Extreme RN5 - Tour For Experienced Slope Lovers To Drive Themselves

Offer ID: UAM-73

Length of Time: 13

Price from: auf Anfrage €

The journey is a fascinating mix of stunning and incredibly diverse landscapes. The east of Madagascar moves at its own very slow pace, showcasing its breathtaking beauty in a unique way.

Don't miss out on experiencing the captivating beauty of the east of Madagascar, where landscapes are incredibly diverse and stunning. Explore at your own pace and immerse yourself in the beauty of this unique region.

Travel Days

Day Description	Images
Day 1: Arrival in Antananarivo After completing the visa formalities, you will be picked up at the airport by one of our guides or the hotel directly. Depending on the arrival time, a hotel transfer and some well-deserved rest may be on the agenda, or if time allows, various activities are possible. The guesthouse is always located near the airport. Overnight stay at the "Villa Sibylle". Explore more about this hotel here.	

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Day 2: Antananarivo - Andasibe Start your day early as you drive east on the winding and well-maintained RN 2. Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to visit the famous private reserve "Madagascar Exotique" owned by the renowned researcher Andre Pereyras, where a surprising variety of reptiles, amphibians, and lemurs pose fearlessly for the camera in a nearby forest. Moramanga is the next stop before heading to the nearby area of Analamazoatra. Upon reaching the Andasibe National Park, you'll check into your accommodation and have the chance to listen to the distinctive calls of the Indri Indri lemurs, who often venture into the hotel grounds. Andasibe is likely one of the most visited places in Madagascar, with thousands of visitors coming each year to see the largest lemur species on the island.	

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Day 3: Andasibe- Mitsinjo Today, after breakfast, we will visit the Mitsinjo Reserve in Andasibe. During the several-hour hike, you will have the chance to see Indri-Indris and other highly rare animal and plant species. Upon returning to the hotel in the late morning, we will head to the famous "Vakona Zoo": on the Lemur Island, reached by boat, you will encounter numerous lemurs that were once rescued from illegal captivity and "rehabilitated" here. These animals, however, have lost all fear and may literally jump on visitors. Therefore, it is highly recommended to wear washable rain gear. The nearby forest is home to a large number of crocodiles, the rare "Fossa", and other zoological wonders of Madagascar.	

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Day 4: Andasibe– Tamatave-Mahambo Early in the morning, you will leave the rainforest and continue driving on the fairly busy road towards the east. After Brickaville, a small detour can be made to Manambato and Lake Rasoabe, if the condition of the track allows it. After a longer lunch break, you will continue on to Tamatave (Toamasina), the largest port city in Madagascar and the second largest city in the country. The road is surrounded by lush tropical vegetation. 60 km north of Tamatave, you will pass through Mahavelona (Foulpointe), a beach resort that has become popular mainly among the city dwellers as a holiday destination. Here, you can swim. A coral reef keeps the sharks away from the beach. On the other side of the road, a dense tropical forest begins.	

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Day 5: Mahambo – Fenerive Est – Sonierana Ivongo – Manompana Experience the wild landscapes as you travel through Fenerive Est, a small and typical town on the east coast surrounded by lush greenery. During the rainy season, the air is filled with the scents of cloves and cinnamon. Trees are abundant with mangos and lychees. As you wind through the curves near Sonierana Ivongo, you can catch a glimpse of the shadowy outlines of the island of Sainte Marie, located about 40 km east parallel to the coast of Madagascar. Sonierana Ivongo offers little in terms of attractions, with the road abruptly ending at the riverbank. However, it is a bustling town thanks to its port, serving as the starting point for ferries to the island of Sainte Marie (not included in this trip but can be arranged upon request). The same port is also the starting point for one of Madagascar's most impressive experiences. Follow the river north instead of east towards the	

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Day 6: Manompana and Surroundings This day starts with a peaceful boat ride to the starting point of the Ambodiriana Private Reserve, followed by a visit to the nearby coastal rainforest and a return to Manompana in the afternoon. If time allows and the sea is calm enough, a quick visit to the "Ile aux Sorciers" (Island of the Shamans) can also be planned. Rituals are still performed here today, and there are quite a few local taboos. Overnight stay at the "Au bon ancrage" hotel, located right on the bay.	

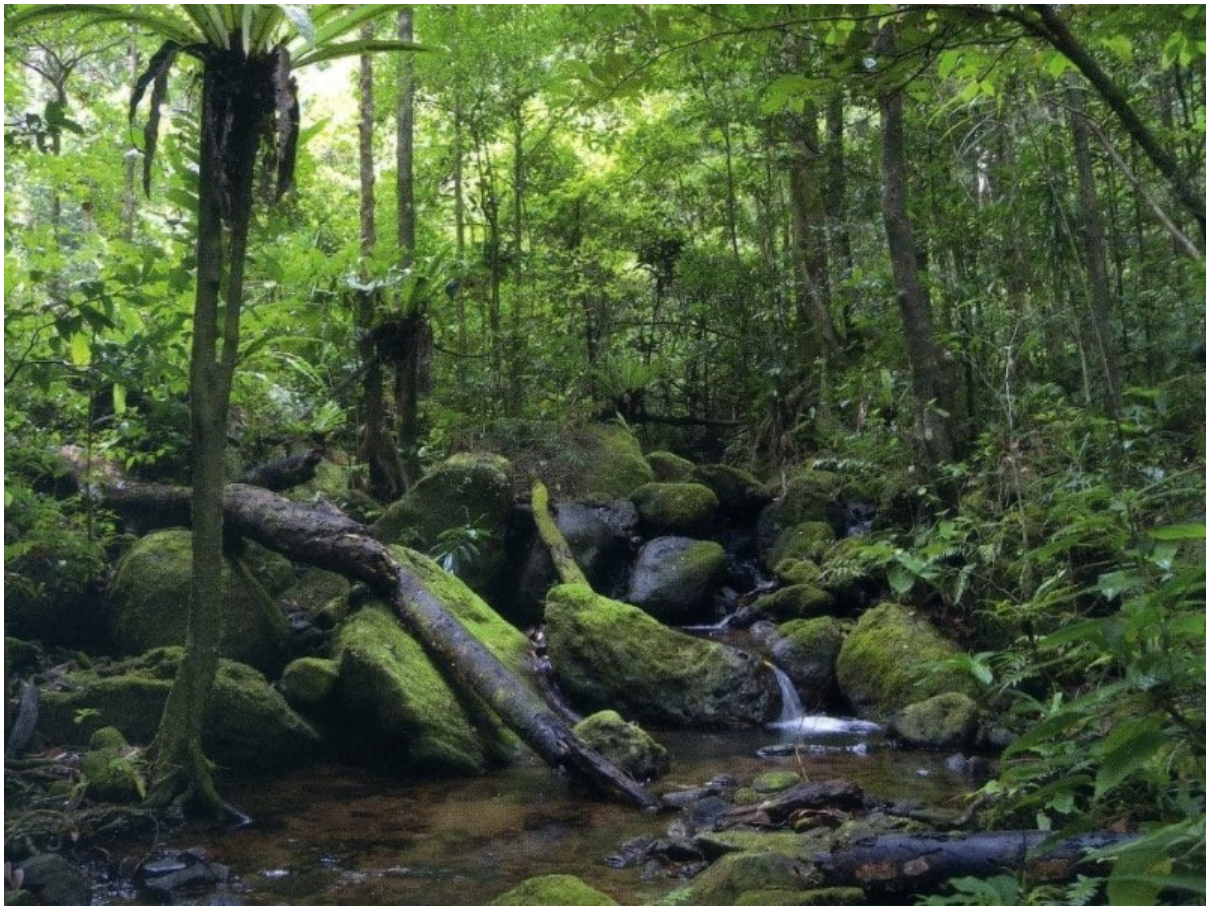
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Day 7: Manompana – Antanambe Today's journey covers a short 40 km distance, but the road conditions become significantly more challenging: river crossings, mud, bridges, along with breathtaking views of the ocean and rainforest on the other side of the road. Antanambe is a tranquil place that offers a lovely accommodation option. Stay overnight at the "Chez Grondin" hotel, situated right by the ocean.	

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Day 8: Antanambe – Mananara Nord National Park After breakfast, you will venture into a part of the vast reserve. Approximately 6 hours of hiking is on the agenda for today. Lunch will be served near a waterfall. Afterwards, you can spend the rest of the day at the beach. Dinner and overnight stay at "Chez Grondin".	

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Day 9: Antanambe - Sahasoa After breakfast, you will start off with a 15km drive on an extreme track, followed by a boat ride to the Marine Park of Mananara and the pristine island of Nosy Antafana. After visiting the National Park, you will return to Sahasoa. The adventurous day will end with a village visit and dinner with the Women Fishermen's Association in Sahasoa. Overnight stay at the "Women Fishermen's Association", no other accommodation options available.	

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Day 10 - Sahasoa – Mananara Nord This section is the most challenging of all. You are now on an extremely rough track, suitable for very few drivers and only with specially prepared off-road vehicles. Upon arrival in Mananara, you will check into your accommodation at the hotel. Then, you will visit the "Roger Island" to observe the rarest nocturnal lemurs in the world: the Aye Aye (Daubentonia Madagascariensis) reside here. Overnight stay at the "Aye Aye Hotel"	

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Day 11 bis 13: Maroantsetra Experience pristine and endless beaches with fine sand, fantastic landscapes, and an intact traditional culture in Maroantsetra. For the "elite" of hikers and nature lovers, Maroantsetra is also the starting point for a 5 to 7-day trekking tour that crosses the rainforest of the Masoala Peninsula, fully traversing the Masoala National Park. This area also provides the only overland access to the Vanilla Coast. The difficulty of accessing this region, both by land and by the small plane that flies to Maroantsetra, is directly related to the very low number of visitors. However, this guarantees the authenticity of this unique region, which will surely be preserved for a long time. While the adventure on land ends in Maroantsetra, other exciting experiences await you. This journey will be tailored to your wishes and expectations. **If you are interested, please contact us.** Our	

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Important Information A local and resident driver will be present throughout the entire journey, maintaining the status of a "captain on board" as they are familiar with the roads and driving conditions, able to assess situations and dangers much better. The driver has the right to take over the car if guests drive poorly or dangerously. Guests have the right to drive, except in the chaotic city of Antananarivo, as long as they do not endanger other individuals, themselves, the provided Toyota Landcruiser, or other vehicles. The stages are planned in a way that night driving should never be necessary. This tour is tailored to the wishes and expectations of the guests, so there is no fixed price. Please inquire directly for more information. It is possible to book this trip as an individual journey on your preferred travel dates.	

Facts & Figures

13-Day Extreme Adventure Tour

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2 to 5 guests	On request
6 to 8 guests	On request

Services

Included in the base price:

Logistics and guidance from an experienced English-speaking tour guide

An off-road vehicle with a driver for a maximum of 4 guests throughout the entire tour (including diesel)

All overnight stays in the specified hotels

Meals as per the program (breakfast) in very good restaurants

All transfers, rides including taxes as per the program

Not included in the base price:

Beverages, dinners, and lunches

Tips and personal expenses

Sightseeing and excursions with additional local guides and optional leisure activities

International and domestic flights