

Worldwide Holidays East Coast Explorer 2007

	Route	Transport	Activities	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1	Antananarivo – Perinet	transfer	pm walk	Vakona Lodge	L,D
Day 2	Perinet	transfer	full day walks	Vakona Lodge	FB
Day 3	Perinet - Antananarivo	transfer	city tour	Palissandre Hotel	FB
Day 4	Maroantsetra	flight/transfer	free	Relais du Masoala	FB
Day 5	Maroantsetra - Masoala	boat transfer	options	Masoala Forest Lodge	FB
Day 6	Masoala	-	options	Masoala Forest Lodge	FB
Day 7	Masoala	-	options	Masoala Forest Lodge	FB
Day 8	Masoala	-	options	Masoala Forest Lodge	FB
Day 9	Masoala – Maroantsetra	boat transfer	options	Relais du Masoala	FB
Day 10	Maroantsetra - Tamatave	transfer/flight	free	Neptune Hotel	
Day 11	Maroantsetra – St Marie	transfer/flight	free	-	B

Day 1: Antananarivo – Périnet/Andasibe Reserve

Upon arrival depart straight to the Périnet/Andasibe Reserve. After lunch there will be a visit to 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 2: 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 (payable locally).

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 3: Périnet – Antananarivo

After breakfast return to Antananarivo with lunch in the city. In the afternoon you will take a tour of the city before checking into your hotel.

Dinner and overnight the Palissandre Hotel

Day 4: Antananarivo - Maroantsetra

Upon arrival at Maroantsetra airport from Antananarivo you will be met and transferred to the Relais du Masoala Hotel. Located on the Northeast coast of Madagascar, at the far end of the bay of Antongil, Maroantsetra is a sleepy, friendly town bathed in the fragrance of vanilla and cloves: Madagascar at its most authentic. The remainder of the day will be at leisure.

Dinner and overnight at Relais du Masoala

Day 5: Maroantsetra - Masoala National Park

After an early breakfast, depart from Maroantsetra by boat for the voyage across the Antongil Bay to the Masoala Forest Lodge at Tampolo. The journey takes up to 3 hours and passes near Nosy Mangabe, there is the possibility of dolphin and whale sightings in season and the thickly forested mountains of the peninsula are a dramatic backdrop to the voyage. After lunch why not enjoy either a short guided forest walk, or meet on the beach for a kayak briefing and some training for the novices, followed by a short paddle down the coast to a deserted beach in the primary rain forest at Lohatrozana (whales-head), return by sunset, in time for a shower and relax around the campfire on the beach.

Dinner and overnight at Masoala Forest Lodge

Masoala National Park (North East)

Masoala harbours a sanctuary of primary forest covering an area of 230,000Ha, created a National Park in 1997 to protect rainforest, costal forest, mangrove, flooded forest and Marshland this is probably the most biologically diverse National Park in Madagascar. The park rises from its three Marine reserves protecting Coral Reefs up to a height of over 1300m at its peak. The reserve is teeming with Flora and Fauna including Red-ruffed lemur among the 10 to be seen in the park, Nosy Mangabe is one of the best Locales in which to see the elusive Aye-aye Lemur. Each year between July and September the bay plays host to hundreds of Humpback Whales who come to the warm Tropical waters to mate and give birth. The park is crossed by a serious of hiking paths from fairly easy day walks to week long treks depending on your level. The park has been set up as an ecotourism reserve and half of the park entrance fees goes to local community projects and sustainable management of the reserve.

There are 3 marine reserves in the park: Tampolo, Ambodilaitry and Ifaho, one of the best ways of exploring these is through Kayaking and snorkelling.

Day 6: Masoala

For those so inclined, there is an early morning boat fishing excursion down the coast to replenish the fresh fish supply for the camp. After a leisurely breakfast, you can enjoy a guided walk into the dense primary forest of Lohatrozana to view the birds, lemurs and countless other creatures endemic to this forest. All activities at Masoala Forest Lodge are organised locally and lunches will either be a picnic or taken at the lodge depending on which activities you have chosen for that day.

Dinner and overnight at Masoala Forest Lodge

Day 7: Masoala

After breakfast, the option of a day excursion by boat, on foot, or by kayak, to the Antalavia River, 10km further down the peninsula. The Tampolo Marine National Park extends as far as the river and the forested coast is stunningly beautiful with numerous deserted beaches, thick with coral reefs and sea life. A short distance up river from the beach is the waterfall of the Antalavia River, cool clear water cascading down in perfect swimming pools, overhung by the forest. A traditional lunch is taken with a local Malagasy family, followed by a tour of their forest farm, with vanilla, coffee, cloves, rice fields and many fruits.

Dinner and overnight at Masoala Forest Lodge

Day 8: Masoala

After breakfast, why not take a guided walk to the primary forest and the Tampolo waterfalls, this is another beautiful clear forest river with much wildlife to be spotted at its fringes. With the option of snorkelling the reefs, kayaking the sheltered water of the Marine Park or exploring the area further on foot, there is something for everyone in this natural paradise. Enjoy an evening of entertainment and high spirits with a visit of the local 'vakodrazana' (traditional Malagasy music and dance group) from the small community of Ambodiforaha.

Dinner and overnight at Masoala Forest Lodge

Day 9: Masoala - Maroantsetra

After an early breakfast, board the boat for the return voyage to Maroantsetra, the remainder of the day is at leisure in Maroantsetra to soak up the laid back coastal vibe and perhaps buy some arts and crafts.

Dinner and overnight at Relais du Masoala

Day 10: Maroantsetra - Tamatave

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Tamatave, upon arrival transfer to the Neptune Hotel for check in and dinner.

Dinner and overnight Neptune Hotel

Day 11: Tamatave – Saint Marie

Transfer to the airport for the short 20min flight to Isle Saint Marie and continue to your chosen Hotel.

Cost Includes

- ✿ Meet and Greet on arrival at Antananarivo Airport
- ✿ Return flight from Antananarivo – Maroanetra – Tamatave – Saint Marie - Antananarivo
- ✿ Airport transfers in Antananarivo air conditioned minibus
- ✿ All transfers boats and activities as specified
- ✿ All meals as specified in the itinerary including picnic lunches
- ✿ All Guide fees and Park/Reserve entrance fees

Cost Excludes

- ✿ All international flight costs and visa fees or assistance unless otherwise specified
- ✿ Chosen accommodation and transfers on Sainte Marie
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