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MADAGASCAR



Day 01 LONDON

Depart London Heathrow flying with Kenya Airways.



KQ0256 Economy Dep: London Heathrow 18:25 Arr: Nairobi 05:00 (+1 day)



Day 02 NAIROBI - ANTANANARIVO

Arrive into Nairobi and meet an onward flight.



KQ0263 Economy Dep: Nairobi 11:20 Arr: Antananarivo 14:40

Arrive into Antananarivo. Clear customs and immigration formalities.

Madagascar Visas:

You can get a 30-day tourist visa for a fee (payable in cash in Malagasy Ariary, US dollars or Euros) at the airport on arrival. Make sure an entry stamp is recorded in your passport. A tourist visa has a maximum validity of 3 months and isn't extendable.

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Le Relais de Plateaux

1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night

Conveniently located close to the international airport, this comfortable hotel is spread over expansive grounds and has a large heated outdoor pool. The restaurant serves food from 06:00 to 22:00 with early breakfast and food for late arrivals on request. All 42 rooms are fitted with a flat screen TV (with satellite channels), free wireless internet, minibar, air-conditioning and large en-suite bathrooms.





Day 03 ANTANANARIVO - ANDASIBE

After breakfast, meet your private driver with private vehicle.

Please Note:

Entrance fees and specialist local guides are included for all visits mentioned.

Drive to Andasibe and your hotel. You will stop at the Pyereras Reptile park on the way and take a walk into the forest with two species of lemurs; the Coquerel's Sifaka and the Common Brown Lemur. Afterwards, continue on to Andasibe and your hotel.



Vakona Forest Lodge

1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

Only 7km from the park entrance, this lovely lodge has 28 en-suite bungalows scattered throughout the pleasant grounds. Located in its own small reserve, there is a swimming pool, bar, dining room and restaurant with a terrace overlooking a small lake. There are a number of walking trails around the reserve and the lodge boasts its own 'lemur island'.





Day 04 ANDASIBE

Morning visit Andasibe National Park with local guide.



Andasibe (Perinet) is one of the most visited reserves in Madagascar. This reserve, together with Mantadia, makes up the Andasibe Mantadia National Park. This area of damp montane forest is home to a variety of lemurs, birds and chameleons.

The park is particularly noted for its large number of Indri Indri, a black and white teddy bear like lemur which can grow over a metre tall. These creatures are very agile and athletic, often leaping large distances and have a haunting cry that maybe be heard several kilometres away. To the north, the reserve of Mantadia has rugged walking trails through primary rainforest and a diversity of wildlife. Birdwatching is particularly good with a number of rare species including Ground Rollers and the Red Owl.

Afternoon visit to the Vakona Private Reserve with local guide.



The nearby Vakona Private Reserve gives you a chance to glimpse a fossa, a mongoose like animal which is Madagascar's largest carnivore. Located in this private reserve, 'Lemur Island' offers some of the best opportunities to photograph lemurs in all of Madagascar. The exceptional close-up lemur viewing, here you can feed these friendly creatures as they jump on your shoulders!



Day 05 ANDASIBE - ANTSIRABE

Drive westwards back towards 'Tana and then head south to Antsirabe.

Plumeria Hotel

1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night

This comfortable hotel is located in the centre of Antsirabe and offers a total of 27 rooms equipped with private terrace, private en-suite bathroom and complimentary Wi-Fi. There is also a Spa and restaurant.



Antsirabe, located in Madagascar's Central Highlands, is a delightful colonial spa town and which still boasts a faded grandeur from its glory days of the past. The baths are still here and hundreds of people a day still visit to bath in the hot spring waters. This bustling town has pleasant tree-line boulevards and colour is added from the busy markets and many passing tradesman.



Day 06 ANTSIRABE - RANOMAFANA

After breakfast, drive southward through the highlands and across its beautiful terraced rice-fields to Ranomafana and your hotel. En-route, the landscape you pass is dominated by rice fields, forest of pine, eucalyptus, valleys, rocks and hills.



Centrest Sejour

1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

This is the closest hotel to the village and it is conveniently located for those who wish to wander around and explore, as it is situated on the edge of Ranomafana National Park. There are panoramic views over the village and to the other side, the rainforest-clad mountains. The small garden is lush and verdant. The main hotel building houses the standard rooms with tiled floors and en- suite bathrooms, fans and mosquito nets.



Day 07 RANOMAFANA

Day exploring Ranomafana National Park with local guide.



Covering an area of primary and secondary rainforest running down Madagascar's east coast, Ranomafana National Park was originally created to protect the Rare Golden Bamboo Lemur, discovered here in 1986. The wealth of wildlife includes 12 species of lemur and a variety of reptiles, butterflies and insects which can be enjoyed from a number of walking trails. The name Ranomafana means 'hot water', so if the walking gets too strenuous relax, in the country's finest hot springs or take a refreshing dip in the Namorona River. Night walks will reward you with a whole host of nocturnal activity.





Day 08 RANOMAFANA - ANJA - ISALO

Continue south and en-route visit to Anja Reserve with local guide. This park is run by the locals and part of the incomes is used to develop the community (school, agriculture, health centre). Anja is also known for its ring-tailed lemurs which populate this forest.



Continue to Ambalavao and pass through the mountain chain of Andringitra, which serves as a transition between the dry south and green highland. Pass the 'Bishop's Hat' which used to be a sacred place for the local people, as it is a place where their ancestors preferred to commit a collective suicide rather than surrender to the Merina tribes during the conquest.

Satrana Lodge

1 x Standard Tent on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

Satrana Lodge has 30 standard tents and 10 luxury tents all on wooden platforms with thatched roofs. All are en-suite and have a large terrace with absolutely stunning views! Each room also has a private outdoor shower which is an experience not to be missed. The main lodge has an excellent restaurant and lovely swimming pool area, perfect for relaxing around when not out enjoying the local wildlife.



**Day 09** ISALO

Day exploring Isalo National Park with local guide.



Like a fun sized Grand Canyon, Isalo National Park is a stunning and unique landscape carved out of sandstone. Considered to be a sacred place, the Bara Tribe seal their coffins into the cliffs with mounds of stones. Shaped by the wind over millennia, this is a barren paradise of unusual rock formations, canyons, gorges and grasslands. Hiking on one of the many trails you will discover unusual flora and fauna; the park is home to Ringtail, Brown and Sifaka Lemur as well as rare Elephant Foot Plants.



Day 10 ISALO - ZOMBITSE - IFATY

After breakfast, drive south to Tulear and onward to Ifaty. Stop en-route at Zombitse National Park and enjoy have a short walk inside with local guide.

Le Paradisier

1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

Located opposite the lagoon of Ifaty and around an hour's drive from Tulear, Le Paradisier is a charming and tranquil property that is ideal for relaxation. The sea facing bungalows are bright and spacious and have decked patios from which to enjoy the sound of the waves. The restaurant serves local delicious local seafood and there is a stunning infinity swimming pool. Activities bookable locally include mountain biking, whale watching (in season), snorkelling, diving and visits to the nearby nature reserve of Reniala.



Days 11 - 12 IFATY

Days at leisure to relax. Optional tours and visits to the Reniala Nature Reserve can be arranged locally.





Day 13 IFATY - TULEAR - ANTANANARIVO

Private transfer to the Tulear Airport to meet an onward flight with Air Madagascar.



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Air Madagascar:

Schedule changes can and often do occur with Air Madagascar. Our local office will always be on hand to reconfirm flight times and make any necessary arrangements should there be delays or changes to your itinerary caused by a change in the flight schedule.

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Le Relais de Plateaux

1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night



Day 14 ANTANANARIVO - NAIROBI - LONDON

Early morning private transfer to the airport to meet return flights with Kenya Airways via Nairobi.



KQ0260	Economy	Dep: Antananarivo 03:25	Arr: Nairobi 06:50
KQ0100	Economy	Dep: Nairobi 09:30	Arr: London Heathrow 15:30

Arrive back into London Heathrow.

HOLIDAY COST

From £2,995.00 per person

A deposit of around 20% is usually required to secure a booking

Includes

- Flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Accommodation as listed.
- Transfers and transport as listed.
- Meals as listed.
- Entrance fees and local guides for visits mentioned in the itinerary.
- Government taxes and park fees.

Excludes

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Visas.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please Note

- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

Booking Conditions

- A deposit of around 20% is usually required to secure a booking.
- The final balance would be due 10 weeks prior to departure.
- You can review our full booking conditions at: www.distinctiveafrica.co.uk.

Passenger Information & Additional Notes

- Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Madagascar.
- Make sure you have two blank pages in your passport on arrival.
- Please be aware the standard of accommodation, service and food in Madagascar can be significantly lower than in other destinations in the Indian Ocean.
- There is no risk of yellow fever in Madagascar, however, there is a certificate requirement.
- Under International Health Regulations (2005), a certificate of yellow fever vaccination is required from travellers over 1 year of age arriving from or having passed through countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and for travellers having transited through an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever.

Financial & Consumer Protection

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