



# The Deep South - Journey To The Land Of The Thorn People

**Offer ID:** UAM-17

**Length of Time:** 11

**Price from:** 2250 €

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## Travel Days

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<p><b>Day 1 - Arrival in Antananarivo</b></p> <p>After completing the visa formalities, you will be picked up by one of our guides or by us directly at the airport. Depending on the arrival time, either a hotel transfer and well-deserved rest are on the agenda, but if time allows, various activities will also be offered. Overnight at "Villa Sibylle"</p>	

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<p><b>Day 2 - Domestic Flight to Tulear and Sarondrano</b></p> <p>Boarding a plane to reach Tulear, we pass by many fishing villages along the dusty runway that runs along the coast. We are right under the Tropic of Capricorn. The southern regions (from Tulear to Fort Dauphin) are of great interest to visitors and botanists due to their unique vegetation (dwarf baobabs, euphorbias, aloe, etc.).</p> <p>After Tulear, we head south on a sandy track through remote areas. As we approach the Sarondrano peninsula, stretching between sand dunes and mangrove forests into the turquoise lagoon, the excitement builds.</p> <p>One of the most pleasant guesthouses I know on the island lies between Tulear and Saint Augustin - the "Résidence Eden Lodge". It's still a hidden gem, but word is spreading fast, and accommodation options are limited. Don't miss the chance to stay at Hotel Résidence Eden Lodge.</p>	 <p>© Pierre Koval</p>

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<p><b>Day 3: From Saint Augustine to Anakao</b></p> <p>On the third day, you will take a boat to Anakao. You will cruise over the mouth of the Onilahy river on a two-hour boat ride directly <b>to the golden sand beach of Anakao</b>. While in Anakao, you can enjoy <b>the long sandy beach with many picturesque fishing boats</b> as well as the surrounding area. Dinner is planned at the hotel. Spend the day on the coast as you please, we recommend a visit to the nearby island of Nosy Ve inhabited by rare frigate birds or a stop at the flamingo colony near Saint Augustine before reaching Anakao.</p>	

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#### **Day 4: From Anakao to Tsimanampetsotsa National Park and Itampolo**

On the fourth **day of your journey through Madagascar**, you will immerse yourself in the magnificent Tsimanampetsotsa National Park. Explore this exceptional park with a 4x4 vehicle and start by making a detour to the Soda Lake. There, you will encounter numerous pink flamingos, radiated tortoises, baobab trees, and the playful lemurs known as Kattas. Don't forget to visit the extraordinary blind cave fish in its sacred grotto - an experience you will never forget.

After an extensive **tour of the National Park**, continue your journey southward. Itampolo is the next stop on your route, home to one of Madagascar's most beautiful beaches that welcomes you with its unique charm. Spend the evening at the best accommodation in Itampolo, enjoying the original decor, delicious meals at the restaurant, and the truly **exceptional ocean view** that will surely inspire dreams.



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<p><b>Day 5: From Itampolo to Ampanihy</b></p> <p>After a hearty meal, we head into the so-called Thorn Desert, a place where water is a precious commodity. Enjoy the <b>breathtaking scenery</b> of this stretch and don't forget to have your camera ready to capture these unique <b>images for eternity</b>. In Ampahiny, a small town famous for its craftsmanship and mohair wool carpets, our journey for the day comes to an end. The <i>Hotel Angora</i> awaits you with its <b>charming atmosphere</b> and a well-stocked restaurant.</p>	

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<p><b>Day 6: From Ampahiny to Betanty to Faux Cap</b></p> <p>On the sixth day of your <b>Madagascar journey</b>, you will be traveling on roads that are not particularly well-paved, so be prepared for a bumpy ride. Heading further south, you will be greeted by the elaborately decorated Mahafaly tombs on both sides of the road, as well as the numerous, sometimes bizarrely shaped <b>Baobab trees</b>, which will more than make up for the slightly rougher ride.</p> <p>After a brief stop in Tsihombe for a simple lunch, you will continue on to Betanty. Betanty is located at <b>Faux Cap</b>, which translates to "false cape". Enjoy the <b>bizarrely shaped coastline</b> and immerse yourself in a world that seems far removed from anything you have seen before. Accommodation for the night is at <i>Libertalia</i>, a cozy and family-friendly bungalow complex.</p>	

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<p><b>Day 7: From Betanty to Cap St. Marie National Park and Ambovombe</b></p> <p>After breakfast, we will head towards Cap St. Marie National Park, where you will encounter numerous <b>unique creatures</b> such as radiated tortoises and even crocodiles. A knowledgeable guide will lead you on a walking tour through the park, showcasing all the local attractions on a well-planned itinerary. During your <b>time in the National Park</b>, there will also be plenty of time for a leisurely and nourishing picnic. Afterwards, we will continue by car to <b>Ambovombe</b>, where you will be staying at the <i>Oasis</i> Hotel. For dinner, we will visit the best restaurant in town.</p>	

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<p><b>Day 8: From Ambovombe to Fort Dauphin</b></p> <p>On the eighth day of your journey, you will be heading to the city of Fort Dauphin. After breakfast, you will notice the <b>dramatically changing vegetation</b> as you make your way towards the city. The road will be surrounded by more and more tall mountains, shaping the landscape. Numerous sisal plantations offer <b>breathtaking views</b>. Fort Dauphin, also known as Tolagnaro, is a <b>vibrant port city</b> with plenty of attractions and activities to offer. You can climb Pic Louis for an extraordinary view of the surrounding landscape or stroll through <b>the bustling streets of the small port city</b>. If you need more inspiration to make the most of this day of your <b>Madagascar vacation</b>, feel free to reach out to us. The Hotel Lavasoa will be hosting you for the night, while you enjoy dinner at <i>Talinjoo</i>, one of the best restaurants in the region.</p>	

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<p><b>Day 9 and 10- Fort Dauphin and Surroundings</b></p> <p>Fort Dauphin is one of the most attractive and beautiful cities in Madagascar, located in the deep south of the island on a narrow peninsula surrounded by the stunning Anosy mountain range dominated by Peak St. Louis. Breathtaking views of the azure Indian Ocean. Libanona Beach is a beautiful beach, while Monseigneur Beach is a surfer's paradise. Whale watching is possible daily in June and July. Lokaro Beach is 40 km from the city and is considered one of the most beautiful beaches on the island, perfect for snorkeling and swimming. The Nahampoana Reserve is also highly recommended for a day trip. A magnificent tropical environment on a vast area with bamboo forests, streams, rivers, and abundant wildlife sightings, mainly lemurs and birds.</p>	

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<p><b>Day 11: From Fort Dauphin to Antananarivo</b></p> <p>On the eleventh day of this individual trip, you will fly back to Antananarivo. Alternatively, you can extend your journey and we can put together a travel package for you to drive back to Antananarivo. This drive requires an extension of at least eight, preferably nine days, as road conditions can be challenging at times. Feel free to contact us for more information.</p>	 A scenic coastal view featuring a calm blue sea in the foreground, a sandy beach curving along the right, and a range of green mountains in the background under a clear sky. In the lower right foreground, several tall, spiky tropical trees, likely papaya trees, frame the view. A small, distant boat is visible on the water.

## Facts & Figures

### Facts and Figures about the Tour

Just like all our tour suggestions, we offer you a **maximum of flexibility** and accommodation. Almost all stops on the journey can be customized to suit your preferences.

A similar tour is the [\*\*Pracht der Pisten East\*\*](#) and the [\*\*Pracht der Pisten "terra incognita"\*\*](#) where this journey is already included and not charged separately.

We also offer the option to integrate the return trip to Antananarivo into the tour. Just let us know your wishes so that we can make your **trip to Madagascar** your **very own dream vacation**.

Below, we present you with a breakdown of the services included in this trip as well as the total costs.

For maximum transparency, we have also included an overview of any additional expenses you may incur on-site or during the journey.

11-Day Day from Tulear to Fort Dauphin	Price per person
2 to 3 guests	€2250
4 to 5 guests	€2190
6 to 7 guests	€2120

<b>8 to 9 guests</b>	<b>€2050</b>
<b>10 guests or more</b>	<b>€1990</b>

## **Services**

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For single rooms, an additional charge of 480€ will be applied.

#### **Included in the base price:**

English-speaking tour guide

Logistics and support

Accommodation in specified hotels

Breakfast

Transfers and transportation as specified

4x4 vehicle with driver and fuel

Fees and entrance tickets to specified national parks

#### **Not included in the base price:**

Lunch, dinner, and drinks

Personal expenses

Individual leisure activities

Sightseeing and excursions upon request

National and international flights