

# Andasibe - Alaotra Lake - Zahamena And Nosy Be

Offer ID: UAM-84

Length of Time: 17

Price from: 2780 €

For those who want to fully immerse themselves in the impressive nature of Madagascar, it is worth booking a trip to the lesser-known nature reserves on the island. There, fascinating animal and plant worlds await, far from mass tourism and package deals, in an almost completely untouched atmosphere. Explore the hidden gems of Madagascar's nature reserves and experience the beauty of untouched wilderness on your next Day trip.

## **Travel Days**

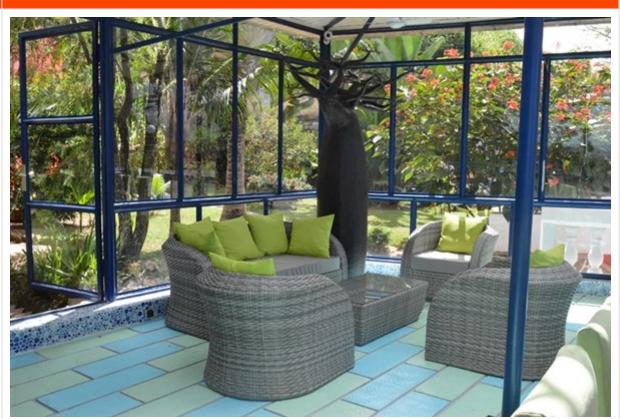
#### **Day Description**

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#### **Day 1: Arrival in Antananarivo**

On the first day, you will arrive in the capital city of Antananarivo by plane and will be picked up and assisted by us or one of our staff members.

Depending on your individual arrival time, a city tour in Antananarivo may be possible afterwards, otherwise you will proceed directly to overnight accommodation at the Villa Sibylle.



#### **Day 2: Antananarivo-Andasibe**

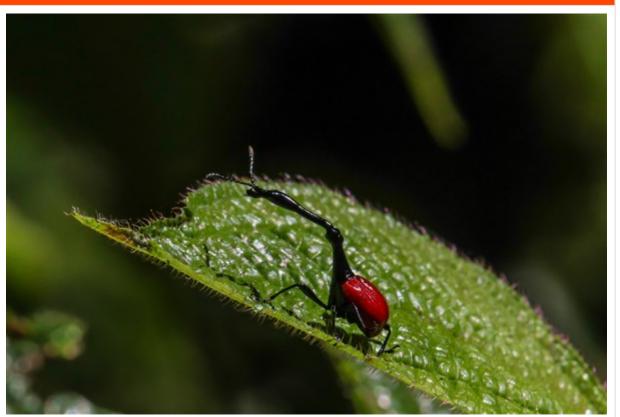
On the second Day, we head east on the winding but well-maintained RN 2 road early in the morning. Our first stop is at the Madagascar Exotique private reserve, where you can discover numerous reptiles, amphibians, and lemurs.

These animals are used to humans and will pose without fear for your cameras.

Next, we continue to Moramanga, where you will check into your first night accommodation near the Andasibe National Park.

The special highlight: right in the hotel grounds, you may be lucky enough to spot the famous and very rare Indri lemurs, whose unique singing will enchant you.

Overnight stay at the "Vakona Lodge" hotel.



#### 3. Day: Andasibe National Park

After breakfast, you will depart from the hotel to explore the **Andasibe National Park**.

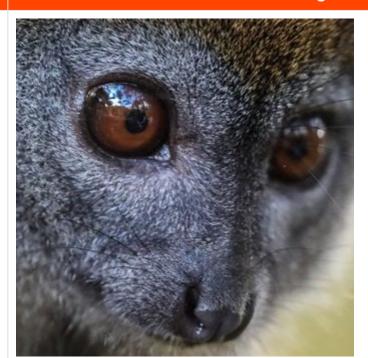
Here, you will encounter a spectacular array of wildlife and plant species during a several-hour tour until midday.

Following a brief stop, you will head to the Vakona Zoo, where the Lemur Island awaits. Accessible by boat, this island is home to lemurs that have been released from captivity and are accustomed to human interaction.

As you stroll through the island, interacting with these friendly lemurs, it is recommended to wear clothing that can withstand dirt and stains.

After visiting Lemur Island, you will continue to the nearby forest, where the infamous and rare Fossas as well as crocodiles eagerly await your discovery.

This guided tour is expected to last up to two hours. You will spend the night at the "Vakona"



#### Day 4: Andasibe-Moramanga-Alaotra See

After breakfast, the journey back to Moramanga begins.

You will then follow one of the few railway lines in Madagascar, a remnant of the French colonial era.

The destination is the <u>Alaotra Lake</u>, the largest freshwater lake in Madagascar.

Before reaching there, a small stop will be made in Ambatondrazaka, an important administrative and commercial center in eastern Madagascar.

Here, you can enjoy a delicious lunch before continuing along the southern shore of Lake Alaotra to Andreba.

This small village is off the beaten path and relatively untouched by tourism.

The curiosity of the locals towards visitors is great, providing our travelers with unforgettable experiences.



## Day 5: Alaotra See-Imerimandroso-Zahamena National Park

The fifth day of the tour begins with a short excursion before breakfast.

Around five o'clock, you will walk to the shores of Lake Alaotra and board a traditional canoe that will take you to the reed islands on the lake.

The journey lasts about an hour, and once you arrive at the reed islands, you can observe lemurs enjoying their breakfast on the smaller islands from the water.

Upon returning to the camp, a hearty breakfast awaits you to fuel up for the next leg of the journey.

First, you will head to Imerimandroso, a small town with just over 10,000 inhabitants. Here, you can admire some impressive architectural works of the Merina culture and do some last-minute shopping in a traditional store before embarking on a three-day jungle expedition. You will start with a half-hour hike up to Antanandaya, where



#### 6. Day: Zahamena National Park

After a restful night in the tent, start your day with a hearty breakfast before heading out for the next tour into the rainforest.

During the hike through the lush greenery, you may encounter various species of animals and plants. Diademed Sifakas, Black Lemurs, and Indri-Indris have been frequently spotted on our tours.

In the early afternoon, you will reach Grande Cascade, a tiered waterfall cascading over 100 meters into the valley.

You will then tackle the ascent right next to the waterfall, conquering the 100 meters in altitude in a little over half an hour.

What awaits you at the top is a breathtaking panoramic view, offering an unforgettable photo opportunity. At this picturesque location far from civilization, you will find the second camp where you will spend the night in a tent and enjoy your



#### 7. Day: Zahamena National Park

After the second night in the tent, start your day with a hearty breakfast before heading to the southeastern part of the Zahamena National Park.

This area is still largely unexplored, giving you the opportunity to experience a truly untouched rainforest up close.

The chance of encountering wild lemurs is particularly high in this part of the National Park.

Despite its remote location, the trails are wellmaintained and can be easily navigated with average fitness levels.

The long day trek through the rainforest concludes in the afternoon, followed by dinner and overnight camping in the tent.



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#### 8. Day: Ambatondrazaka-Antananarivo

The return trip to Antananarivo takes place on the eighth day of your journey and is relatively straightforward.

Only a stopover in Moramanga is scheduled around noon.

There, you will find a very famous restaurant called Coq d'Or.

Afterward, the car will take you to Antananarivo, where the hotel "Villa Sibylle" is already waiting to welcome you as an overnight guest.



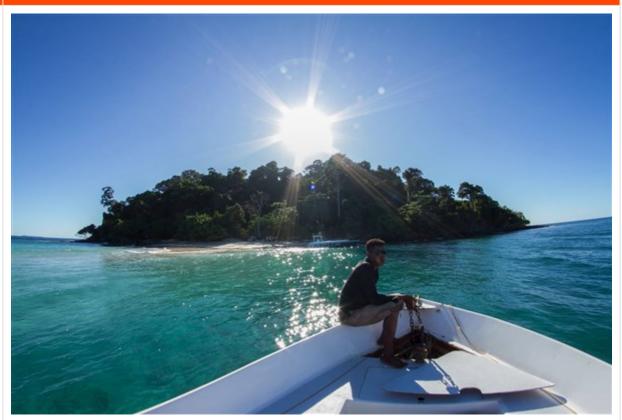
#### Day 9: Antananarivo-Nosy Be

Start your ninth day with a hearty breakfast in Antananarivo, followed by a transfer to Ivato airport.

Board an internal flight from Ivato to Nosy Be, an island formerly known as Nosy Manitra.

Nosy Be is approximately ten square kilometers in size and of volcanic origin.

Upon arrival at Facenne airport, you will be personally greeted and taken to the Vanila Hotel \*\*\* where you will be staying for the next few days.



#### Day 10 - 14: Nosy Be and Surroundings

Days 10 to 14 are not set with a specific program, but can be freely planned by you.

The island of Nosy Be, also known as the Perfume Island, offers numerous opportunities for you to relax on the dreamy beaches or in the hotel facilities, or to embark on individual exploration tours.

We recommend visiting the small neighboring island **Nosy Komba**, taking a trip to the **Lokobe Reserve**, where you can admire trees up to 40m high, or visiting **Mt. Passot**. This is an extinct volcano that offers you a breathtaking panoramic view.

Pro tip: Especially at sunset, you will be treated to a spectacular view that you will never forget.

During your stay, you will be accommodated at the Vanila Hotel \*\*\* throughout.



#### **Day 15: Nosy Be to Antananarivo**

On Day 15, your stay on the picturesque island of Nosy Be comes to an end. After a short flight, you will be transferred to Facenne Airport for your return flight to Antananarivo.

Upon arrival at the airport in Antananarivo, you will be personally greeted and taken back to the familiar Villa Sibylle hotel.

Enjoy your dinner and spend the night at the hotel before continuing your journey.



#### **Day 16: Antananarivo and Surroundings**

On the 16th and final day of your tour through Madagascar, the focus is on the capital city of Antananarivo and its nearby surroundings.

In Antananarivo, you can visit the famous Lemurs Park, where you can once again experience the unique animals up close.

Alternatively, you may choose to explore
Ambohimanga, the former royal palace of the
Merina people, with its impressive fortifications
and royal tombs. Ambohimanga is still considered
the spiritual center of the Merina people and has
been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage
Site. If you are interested in both nature and
cultural landmarks, this is an opportunity not to be
missed.

After an exciting day in Antananarivo, enjoy dinner at Hotel Villa Sibylle followed by a transfer to Ivato Airport.

Your return flight to Europe will depart around



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## **Facts & Figures**

## 17-Day Nature Tour through Madagascar: The Base Prices

17-Day Nature Tour	Price per Person (Half board)
Two to Three Persons	€2980
Four to Five Persons	€2920
Six to Seven Persons	€2890
Eight to Nine Persons	€2830
Ten or more Persons	€2780

An additional charge of €470.00 will be applied for providing a single room.

#### **Services**

#### 17-Day Nature Trip: Included Services in the Base Price

- Complete logistics
- Guided by an English-speaking tour guide
- Drive in a 4x4 vehicle (including driver and diesel)
- All accommodations in the listed hotels
- Half board or meals as specified
- All rides and transfers as per the program (including taxes)

#### 17-Day Nature Trip: Services Not Included in the Base Price

- Drinks and lunch
- Tips and pocket money
- Entrance fees for Zahamena and Andasibe National Parks
- Individual visits and excursions (plus local guides)
- International and domestic flights
- Airport fees and related taxes
- Insurances (trip cancellation and travel health insurance)

- Visa costs (currently not required)

Do you have any questions about our 17-day nature trip in Madagascar, want to book directly, or are interested in creating a custom travel package? - We are here to assist you: Just contact konnerth1@hotmail.com and embark on an adventure with us that you will never forget.