

GREAT SOUTH MADAGASCAR (9 days)

ANTANANARIVO - ANTSIRABE - RANOMAFANA - FIANARANTSOA -
AMBALAVAO - ISALO - ZOMBITSE - TOLIARA

HIGHLIGHTS :

- Discovery of the savannah with exotic views
- Discovery of beautiful landscapes with the incredible mountain range
- Discovery of the cultures of the local ethnic group at each destination
- Discovery of fauna and flora such as the chameleon and other animal and plant species
- Discovery of lemurs and chameleon
- Discovery of the city of Ambalavao
- Adventure in the longest national road of Madagascar RN7



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Day 1 : Arrival in Antananarivo

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After the long flight, the guide of Madagas_tours and the driver welcome you at the international airport of Antananarivo and accompany you to the hotel. Overnight in a 4-star hotel.

Day 2 : Antananarivo - Antsirabe (171 km , ca 4:6h)

After breakfast, you will start the journey to Antsirabe. Along the way, you will discover beautiful landscapes and you can take photos. When you arrive in Antsirabe, you can walk around the city to discover the cultures of the local ethnic groups. Overnight in a 4-star hotel.

ANTSIRABE

Antsirabe is located 168 km south of Antananarivo. The city and its surroundings are rich in history. The quality of its soils and waters with a high concentration of mineral salts has earned it the name of Antsirabe, which means "where there is a lot of salt". It is also called the "city of water", where one can enjoy its baths with therapeutic virtues. There are three lakes in the region: Tritriva, Andranomafana and Andraikiba.



Day 3 : Antsirabe - Ranomafana (227 km , ca 5h)

After breakfast, you will leave Antsirabe to join Ranomafana. On the way, you will visit the city Ambositra, you will have time to visit the market of Ambositra, the capital of the Amoron'i Mania region. And after, you will continue your journey to Ranomafana. Overnight in a 4-star hotel.

AMBOSITRA

Ambositra is particularly known for being one of the emblematic cities of Malagasy crafts, renowned for marquetry and wood carvings. Woodworking has its origins in Zafimaniry art, named after a tribe from the surrounding forests who used rare species such as rosewood and palisander.



RANOMAFANA

Ranomafana is undoubtedly one of Madagascar's most spectacular national parks and, along with Isalo and Andasibe NP, one of the most visited national parks on the island. 12 species of lemurs are native to the region and are easy to observe for the pleasure of tourists. A particular attraction are the golden bamboo lemurs, some of which are not far from the entrance. There are also other mammals such as 7 species of tenrecs, carnivorous bats, the Malagasy striped civet and a few mongooses the beautiful Ranomafana National Park. There are at least 115 species of birds cataloged, 30 of which are endemic to this region and live in Ranomafana.



Day 4 : Ranomafana - Fianarantsoa (63,1 km ; ca 1:50 h)

After breakfast, you will leave for the visit of the national park of Ranomafana with the local guide, immersed in the tropical forest. The landscape is characterized by many streams and you can observe several lemurs, chameleons, snakes, frogs and birds. Free lunch. At the end, departure for Fianarantsoa (60 km, about 1 hour and a half), intellectual center of the country, with a strong presence of missionaries who have made it a Catholic point of reference for all of Madagascar. Overnight in a 4-star hotel.

Day 5 : Fianarantsoa - Isalo (295 km , ca 4:42 h)

After breakfast, you will leave Fianarantsoa to join Isalo. During your visit to Ambalavao, you can discover the Ambalavao market and the culture of the local ethnic group. And after, you will continue your journey on the RN7 to reach Isalo. During the trip, you will discover incredible landscapes and do not forget the passage on the plateau of Ihorombe. You can take pictures on the road. Overnight in a 4-star hotel.

AMBALAVAO

Ambalavao is a town in Madagascar located in the southeast of the Haute Matsiatra region, 56 km south of Fianarantsoa. It is known for its beautiful veranda houses with wooden balustrades formed by geometric patterns. famous for the artisanal production of Antemoro paper, made from natural fibers using an ancient process (visit), for the large weekly zebu market which is held every Wednesday and for the artisanal production of silk shawls.



Day 6 : Visit Isalo National Park

After breakfast, you will visit Isalo National Park, to discover the queen of Isalo, the window of Isalo, the natural swimming pools, etc... In the afternoon, you will return to the hotel. Overnight in a 4-star hotel.

ISALO

The Isalo National Park is a natural rocky massif, resembling a field of ruins with very atypical relief, reminiscent of the great American West - it is not for nothing that Isalo is nicknamed "The Malagasy Colorado". Composed of rocks formed more than 150 million years ago, the park alternates between desert landscapes and green canyons within which flow many rivers taking their source in magnificent natural pools, which gives an absolutely magnificent visual result. In the Isalo National Park, there are also natural pools and perfect waterfalls.



Day 7: Isalo - Zombitse - Toliara (265 km , 5h 6 min)

Breakfast and departure for a transfer to Tulear (about 250 km) through the villages of the sapphire researchers of Ilakaka, the tropical forest of Zombitse, the semi-arid savannah dotted with baobabs, the shrubby bush where the funerary buildings of the Mahafaly tribe stand, decorated with colorful patterns, as far as Tulear, on the banks of the Mozambique Channel. When you arrive in Toliara, you can relax at the hotel. Overnight in a 3-star hotel.

ZOMBITSE VOHIBASIA

Zombitse Vohibasia National Park is home to endemic fauna species, with 103 species of birds with a local endemic species, the *Phylastrephus apperti*, 29 species of reptiles. It also has 08 species of lemurs including the *Lepilemur hubbardorum* which is locally endemic.



Day 8: Toliara - Antananarivo (Flight, 1h 50min)

After breakfast, the driver will take you to Toliara airport for your return flight to Antananarivo. On arrival in Antananarivo, another guide will meet you at the airport and accompany you to your hotel. Overnight in a 4-star hotel.

Day 9: Departure

Your stay in Madagascar is over. In the morning, you will visit the center of the capital and learn more about it. You will be able to discover the most famous market of Analakely. At noon, the driver and the guide will accompany you to the international airport of Antananarivo. You can give memories and say goodbye.

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- Hotel during the tour
- Transport during the tour
- Internet in the car during the tours
- Domestic flight ticket
- Breakfast
- English speaking guide during the tour
- Welcome in English speaking guide by a madagas_tours at the airport
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- Telephone assistance 24/7 at Ifanadiana Madagascar during the trip
- Emergency service in English for family members during the tour
- Map of Madagascar
- Detailed tour information in English

EXCLUSIVE :

- Ticket plane to Antananarivo
- Entrance to the park
- Travel insurance
- Lunch and dinner