

## Voyage to the East Coast (5 nights, Set departure day Fridays Or daily on request MIN 2-PAX)

This tour takes you from the highlands of Antananarivo down through the forested Perinet region and on to the flat coastal plains of Eastern Madagascar and the Pangalanes Canal. You will certainly spot a good variety of Lemur and other Fauna and Flora species and also be able to see how both the landscape and people vary between the inland highland region and the coastal belt.

	Route	Transport	Activities	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1	Antananarivo	transfer	free	La Varangue/Palissandre	D
Day 2	Antananarivo - Andasibe	transfer	night walk	Vakona Forest Lodge	FB
Day 3	Andasibe	-	full day walks	Vakona Forest Lodge	FB
Day 4	Andasibe - Akanin'ny Nofy	transfer/boat	free	Bush House Hotel	FB
Day 5	Akanin'ny Nofy	-	optional	Bush House Hotel	FB
Day 6	Akanin'ny Nofy - Tamatave	transfer & boat	-	On request	B

### Day 1: Antananarivo

Meet and greet on arrival at the airport and transfer to la Varangue or Palissandre Hotel  
Dinner and Overnight La Varangue or Palissandre Hotel

### Day 2: Antananarivo – Périnet/Andasibe Reserve

After breakfast depart to the Périnet/Andasibe Reserve. After lunch there will be a visit the Special Reserve of the Indri, Madagascar's largest Lemur. In the evening before dinner enjoy a night walk looking for the many nocturnal creatures present in the Vakona Reserve.

Dinner and Overnight Vakona Forest Lodge

#### *Perinet/Andasibe (East)*

*Situated in the province of Toamasina between 930m and 1040m of altitude the reserve is a complex of protected areas that can be visited by everyone: **La Réserve Spéciale d'Indri** is a reserve especially for the Indri Indri Lemur and also contains other species as well as great Flora. **The Vakona Reserve** is a private reserve owned by Vakona Forest Lodge and also contains Lemur Island which is a great opportunity to get up close to Lemurs in a natural setting.*

### Day 3: Périnet/Andasibe Reserve

In the morning you will visit the Special Reserve of the Indri or Mantadia National Park (depending on road conditions). In the afternoon there will be a visit to Lemur Island, this is a small sanctuary where

rescued and no longer wanted pet lemurs live in a semi wild state (the ones that were former pets are quite tame). An optional night walk is available.

Dinner and Overnight Vakona Forest Lodge

***The National park of Mantadia (East)***

*The National Park of Mantadia is a mass of rainforest and has a damp tropical climate. Its flora is rich with ferns, mosses, orchids and it also has medicinal plants. Its fauna represents no less than 11 endemic species of lemurs such as Daubentonia Madagascariensis, Indri-Indris or the biggest lemurs in Madagascar, Aye-Ayes, Fulvus lemurs and many diurnal and nocturnal species. You also might discover the smallest chameleon, and other reptiles in the park as well as the very colorful Mantella frog which is easily spotted.*

**Day 4: Périnet – Manambato - Akanin’ny Nofy**

An early departure takes you to Manambato, a village in the edge of the Lake Rasoabe; on the Canal des Pangalanes where you will embark by boat, after an hour you enter Lake Ampitabe where the Bushhouse Hotel is located. You will have lunch at the hotel and there are a wide range of excursions available from the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight Bushhouse Hotel

***The Pangalanes (East)***

*This enormous stretch of smooth water goes on for 665kms (it starts north of Tamatave and goes down to Farafangana in the south). A multitude of lakes and natural lagoons are seen all along the canal. It is the primary North/South transportation route and allows the local villagers to carry their goods safely along the coast. You will also see a great many deserted beaches and forests dotted with many orchids and traveller trees as well as many birds along the canal.*

**Day 5: Akanin’ny Nofy**

Optional excursions either on foot or by boat; such as the private reserve of Antsirakaloty ‘The Palmarium’- an escorted visit of several species of lemurs and also stunning flora, the typical Betsimisaraka’s village, a school under the care of the Bushhouse Hotel, or the fishermen’s village.

Dinner and Overnight Bushhouse Hotel

***The private reserve of Antsirakaloty ‘Le Palmarium’ (East)***

*A peninsula which gives a unique look to the endemic fauna and flora of Madagascar. A Nature lover has collected a considerable number of rare floras such as palm trees, xerophyte plants and orchids. There are also many reptiles and endemic batrachians are gathered in a several species of lemurs live freely in trees however are tame enough to let people come and touch them.*

**Day 6: Akanin’ny Nofy – Tamatave**

Transfer by boat to Tamatave by crossing the Pangalanes canal (about 2 hours). After disembarkation in Tamatave you will transfer to the airport or city centre hotel for onward arrangements. There are several extension tours on offer to ensure you see even more of Madagascar, but certainly one not to be missed is to the paradise island of St Marie.