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FAMILY ITINERARY

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MADAGASCAR CLASSIC
COLLECTION

Antananarivo, Andasibe,
Mandrare River, Manafiafy,
Fort Dauphin
10 nights



Guide Price

From \$5,000 pp

*Based on 2pax sharing

See final page for inclusions

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

1 night | Maison Gallieni
2 nights | Mantadia Lodge
1 night | Pavillon de l'Emyrne
3 nights | Mandrare River Camp
2 nights | Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge
1 night | Relais Des Plateaux

For 10 nights, this ultimate adventurous family trip will take guests to some of Madagascar's most exciting and diverse destinations. The complete contrast in biodiversity in each area of this island nation makes for incredible discovery of the rare species only found in Madagascar.

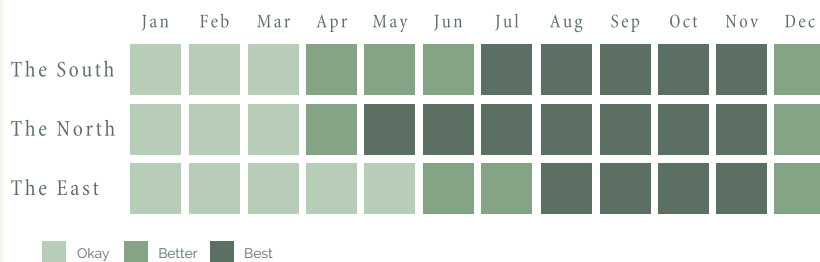
WHO?

Adventurous families, groups with varying ages.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Exceptional diverse wildlife experiences
- Explore Madagascar's cultural sites
- Great for those wanting to see all the contrasts of the island

WHEN TO GO?



DAY 1

Private Transfer: to upper Antananarivo
Depart: Ivato Airport | **Arrive:** Maison Gallieni
1 night at Maison Gallieni
Inclusions: Half Board

Welcome to Antananarivo... Upon arrival into Ivato Airport you will be greeted by an English speaking guide from MCC who will accompany you to your hotel in the upper town of Antananarivo. 'Tana' – as the locals call it has fascinating traditional architecture and a more Indonesian influence than the rest of Madagascar.



DAY 2

Private Transfer: to Andasibe
Depart: Maison Gallieni
Arrive: Mantadia Lodge
2 nights at Mantadia Lodge
Inclusions: All inclusive



Welcome to Andasibe... This stunning rainforest park consists of two protected areas, the Perinet Special Reserve and Mantadia National Park. Perinet is world famous for its population of Indri lemurs, which are the largest living lemur species. The journey to Andasibe offers first time visitors to Madagascar an introduction to rural life with rice fields, redbrick houses and roadside stalls selling seasonal fruits and vegetables lining the route. Check into your hotel. In the afternoon, visit of Lemur Island, Vakona Lodge's private reserve that protects a number of habituated lemurs. There are four species to see, the bamboo lemur, the black & white ruffed lemur, brown lemur and one diademed sifaka.

Mantadia National Park: While the trails in this area are more challenging, the rewards are great as the forest is taller, wilder and less crowded than Perinet. There are an abundance of birds including the scaly ground roller, the pitta-like ground roller and the breasted coua. To do justice to Mantadia you need to spend a whole day in the park. This is a naturalist's goldmine with many seldom seen species of mammals, reptiles and birds. Enjoy a picnic by the Rianaso Waterfall before hiking back to the vehicle and returning to the lodge. In the evening you may choose to go on a night walk with your local guide.

Perinet Reserve: Explore Andasibe's other protected area with a local guide in search of the Indri indri. With a barely visible tail, black and white markings and a surprised teddy-bear face, this lemur is one of the few animals in the world that cannot survive in captivity. There are another 11 species of lemur to spot as you walk through the rainforest. You may find a troop of grey bamboo lemurs, common brown lemur, diademed sifaka and the black and white ruffed lemur. Birdwatchers should look out for the velvet asity, the blue coua and the Nuthatch vanga and many more endemic species. Perinet is home to many reptiles, invertebrates, and some of Madagascar's over a thousand orchid species.

Mantadia Lodge fast facts

- A boutique lodge with 25 rooms plus pool, restaurant, bar & library
- Panoramic views of the Perinet Reserve
- Hear the song of the indri indri (the largest living and very rare lemur) from nearby forests early in the morning.

DAY 4

Depart: Andasibe (Perinet Reserve) | **Arrive:** Antananarivo

1 night at Pavillon de l'Emyrne

Inclusions: Half Board

Mantadia Lodge fast facts

- Beautiful gardens to relax in
- In the city's Old Town with views of the city
- Antique Malagasy art and photographs adorn the walls.

DAY 5

Private transfer: Pavillon de l'Emyrne to Ivato Airport

Depart: Ivato Airport | **Arrive:** Fort Dauphin

3 nights at Mandrare River Camp

Inclusions: All inclusive



Once arrived at Mandrare River Camp head to your tent and enjoy the majestic views over the Mandrare River. Here, night walks are a fantastic way to see diurnal lemurs bedding down, and the nocturnal lemurs begin to wake in the eerie and prehistoric Spiny Forest. You will spot sifakas and sleeping white-foot sportive lemurs, then once the sun has set, two mouse lemur species, sleeping birds, chameleons, owls and now active sportive lemurs.

In the day, depending on the river depth, you can walk or take a boat across the Mandrare River to reach a largely deciduous forest. Inquisitive groups of ring tailed lemurs and the always entertaining Verreaux sifaka are the highlight of this excursion. The sacred spiny forest is filled with the ancestral tombs of the local Antandroy tribe, as well as an extraordinary array of flora and fauna, unique to the spiny forest. Your English speaking guide and a tracker from the local community will give you an introduction to Antandroy culture and customs.

In your room look out for the many endemic birds such as crested coua, a variety of vangas and the running coua. Visit the local market or the local village to meet the fascinating Antandroy tribe. Watching the sun set and moon rise with a view across the baobabs to the mountains beyond is a magical experience. In the evening the local village may come to perform beautiful traditional dances, accompanied by singing and music. Song and dance is at the heart of Antandroy culture and is used to accompany the major rituals and events of everyday life.

Mandrare River Camp fast facts

- Just 3 kilometres from the village of Ifotaka and opposite and sacred ancestral forests of the Antandroy Tribe
- Six luxurious tents all with views of the Mandrare river and mountains beyond
- Visit Gallery Forest with its excellent sifaka and ring tailed lemur populations

DAY 8

Private Transfer: Mandrare River Camp - Fort Dauphin - Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge

Depart: Mandrare River Camp | **Arrive:** Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge

2 nights at Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge

Inclusions: All inclusive

Manafiafy, also known as Sainte Luce, is a beautiful sandy bay, fringed with forest covered mountains and wildlife rich mangroves. Upon arrival, check into your luxury bungalow and at 4:30 pm head for a night walk in the Coastal Rainforest. Explore the last untouched block of coastal rainforest in southern Madagascar to spot some of the species of lemur, over 80 bird species, over half of which are endemic, and an abundance of geckos, chameleons and other reptiles present in the forest. You'll see nocturnal lemurs leaping through the trees, Madagascar Scops Owl, satanic leaf-tailed geckos and other masters of camouflage. In the late afternoon head to the nearby mangrove network for birdwatching and photography. Ideal for botanists, landscape photographers and adventure seekers, this 40km network stretches from Manafiafy to Fort Dauphin with the magnificent Anosy mountain range in the backdrop. Guests will explore the mangroves by motorboat. Endemic birds include the Madagascar Malachite Kingfisher, Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher, Madagascar Harrier Hawk, Madagascar Crested Ibis and Blue Coua. Guests can visit the Stitch project and local woodworking shop to interact with the local Antanosy community. Stitch was created by the NGO Azafady to provide local women with sustainable livelihoods by training them in embroidery, English and business skills. Embroidery is a traditional Malagasy skill which the women have used to make beautiful purses, belts, and more.



Manafiafy beach & Rainforest lodge Fast Facts:

- Located in a small sleepy village on the south east cost of Madagascar
- The lodge is entirely powered by solar power
- Only six bungalows on the edge of the forest and a short walk to the ocean in a sheltered bay
- Excellent location for birdlife and lemurs

DAY 10 - 11

Private Transfer: Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge - Fort Dauphin - Antananarivo

Depart: Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge | **Arrive:** Relais Des Plateaux

1 nights at at Relais Des Plateaux

Inclusions: Half Board

Day 11: Transfer to Ivato airport



Approx. Itinerary nett cost (guide price only):

Approx. Nett cost per person sharing in a double room: US\$5,000

Approx. Nett cost per children: US\$3,000

Cost Includes:

- Airport assistance and transfers throughout
- Transport in Antananarivo in air-conditioned car
- All transport in 4x4 vehicles as indicated in the above itinerary
- Air Madagascar flights Antananarivo – Fort Dauphin – Antananarivo
- The services of a local English speaking guide
- All meals as per itinerary
- All excursions indicated in the itinerary, park fees and community/environmental levies
- All Inclusive of
- meals & all drinks in Mandrare River Camp (including imported wines & spirits)
- Activities, meals, and local soft drinks and beers at Manafiafy Lodge

Cost Excludes:

- All international flights and visa fees or assistance unless otherwise specified
- Activities that are not mentioned in the itinerary
- All tips, other drinks and personal expenses
- Travel insurance, it is a condition that all clients travelling with MCC must have appropriate travel insurance, including emergency medical evacuation cover

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