

WIDE FEELING

Highlights: Scenery, arts and crafts, contact with local people, off the beaten track adventures, local culture, bird watching, nature, trip along the Tsiribihina river, Bemaraha National Park, Baobab Alley, camping on a sandbar.

Period: from Mid April till Mid November

Day 1 : Arrive at Antananarivo and explore the capital

Arrival at the International Airport of Madagascar where you will meet your agent who will escort you to your hotel.

In the afternoon, we will begin with a city tour to visit the Queen's palace and other historical monuments. The guide will take you to a scenic viewpoint overlooking Anosy Lake and then we will walk around the famous flower market of Antananarivo.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 2: Antananarivo – Antsirabe (distance: 170 km, roughly 3h drive)



After a healthy breakfast, check-out of the hotel before we head to Antsirabe, enjoying a gorgeous scenic drive. Our first stop will be at Behenja to taste the local cuisine. We will break again at Ambatolampy and visit the craft aluminium cooking-pot foundry.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Antsirabe is known as the thermal city and the capital of pousse-pousse (the rickshaws.)

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 3: Antsirabe – Miandrivazo (distance: 220 Km, roughly 5h drive)

After breakfast, you can enjoy a tour around Antsirabe city and visit the workshops of semi-precious stone artists, zebu's horn, embroidery, and Malagasy candy.

There will be a picnic lunch en route to Miandrivazo. We then travel west and witness the spectacular change of scenery through green highland to savannah landscapes.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 4: Miandrivazo - Tsiribihina river cruise

After breakfast at the hotel, you leave Miandrivazo and head towards the pier at Masiakampy, about 1 hour's drive. You will next embark on a barge for the river cruise along the Tsiribihina River. This adventure will offer you an opportunity to see amazing wildlife such as wild ducks and herons, a chance to swim in crystalline clear water at Nosy Ampela waterfall and great camping with a campfire on a sandbar.

Lunch and dinner on board the boat.

Day 5: Tsiribihina river cruise

Before embarking on the barge, you can swim back to the natural swimming pool whilst we dismantle the camp. Breakfast on board.

We continue on towards the gorge of Bemaraha and relax on the barge. You will enjoy this amazing spot where you can see wildlife including crocodiles, bats and various species of birds. After that, we visit a fishing village to buy fresh fish for a delicious lunch cruise.

We then stop at Ambatomaint forests to see lemurs. Next we leave the corridor of Tsiribihina and enter the plain of Menabe. We arrive at Tsaraotana village and set up camp on riverbank.

Dinner on board, camp fire on the sandbar and meet with the children of the village.

Overnight in tents.

Day 6: End of Tsiribihina river cruise – Belo Tsiribihina – Bekopaka (distance 90 Km track, roughly 3h drive)

Dismantle the camp and depart for Belo Tsiribihina. Breakfast on board. The river cruise is nearly coming to an end so you can enjoy your last day on Tsiribihina river.

Lunch on board, after that, we disembark at Belo Tsiribihina village. We then drive through the bush to Bekopaka, a small town on the edge of the famous tsingy.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.



Day 7 : Bekopaka

Breakfast at the Hotel.

We have an entire day to explore the National Park of Bemaraha. With a surface area of 157,710 ha, this reserve offers breathtaking and unique landscapes with eroded limestone towers known as tsingy over a dry and deciduous forest. The nature reserve of the Tsingy of Bemaraha was the first natural site to be listed as World Heritage in Madagascar. It is also home to a number of animal species, including birds, reptiles, amphibians and lemurs. More than 85% of tsingy flora are endemic like. Various tours will be proposed according to your physical ability. We will then enjoy a picnic lunch.

We will also take a canoe along the gorge of Manambolo. You will then travel in time when we visit the Vazimba people of Madagascar.

We then head back to the hotel after the visit.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 8 : Bekopaka – Morondava (distance : 220 Km, roughly 6h drive)

After breakfast, drive across the western deciduous forest of acacia to the extraordinary Baobab Avenue and reach Morondava, the capital of Menabe. Lunch at restaurant in Belo Tsiribihina.

At sunset enjoy the beauty and the majesty of the Alley of the Baobabs.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 9 : Morondava

After breakfast, embark on a traditional pirogue and visit the peninsula of Betania, an authentic fishing village. Back to the hotel after the visit.

Lunch at the hotel.

Enjoy the whole afternoon relaxing at the hotel or use the chance to explore the city.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 10 : Morondava – Antananarivo

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Transfer to the Airport and fly back to Antananarivo

Upon arrival at Antananarivo airport, transfer to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 11 : Antananarivo – fly home

Breakfast at the hotel.

A car will be at your entire disposal for this last day in the land of the Malagasy for your souvenir shopping before your international flight back home.

End of tour

OUR NET PRICES PER PERSON VAT INCLUDED:

A- with hotels mentioned in the program:

- I- for 02 pax basis: - in double room: **£1815 GBP** per person
- II- for 04 pax basis: - in double room: **£1315 GBP** per person
- Single room supplement: **+ £170 GBP** per person

NB: rates are subject to change according to hotels availability

Included Services :

- Daily breakfast
- Accommodation and meals as indicated in the program
- All transfers mentioned within the program
- Vehicle with air conditioning, fuel included from Day 01 till Day 09
- Driver and his allowance
- Service of English speaking Tour guide
- All program mentioned park and reserve entrance fees.
- All local guides during excursions mentioned
- Motorboat during the river trip
- Camping equipment
- Administrative hotel fees
- Dugout canoe at Manambolo and Betania village

Non Included Services :

- International and domestic flights
- Lunch on Day 01, 10 and Day 11
- Beverages and personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities.
- Travel insurance, evacuation, medical treatment.
- Optional activities.
- All extras
- Visa