or experiences.



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.



Optional Activities - Day 1

Queen's Palace Visit

Antananarivo

15000MGA

3h-4h

Belonging to a complex of seven monuments, the Queen's Palace (also called Manjakamiadana) was destroyed in a fire in 1995. Take a wander around the lasting stone walls of this site, 200m above the city centre. Admission includes entry fee and guide.

The Prime Minister's Palace Visit

Antananarivo

20000MGA

Located on the highest hill in Antananarivo, the Andafiavaratra Palace was the residency of Prime Minister Rainilaiarivony of Madagascar, who governed the island kingdom in the late 19th century. The site has now transitioned into a museum boasting over 1400 artifacts rescued from the fire at the Rova of Antananarivo, giving visitors insight into Malagasy history.

Tsarasaotra Bird Park

Antananarivo

25000MGA

Take a wander around this quiet park located near the city centre. Hang around the lake to catch a glimpse of this park's abundant aquatic bird life.

Antananarivo City Tour

Antananarivo

Follow a local guide on a tour of history-rich Antananarivo, the vibrant capital of Madagascar. Get to know the real "Tana" (as locals call it) on a 3-hour walking tour. Explore the colorful, bustling market, and sites such as the Cathedral, and Queen's Palace.

*Note: You will need to book pre-night to do this activity, due to this activity starts at 8 am on Day One. *

Day 2

Antananarivo/Andasibe

Travel to Andasibe-Perinet National Park with scenic stops en route. Stay in a quiet area near Andasibe and explore the Indri Special Reserve section of this massive area.

Depart the capital and continue east, with stops along the scenic rainforest route of world-renowned Andasibe-Perinet National Park.

Continue on to the national park. With free time over the next two days, opt to visit other small private or community reserves around Andasibe, and go on guided night walks inside those reserves or along the main road. Walk to the little town of Andasibe or simply enjoy the relaxing tranquility of the surrounding forest.

Our accommodation here are simple bungalows with shared facilities.

Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Antananarivo - Andasibe

4h

135km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Free Time

Andasibe

Spend time visit nearby reserves or relaxing in the forest.

Spend the day exploring this national park. Stay in a quiet area near Andasibe and explore the Indri Special Reserve section of this massive area.

Explore the Indri Special Reserve and national park located 1.5km (0.93 mi) from the town of Andasibe. One of the park's primary purposes is to protect the natural habitat of the indri, a large black and white diurnal species that feeds on leaves and fruit. In addition to the indri, the park has 10 other diurnal and nocturnal lemur species, large chameleons, and the rarely seen blue coua.

The flora is just as spectacular with numerous species of trees, palms, and orchids (which flower in October/November).

Today's Activities

Andasibe-Perinet National Park Guided Walk

Andasibe

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Free Time

Andasibe

Keep exploring or start relaxing— the choice is yours.

Optional Activities - Day 3

Vondron'olona Ifotony Reserve

Andasibe

45000MGA

1h-2h

Take a walk through this nature reserve. Managed by the locals in the area, this area works to preserve species of native plants and animals.

Mitsinjo Park

Antananarivo

35000-50000MGA

Experience the Analamazaotra rainforest. Take a walk through the paths and enjoy the native trees and flowers. Opt to take a view of the park from the top along the tree top canopies, and zip-line back

down! Please note that operational hours are irregular; speak to your CEO about booking this activity in advance.

Andasibe-Perinet National Park Guided Walk

Andasibe

75000MGA

1h-3h

Want to continue your rainforest exploration? Return to Andasibe-Perinet National Park in the afternoon for a walking tour led by a local guide for a chance to spot more animals.

Day 4

Andasibe/Antsirabe

Travel to the colonial city of Antsirabe, stopping to see rice paddies along the way.

Travel to the ancient colonial town of Antsirabe. Along this stretch of road you will see Merina tombs and the labour-intensive cultivation of rice paddies.

Antsirabe is known as a thermal city because of its volcanic lakes. It's also famous for its precious and semi-precious stones and handicrafts.

Opt to explore this quaint little city upon arrival.

Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Andasibe - Antsirabe

7h-8h

305km

Stop to visit some highlights along the way.

Visit Lake Andraikiba before continuing to the small village of Fiadanana. Opt to explore this beautiful village. Listen to a ghost talker, enjoy a stay at a community guesthouse, and dinner with a local family.

After a short visit to Lake Andraikiba, continue on to the small village of Fiadanana. This beautiful village is surrounded by breathtaking landscapes of rice fields and panoramic views of the nearby mountains.

Get to see how the villagers live by interacting with them and enjoy a chance to learn their rituals during an authentic community experience.

Accommodation is in a traditional style house that has been purpose-built to meet the needs of guests. There is a kitchen and a dining/lounge area to enjoy lunch or a drink, and a beautiful veranda overlooking the rice terraces. It is equipped with shared, basic shower facilities and outdoor toilets (a squat toilet and one western-style toilet). This accommodation is basic but, for one night, the experience of living like a local and staying somewhere unique and remote is worth it.



Meals included

Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Lake Andraikiba Visit

Antsirabe

Enjoy the views of beautiful Lake Andraikiba.

Private Vehicle

Antsirabe - Fiadanana

1h

25km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Walking

Betafo - Fiadanana

3h

5km

Lace up your shoes and get to the next stop under your own power.

Traditional Healer Visit

Fiadanana

Listen to a ghost talker to learn more about traditional healing and local legends.

ACTIVITY

Get to know how the villagers live by interacting with them and enjoy a chance to learn their rituals during an authentic community experience. While the accommodation was purpose-built to make room for guests, the building was prepared in a traditional style and still offers the interaction of staying in a typical family home.

Day 6

Fiadanana/Ranomafana

Learn traditional rituals from the local villagers. Hike back to the bus taking in the stunning views. Continue on to Ranomafana.

Enjoy a local breakfast and take in stunning views of Mt Ifasina.

After, hike back out to the bus (about 3.5km/2.2 mi) and continue to Ranomafana, a little village named after the hot springs in the valley.

The nearby national park is one of the most important mammal sites in Madagascar.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Walking

Betafo - Fiadanana

3h

5km

Lace up your shoes and get to the next stop under your own power.

Private Vehicle

Fiadanana - Ranomafana

7h

280km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 7

Ranomafana/Ambalavao

Opt for an early morning forest walk to get a feel for the incredible wildlife of the area, or explore on your own. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic journey heading south through Madagascar's wine-producing region.

In the morning go for a forest walk, a swim in a hot spring, visit the local town and market, or get a massage.

Enjoy the wonderful changes of landscape along the way to the pleasant rural town of Ambalavao.

Visit a little paper factory where the locals will share their traditional methods of producing this unique, hand-made paper.

If time allows, opt to visit a silk factory in town and learn about the local way of making fabric or clothing from silk, and the process of dyeing it with natural dyes.



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ranomafana - Ambalavao

3h30m

106km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Paper Factory Visit

Ambalavao

Ambalavao is famous for its "Papier Antemoro", a papyrus-type paper impregnated with dried flowers and sold throughout the island. Visit a little paper factory where the locals will tell us about the traditional methods used to produce this unique, hand-made paper. You can even buy some and use it to write letters to your friends and family back home.



Optional Activities - Day 7

Thermal Pool Swim

Ranomafana National Park

15000MGA

Take a dip into a pool heated naturally by the hot springs surrounding the Namorona River. Opt for a massage on site to deepen your relaxation.

Town Visit

Ranomafana National Park

Take a trip into town to get a feel for the local hustle and bustle. Stroll around the open market, or shop for a locally-made handicraft.

Silk Factory Visit

Ambalavao

2EUR

Visit a silk factory in town to learn about the local way of making fabric or clothing from silk and the process of dyeing cloth with natural dyes.

Morning Forest Walk

Ranomafana National Park

20-25EUR

Enjoy morning walk in the forest to see golden bamboo lemurs, greater bamboo lemurs, and other lemur species. There's a possibility of seeing reptiles such as the Madagascar boa, chameleons (the largest rainforest species being the Parson's chameleon), or the well-camouflaged leaf-tailed gecko.

Day 8

Ambalavao/Ranohira

Stop at Anja Community Reserve, known for groups of ring-tailed lemurs. Continue on through the ever-changing landscape to Ranohira and Isalo National Park.

Journey from Ambalavao to the Anja Community Reserve and on through diverse scenery. Travel through the savannah before the massif of Isalo becomes clearly visible.

Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ambalavao - Ranohira

4h

250km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Anja Reserve Walk

Ambalavao

Stop at the Anja Community Reserve, which known for having some of the most accessible groups of ring-tailed lemurs in the country. Enjoy looking at these fascinating creatures. Breathe in the fresh air and take in the view of the rice paddies.

Spend the day exploring Isalo National park on foot, stopping at a natural swimming pool and waterfalls. In the evening visit the G Adventures supported tree planting project near Ranohira, creating a green corridor to protect the biodiversity of Isalo National Park.

In the morning, pack a lunch to take into the park with you to eat during a picnic break later in the day - your CEO can help you arrange this.

After a short trek within a small canyon, take a break from the sun and stop at fresh natural swimming pool. Continue on to the "cascades", considered to be amongst the best waterfalls in Madagascar and has a large natural swimming pool.

With a little luck, you may see sifaka, brown lemurs, or ring-tailed lemurs.



Today's Activities

Isalo National Park Visit

Isalo National Park

7h

Spend a full day exploring this fantastic park on foot. After a short trek within a small canyon, take a break from the sun and stop at a fresh natural swimming pool. We continue on to the "cascades", which are considered to be amongst the best waterfalls in Madagascar and boasts a large natural swimming pool.

If you are lucky, you may see sifaka, brown lemurs, or ring-tailed lemurs. Between September and October (in the most arid zones), you can witness the pachypodium blooms.

You will be able to choose between a shorter and longer section of the trail depending on ability and the group will be split into group accordingly.

ACTIVITY

Help address one of Madagascar's biggest environmental concerns during today's tree planting activity. You'll learn about why deforestation is such a big problem in Madagascar, how it threatens to wipe out the country's unique biodiversity, and what we can do to stop it. Get hands-on as you plant indigenous trees alongside the rest of the group as part of a project initiated by local organization Soa Zara, who are working to protect the environment around the town of Ranohira through tree planting, conservation education, sanitation projects, and other initiatives.

Day 10

Ranohira/Ifaty

Drive through the desert landscape, viewing Mahafaly tombs and giant baobab trees en route. Continue to the beautiful Mozambican Channel beaches of Ifaty.

En route to Toliara, drive through the magnificent wide-open and vast desert landscape. Pass through several unique frontier-style sapphire mining towns, and babobab trees en route.

This drive will also pass by the tombs of the Mahafaly; a local tribe in Madagascar known predominantly for their large tombs. They were built for chiefs and kings and are covered in stones, sculptures, and horns. The more important the deceased, the more horns and statues the tomb is adorned with. One of the largest tombs has over 700 zebu horns! As this is a sacred site we will just be passing by, and photography is not permitted.

Continue on to Ifaty to relax and enjoy the breathtaking beaches of the Mozambican Channel.

While in Ifaty, opt to ride in a dugout canoe, visit the spiny forest reserve, go snorkelling or diving on the reef, or simply relax on the beach.



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ranohira - Ifaty

6h

250km

Make stops along the way to spot baobab trees and visit the Mahafaly tombs.

Spend a full free day enjoying this gorgeous area. Opt to do some hiking or hit the beach.



Optional Activities - Day 11

Dugout Canoe Ride

Ifaty

55000MGA

Head out in a traditional dugout canoe to see the area from a new perspective.

Quad Biking

Ifaty

290000MGA

4h-6h

Hop on an ATV to explore Ifaty. Rates will depend on duration, and if you'd like a guide to accompany you.

Fishing

Ifaty

30000-800000MGA

There are tons of different types of fishing opportunities available in this area. Speak to your CEO to learn more.

Reniala Spiny Forest Reserve Visit

Ifaty

65000MGA

Visit this unique ecosystem belonging to the last pieces of primary forests of Southern Madagascar. Learn more about the plant and animal life in the area, and gaze upon the largest baobab tree in Ifaty. Price includes entry fee.

Snorkelling

Ifaty

65000MGA

2h-3h

Grab a mask and some fins and check out what's living just under the water.

Enjoy another free day in Ifaty to partake in any of the optional activities you didn't have time for yesterday.



Optional Activities - Day 12

Fishing

Ifaty

30000-800000MGA

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Quad Biking

Ifaty

290000MGA

4h-6h

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Ifaty

65000MGA

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Day 13

Ifaty/Antananarivo

Travel to Toliara for a flight to Antananarivo and an optional last night out on the town.

Due to the unpredictability of local flights, if we are unable to secure your domestic flight, we will instead transport you in 4x4 vehicles. This journey can take approximately 10 hours.



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ifaty - Tulear

1h30m

30km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Plane

Tulear - Antananarivo

1h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Fly to Antsiranana and meet your group for second part of the tour.

The limited Air Madagascar flight schedule to Antsiranana can change at any time, and your CEO will have the most up to date flight information available to you, on your tour.



Today's Activities

Plane

Antananarivo - Antsiranana

2h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

You may be a seasoned pro at group travel by now, but there will likely be some new travellers joining the group. Sit in on the welcome meeting to meet the newest members of your group and learn about the next leg of your tour.

Day 15

Amber Mountain National Park

Drive to Amber Mountains National Park, with a full day to explore the various forest trails. Watch for lemurs, birds and reptiles and marvel at the many waterfalls and volcanic lakes.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Antsiranana - Montagne D'Ambre National Park

1h

30km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Amber Mountains National Park visit

Montagne D'Ambre National Park

5h-6h

Created in 1958, Montagne D'Ambre National Park was the first national park in Madagascar. This impressive park in northern Madagascar is one of the most diverse parks on the island, and is home to 25 species of mammal, 60 reptiles, and over 70 bird species. The day is spent exploring the tropical forests and tranquil waterfalls on a network of walking trails. Keep a look out for the ever present lemurs, but also some of the smaller inhabitants, including geckos, chameleons and butterflies.

Continue on to Ankarana Reserve, home to spectacular limestone 'tsingy' rock formations, underground rivers and sacred caves.

Accommodation for two nights are in bungalows right at the entrance to the park. There is a small restaurant and sitting area where you can enjoy dinner or a drink. The bungalows are basic, but clean, and the location is perfect for exploring the park.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Montagne D'Ambre National Park - Ankarana Reserve

3h30m-4h30m

150km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Ankarana Reserve visit

Ankarana Reserve

Explore the varied terrain in one of Madagascar's most rewarding hiking destinations. From patches of dense tropical jungle, to deep caves, canyons and the large limestone spires, known as 'tsingy', there are a variety of trails taking you deep into the park. The reserve is also home to a wide variety of lemurs, including the crowned lemur, and many reptile, frog and bird species.

Day 17

Ankarana Reserve

Continue exploring the Ankarana Reserve on foot.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 18

Ankarana Reserve/Nosy Be

Enjoy the scenic journey south to the small fishing village of Ankify, where we get a boat across to the island paradise of Nosy Be.

While the official name of Nosy Be, means "Big Island" in Malagasy, it is commonly referred to as Nosy Manitra, or "the Perfume Island", due to the fragrant Ylang Ylang and bougainvillea flowers found all over the island.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ankarana Reserve - Ankify

3h-4h

150km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Boat

Ankify - Nosy Be

Climb aboard and get your float on.

Day 19

Nosy Komba & Nosy Tanikely

Head out on a local pirogue to explore 'the lemur island' Nosy Komba, and the underwater paradise of Nosy Tanikely, a marine reserve.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Boat

Nosy Be

Climb aboard and get your float on.

Nosy Komba & Nosy Tanikely Excursion

Nosy Be

6h-7h

Located between Nosy Be and the mainland, Nosy Komba and Nosy Tanikely are famous for their beautiful beaches, shallow corals and teeming wildlife, both on land and in the water. Explore the quaint fishing villages of Nosy Komba, and venture into the forest to see the resident black lemurs, before diving into the clear waters surrounding Nosy Tanikely. Perfect for snorkelling, the clear, warm waters are alive with tropical fish, stingrays and turtles.

Day 20

Nosy Be

Spend the day enjoying this gorgeous area. Opt to do some hiking or hit the beach.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Nosy Be

Get active or get lazy– the choice is yours.

Day 21

Nosy Be

Depart at any time.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

What's included

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What are the main highlights of this trip?

Witness spectacular flora and fauna in the Indri Special Reserve, Spot up to 10 diurnal and nocturnal lemur species, Learn traditional rituals from local villagers, Visit a local paper factory in Ambalavao, See ring-tailed lemurs at Anja Community Reserve, Drive through desert landscapes en route to Toliara, See limestone "tsingy" rock formations in the Ankarana Reserve, Relax on the beaches of Nosy Be.

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How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 12

What meals are included in this trip?

8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private minibus, walking, plane, boat.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Simple hotels (17 nts), community guesthouse (1 nt, multi-share), huts (2 nts).

What are the joining instructions?

Please note that Day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned for that day other than your welcome meeting in the evening, so you can arrive at any time.

If you have pre-arranged an arrival transfer, look for the driver holding a G Adventures sign in the arrivals hall inside the airport terminal, the sign will not have your name on it, instead our driver will ask for your name as confirmation of your transfer with us. We recommend you to change your money at the airport into local currency, please ask your representative for help. Please avoid any help offered from porters in the airport as they demand compensation for their services and they can be misleading at times. Only accept help from your G Adventures representative.

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A G Adventures Representative will organize a short meeting soon after arrival, during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. A welcome note will be left for you in the hotel so you have all the necessary information regarding the meeting time. If you arrive late, s/he will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

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If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

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What should be on my packing list?

Health & Safety:

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.) Note: Please ensure you bring a breathable rain jacket if you are travelling to Madagascar between November and April where the climate is usually hot and rainy.

What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

Please note that upon arrival by air or by land to Madagascar, all non-Malagasy nationals must pay a fee of 120,000 Ariary (about 35 EUR/ 37 USD/ 27 GBP at time of writing) for a tourist visa of 30 days or less (adults and children). Payment for this can be made directly at the border or airport and all major currencies are accepted. We advise our travellers to ensure they have close to the exact amount needed in bills (plus a little extra to account for any fluctuations). Cash is preferred. Any change will be given in Malagasy Ariary.

If you arrive into Ivato Airport (Antananarivo), you should make your way to the border control desk closest to the Direction Generale des Impots (DGI) Office where there is an electronic sign indicating the cost of the visa.

The information above is accurate as of February 22nd, 2018, however we always advise our travellers to check with their Embassy/Consulate for the most up-to-date information as fees and policies frequently change. It is the travellers responsibility to have the correct travel documentation.

IMPORTANT NOTE

It may be required to show a Yellow Fever certificate upon entering the country. Please check in with your local consulate and health expert for advice on Yellow Fever and other inoculations required for this area.

What activities are optional on this trip?

Antananarivo

- Queen's Palace Visit (15000MGA per person)
- Tsarasaotra Bird Park (25000MGA per person)
- Mitsinjo Park (35000-50000MGA per person)
- The Prime Minister's Palace Visit (20000MGA per person)
- Antananarivo City Tour

Andasibe

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- Andasibe-Perinet National Park Guided Walk (75000MGA per person)

Ranomafana National Park

- Thermal Pool Swim (15000MGA per person)
- Town Visit
- Morning Forest Walk (20-25EUR per person)

Ambalavao

- Silk Factory Visit (2EUR per person)

Ifaty

- Dugout Canoe Ride (55000MGA per person)
- Fishing (30000-800000MGA per person)
- Snorkelling (65000MGA per person)
- Quad Biking (290000MGA per person)
- Reniala Spiny Forest Reserve Visit (65000MGA per person)

How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

Dossier Disclaimer

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VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

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