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THE BEST ROAD TRIP

13 days / 12 nights

November 2021

The starting point of this tour is from the most beautiful lagoons of this Great Island, Ifaty, in the country of Vezo sea nomadic fishermen. We travel across large plains of palm trees and baobabs to join the ruiniform massif of Isalo. The highlands crossing offers to travelers another face of Madagascar, marriage of rice and water. The second part is the west coast of Madagascar between the coastal city of Morondava and Tsingy of Bemaraha. In this beautiful and wide peneplain, baobab is the king, punctuating the landscape by its tall and massive presence, Baobab Avenue is an excellent representation.



Highlights

- Relax in front of the turquoise lagoon of Ifaty;
- Hike in the beautiful Isalo national park;
- Meet the lemur catta in the Anja reserve;
- Discover lemurs of the rainforest in Ranomafana;
- The amazing diversity of landscapes of the Highlands;
- Adventures in the amazing Tsingy of Bemaraha;
- Sunset cocktail at the Baobabs Avenue;

Travel identity card

- Duration: 13 days
- Support crew: English Malagasy guide
- Accommodation: The best hotels of the sites
- Transport: 4WD, minibus or bus
- Period: From May to November

Day 1 – Antananarivo --- Arrival



Welcome by the guide at the hall at the airport.

Transfer to our hotel in town.

Your accommodation in Antananarivo: www.hotel-palissandre.com

Day 2 - Antananarivo > Tulear > Ifaty



Meet your guide and drive to the airport of Antananarivo. We assist you to check in for domestic flights to the south west of Madagascar.

Meet the staff of the hotel in Toliary airport and then we head to Ifaty. Afternoon at leisure by the seaside facing one of the most beautiful lagoons in Madagascar.

Distance: 30 km **Duration:** +/-1h drive; 1h15 flight

Your accommodation in Ifaty : www.lesdunesdifaty.com

Day 3 - Day at leisure at Ifaty lagoon



You can explore different activities from the hotel during the day at leisure on the edges of Mozambique Channel. If you want to make the most of the sea and the lagoon: diving, dugout ride with Vezo fishermen, swim or just leisure. Hikers can discover the inland, specific and extraordinary vegetation composed of euphorbia, baobab, didieracea; aloes ... those with thorns are kings in the south.

Your accommodation in Ifaty: **THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DAY**

Day 4 - Ifaty > Tulear > Ranohira



We leave the Mozambique Channel to go inland till Ranohira at the gate of Isalo National Park. We make a quick stop in Tuléar market and buy fruits for the road. We also discover Mahafaly typical tombs on the way.

We pass through Ilakaka where a sapphire rush attracted more than 100,000 people in the 2000s. The fever has dropped down nowadays. We find large plains with palms and baobabs before we get a first approach to Isalo ruiniform massif.

Distance: 280 km **Duration:** +/- 6h drive

Your accommodation in Ranohira: www.satranalodge-madagascar.com

Day 5 - Visit of Isalo National Park



A short drive to join Isalo foothill. We start the walk quietly with a small rucksack, through impressive landscape, canyons, natural pool and magic rock erosions. Isalo ruin form massif is a continental sandstone plateau from Jurassic era. There are many rock formations with different shapes here. Nature has adapted to the dry climate. This park has a different ecosystem, endemic rupicolous flora such as Aloe, Euphorbia, Pachypodium and Kalanchoe ... We picnic in the Tapia forest. Some walks are possible around, going up to summits gives splendid view.

NB: Walk pace and duration depend on clients (minimum 2h). The guide will advise you.

Duration: from 2 to 6 hours of visit, depending on you!

Your accommodation in Ranohira: THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DAY

Day 6 - Ranohira > Anja reserve > Ranomafana



We go to meet the Highlands of Madagascar after crossing the the dry and arid huge plateau of horombe, and left behind us the village of Ihosy. Here the landscape changes completely. Visit the reserve of Anja nestled against huge granite monoliths in a gallery forest nestled between spectacular rocky chaos. Beautiful colonies of lemurs live here, the Makis. The revenues of the reserve are managed by the association Anja Miray to feed socio-economic projects in favor of the villagers. Visit of the craft factory of the paper Antemoro

before going until Fianarantsoa and then Ranomafana.

Distance: 330 km **Duration:** +/- 7 h drive +/- 2 h of visit

Your accommodation in Ranomafana: www.thermal-ranomafana.mg

Day 7 – Ranomafana National Park - visit > Ambositra



With our guide, we go for a pedestrian excursion in the park of Ranomafana, in search of the exceptional fauna which lives in the heart of this dense forest, but also to meet the extraordinary flora of the place, among which quite unique botanical species, which grow only in this park. We then return on the RN7 to reach the city of Ambositra.

NB: Provide a rain cape for the visit.

Distance: 173 km **Duration:** +/- 4h drive +/- 4 h of visit

Your accommodation in Ambositra: ARTISAN HOTEL

Day 8 – Ambositra > Miandrivazo



After the breakfast, we take the RN7 again. Our route passes through the villages of Betafo and Mandoto. We make a small stop to see, from the bridge, the gold seekers. We are in the Middle West, in the region of Itremo. Arrival at the village of Miandrivazo, and stroll around the market and small stalls in the alleys. From the upper part of the city, we have a panoramic view of the valley, where the rivers Sakeny, Mahajo and Manio join the river Tsiribihina.

Distance: 330 km **Duration:** +/- 6 h drive

Your accommodation in Miandrivazo: https://www.princesse-tsiribihina.com/?lang=en_us

Day 9 – Miandrivazo > Morondava



We left Miandrivazo to continue to Morondava, the country of Sakalava. This road has been recently improved, we pass through beautiful landscapes of savannahs and many villages. The rice plains of the Menabe pass along our way. The journey is accompanied by photographic breaks and small stops to meet people. As time goes by, the scenery changes, the arid landscape of the Sakalava middle-west and the mountains peeled by erosion take place. At the approach of Morondava, the baobabs appear. Arrival in Morondava in the afternoon. We are on the seafront!

Distance: 275 km **Duration:** +/- 6h drive

Your accommodation in Morondava: <http://www.palissandrecoete-ouest.com>

Day 10 – Morondava > Bekopaka



Have breakfast at the hotel.

We drive out of Morondava towards the famous “Allée des Baobabs” on the way to Kirindy. We spend our time there and get some nice shots of the splendid scenery. Then we are heading north and drive on an uncomfortable but the only land track to the Park classified as a World Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. We go across Tsiribihina and Manambolo Rivers by a small car ferry before we arrive at Bekopaka village.

Distance: 200 km **Duration:** +/- 8h drive (depending on the ferry boat)

Your accommodation in Bekopaka: SOLEIL DES TSINGY View on website: www.soleildestsingy.com

Day 11 – Tsingy of Bemaraha - 1 day visit



This is one of the most extraordinary sites!

TSINGY is a real cathedral of limestone, this dense network of faults, cracks and blocks of limestone carved in blades is one of the most spectacular landscapes of Madagascar. The formation of this massif of the middle Jurassic began there is 200 million years, during the period when the sea still recovered this region of Bemaraha. Then this immense plate of corals and shells lifted up itself. Exposed outdoors since 5 million years, the rain, with its work of erosion

sculptured the rest.

Duration: from +/- 3 to 6h walk

Your accommodation in Bekopaka : THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DAY

Day 12 - Bekopaka > Morondava



We head back to Morondava on the same way we came in; and cross Manambolo and Tsiribihina rivers by ferry again. It can take a little time sometimes... We pass through the famous “Allée des Baobabs” just before we get to Morondava town. We are there at the right time, the sun is low, raking light, and smooth trunks reflect the orange rays of the sun. Great pictures in perspective. We returned to town, Morondava, and we settled into our hotel by the sea.

Distance: 200 km **Duration:** +/- 8h drive (depending the ferry boat)

Your accommodation in Morondava: <http://www.palissandrecoete-ouest.com>

Day 13 – Morondava > Antananarivo

Transfer to the airport by the hotel.