

## The Mitsio Islands and the Pearls of the Cape

### 7 days - 6 nights

Best season: April to June and September to December

**Day 1:** We leave Nosy Be in the morning and reach the Big Mitsio Island after 7 hours of navigation. During the trip :trolling. We arrive mid-afternoon at the impressive bronze-coloured volcanic 'organ pipes', sail east and and anchor at Marimbe, the only protected anchoring of the island. Walk on the island.  
Dinner and night on board.



**Day 2:** 5 miles of navigation to Ankarea, a lovely high basalt-island with white beaches. You will enjoy snorkelling in its coral garden abounding in colourful tropical fish. Return to Marimbe, where we spend the night Dinner on the beach : A young, tender goat barbecued by the villagers on request.  
Night on board.

**Day 3:** Early start for Tsarabanjina island (4h of navigation). A true paradise with its lush vegetation, beautiful white beaches and crystal-clear water, where you will enjoy a swim. Visit of the tombs of Sakalava kings . Subject to meteorological conditions night in Tsarabanjina or nocturnal navigation to Sakatia (about 6h).  
Dinner and night on board



**Day 4:** Visit of Sakatia, its calm beaches, village, vegetation and orchids. Snorkelling and swimming  
Dinner and night on board

**Day 5:** Following the coast down south for 20 miles we reach the historical site of the vast Russian Bay. This ancient sailor's refuge is famous for its peacefulness and many isolates beaches, dotted with huts of nomadic fishermen.  
Dinner and night on board

**Day 6:-** After a coastal navigation passing by many islands and impressive long white beaches, our next stop is Nosy Iranja, the turtle island, two lovely green islands connected by a narrow, dazzling white sandbank . We anchor in front of this beauty-spot, take a walk on the island and visit the light-house with its superb panoramic view. Lunch on board. After 1h of navigation, we arrive at Baramahamay, an important estuary with impressive mangrove vegetation. You will visit a traditional sakalava village, meet schoolchildren and then navigate up the river right in the middle of mangrove swamps with their impressive wildlife.  
Dinner and night on board at Baramahamay

**Day 7:** After 4 hours of sailing we anchor opposite Ankazoberava island. You will enjoy snorkelling on its unspoilt coral-banks.  
Lunch on board.

The Talio (a strong West-wind) will take us back to Nosy Be, where we arrive at about 5pm.

This programme can be modified subject to meteorological conditions or the preferences of our clients, provided the captain is in agreement.