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PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR IN MADAGASCAR

DAY 1 : ARRIVAL IN ANTANANARIVO

A member of our will welcome you at the international arrival hall. Please look out for a sign with your name after exit restricted area with your luggages. You will then be led to your private transfer.

PALISSANDRE HOTEL & SPA

DAY 2 : ANTANANARIVO – ANDASIBE

We start our journey towards the Eastern part of the island. After exiting the busy and colorful city of Antananarivo, we reach the Route National 2, the main commercial road of the country which leads to the East coast of Madagascar and its main harbor. During our 150 km (3,5 hours) long journey, we will see various landscapes of the highlands from small traditional villages perched on hill sides, rice fields. A twisty, steep and lush portion of the road will announce that we are entering another region of Madagascar. You will arrive in Andasibe, known for its National park, home of the primary and secondary forest.

The peyrieras Butterfly Farm

We will make a stop at Madagascar Exotic. This private reserve is also known as the Peyreiras Butterfly Farm, Peyreiras Nature Farm and Mandraka Reptile Farm. It is small privately run reserve (or zoo) at Marozevo, on National Road N2. 75 km (47 mi) East of Antananarivo between the towns of Manjakandrina and Moramanga. It was founded and owned by the French entomologist and naturalist Andre Peyreiras, which it is also known as the Reserve Peyreiras.

The collection includes many reptiles (chameleons, iguanas, geckos, frogs) Batraciens (Bats), crocodiles, papillons (Butterflies). The adjacent forest area supports families of relocated and habituated Verreaux's Sifaka and Common brown provide opportunities to photograph them close up at feeding times.

Night walk in the VOIMMA reserve

At night fall, pick up your headlamps and flashlights for a nocturnal walk in the rainforest. In 2012. villages from Andasibe founded the reserve as an alternative to the governmental led national park in the neighbourhood. The local people wanted to manage their land on their own again be a part of ecotourism in this area.

For reptiles and amphibian lovers. the reserve offers countless frogs along its crystal clear river (among them *Boophis Pyrrhus*. *Boophis viridis* and *madagascariensis*) and several amazing chameleons. Chamaleons (*Furcifer wilsii*, *Calumma parsonil cristifer*. *Calumma nasuta* and *brevicornis*) in the forest. This is also a place to find the unique satanic leaft – tailed gecko (*Uroplatus phantasticus*) Bizarre insects like the famous giraffe necked weevil (*Trachelophorus giraffae*) are part of the forest too.

This community –run reserve is open for night –walks to those interested to search for lemurs. listen to the frogs. or stumble across sleeping chameleons after dark.

VAKONA FOREST LODGE / MANTADIA LODGE

DAY 3 : ANDASIBE

The Mantadia Park

We will visit the primary forest of Mantadia. Located about 1 hour drive from our base. The primary forest of the Mantadia Park spreads over 15 000 heactars. 108 species of birds are known in the park of which some play a role in the survival of plants like *Terpsiphone mutata*. We can also find 14 species of lemurs. species of reptiles among them of which the snake *Boa manditra* and 84 species of amphibian.

This like requires medium to good physical conditions as there are some steep slopes and dense vegetation.

Or all lemurs of Mantadia, the Indri Indri, endemic to Madagascar. Is the one that enjoys best in the park. It is the biggest of the lemurs. It likes to live in group and the research of the scientists demonstrated that this lemur cannot be raised in captivity. Some endemic species like *Eulemur fulvus*. *Hapalemur griseus*, the smallest lemur *Microcebus* and *Lepilemurs* can be also found.

Mantadia is also a kingdom of the orchids. *Cymbidiellas falcigera* and *Bulbophyllum Ameleni* are the most enigmatic species,because in addition to be rare and magnificent plants. they maintain the balance of the forest 's ecosystem.

Vakona reserve

On the immense Vakona property, an island surrounded by fresh water is home to various species of lemurs: common brown lemurs, bamboo lemurs, ruffed lemurs, diademed sifakas. This will be are opportunity to get upclose and interact with these primates. Amazing photo opportunities and souvenirs will be the result of visit.

The numerous crocodiles, which used to belong to farmer farm. Can also be found in on the small lake of the property. If you happen to be around on a Saturday. you may see the reptiles having their weekly feast.

VAKONA FOREST LODGE / MANTADIA LODGE

DAY 4 : ANDASIBE

The Analamazaotra special reserve

We will visit the Analamazaotra special reserve. In order to have the best observation conditions, we leave our Hotel around 7:30am to reach the entrance of the Analamazaotra special reserve. We will look for the biggest lemur of Madagascar's famous "Indri Indri". This lemur is endemic to the site and made his emblem. Through an easy hike lasting about 2 to 3 hours, we will search for at least groups of Indri Indri. We also find other species of lemurs, birds, chameleons etc., as well as endemic flora among other orchids, medicinal plants.

The Mitsinjo reserve

Is a community initiative started by a Malagasy NGO which works in conservation. Nature – based tourism and development which includes the agriculture and health. Being one of the biodiversity hotspots of the eastern Madagascar rainforest corridor. It integrates the protections of prime habitat and the generation of sustainable income for the local population living in and around Andasibe. According to that, you will definitely contribute to the development of all the area by visiting the reserve and understanding the project.

During the night walk you will have opportunity to discover the nocturnal wildlife of the Andasibe Rainforest.

VAKONA FOREST LODGE / MANTADIA LODGE

DAY 5 : ANDASIBE – ANKANIN'NY NOFY

We now enter the Betsimisaraka region of Madagascar. The landscape vegetation now contrasts from the one we see in the highlands, the territory of the Merina tribe. The Betsimisaraka tribe have a different culture and this translates in different architectures of the houses, types of crops they grow.

After the 3 hour drive on a paved road, they will have a 30 minutes of dirt road to reach the lake Rasoabe, the great lakes of Madagascar. These great lakes were linked by man – made channels to form an inland waterway called the Canal of Pangalanes.

We board a speed boat on the Canal des Pangalanes for about an hour to head to the Palmarium. This is a 600 km long channel; which is been used both as a means of transportation up and down the coast and as a fishing area. It was constructed under the governance of General Joseph Gallieni during the early French colonial years of 1896-1904. The canal still dominates daily life in this region as it provides the main source of trade, transport and travel. Cruising by boat on the calm waters of Pangalanes is a fascinating journey through time and history. Many traditional Betsimisaraka villages can be seen along the banks. As well as pirogues (traditional dugout canoes), local fishermen, over – crowded ferries and rafts with straw huts carrying timber en – route to Tamatave.

Aye – Aye Island

By the end of the afternoon, you will embark on the pirogue for a quiet ride on the Pangalane's Chanel which will pick you to the Island of the famous Aye –aye. At about 15mn from the hotel, some six Aye – Aye individuals live in freedom. You will spend about an hour to explore the area and ride back to the hotel afterwards.

PALMARIUM

DAY 6 : AKANIN'NY NOFY

In this remote place, a visit of the village and its palmarium to discover the Akanin'Nofy's characteristic flora is on the program.

In this very special location, you may discover about 10 different lemurs species living in complete freedom, Indri, Sifaka, Coronatus, Varecia Variegata, Propithecus ect. A very singular terrestrial wildlife as well as a really outstanding flora (orchids, carnivorous plant, granadilla wood, mahoganies, voyager trees...) and the most beautiful and rarest Madagaascan palm – trees (Dyopsis, Ravenea, Orania and also Voanioala and Lemurophoenix)

PALMARIUM

DAY 7 : AKANIN'NY NOFY - ANTANANARIVO

At the agreed time, we leave Akanin'Nofy by boat to Manambato where the car will pick us.

We continue the trip and begin our ascent towards the highlands and the capital. This journey will give you an impressive perspective about the difference of altitude between the two regions. This elevation is exploited by the hydroelectric power station which you will drive by. You will arrive in Antananarivo after almost 300 km journey lasting about 5 hours.

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DAY 8 : ANTANANARIVO - ANT SIRABE

The first step of your journey will be the former spa-town of Antsirabe. On the road to this city, you will see the beauty of the landscape with the rice field. The traditional houses and the rural way of life. We will arrive at Antsirabe for the lunch in the afternoon, we will visit 3 workshops to get in touch with the local handcraft. The first makes miniature car with boxes, the second is specialized in horn manufacture and the third makes artisanal sweeties. You will be driven to the Tritiva Lake too.

COULEUR CAFE / LES CHAMBRES DU VOYAGEUR

DAY 9 : ANT SIRABE - BETAFO - ANT SIRABE

In the morning, you will be lead to Betafo for a trekking to discover typical highland village. We will visit the Tatamarina volcanic lake and the Antafofo waterfall, they are spectacular and perfect photos. You can find hot spring too in Betafo.

DAY 10 : ANTSIRABE - RANOMAFANA

We will be on the road to Ranomafana rainforest and on the way, you will observe highland landscape made of rice fields and redbrick houses. A little break at Ambositra for lunch and an opportunity to discover the wood curving of Zafimaniry.

SETAM / LE GRENAT / CRISTO

DAY 11 : RANOMAFANA

The whole day will be dedicated to the visit of the Ranomafana Park. The fauna will amaze you, let's mention the lemurs like Greater Bamboo Lemur, Black Sifaka or Mine Edward Sifaka (endemic), Brown Lemur, Tanafisaka Europlatus... You can find nocturnal animal such as Frog, Mouse Lemur, Chameleon etc.

SETAM / LE GRENAT / CRISTO

DAY 12 : RANOMAFANA - AMBALAVAO - RANOHIRA

The next day, we will continue to Ambalavao to reach the Anja Park (created and managed by the local community) which is the natural home of the famous Maki.

JARDIN DU ROY / H1 / ISALO RANCH

DAY 13 : RANOHIRA

The program of the day is to visit the RanoHIRA Park also called the park of Isalo. It stretches out on 81.540Ha and is excellent for discoveries and adventures. The landscape is unusual with the dramatic sandstone formation. There are 77 species of bird and 70% of them are endemic, there are also 15 species of amphibians and 33 species of reptiles.

JARDIN DU ROY / H1 / ISALO RANCH

DAY 14 : RANOHIRA - IFATY

The next direction will be Ifaty and you will notice that the landscape has changed. Sooner, you will see the baobab trees and the desert scenery after travelling on a bumpy road. We will stop in Zombitse for birdwatching and to look for the Sifaka. It is a dry deciduous forest which hide treasure especially for birdwatcher.

LA MIRA / PARADISIER / LA BELLA DONNA

DAY 15 : IFATY

You will go for the Exportation of the Spiny Forest of Mangily to see the baobabs and all the endemic birds. And then, day at leisure for many aquatic activities and visit of the fisherman village.

LA MIRA / PARADISIER / LA BELLA DONNA

DAY 16 : FLIGHT BACK TO ANTANANARIVO

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DAY 17 : ANTANANARIVO

Antananarivo, Ambohimanga

We will spend a half day about 17 km North of Antananarivo where lies, the Royal of Ambohimanga. This site consists of a royal city and burial site. and an ensemble of sacred places. It associated with strong feelings of national identity, and has maintained its spiritual and sacred character both in ritual practice and the popular imagination for the past 500 years. It remains a place of worship to which pilgrims come from Madagascar and elsewhere. The Royal Hill of Ambohimanga comprises a system of fortification with a series of ditches and fourteen fortified stone gateways are royal city consisting of a coherent suit of buildings divided by a royal and enclosure and associating a public place (the Fidasiana), royal trees, a seat of justice and other natural or built places of cult, an ensemble of sacred places as well as agricultural lands. The Royal Hill of Ambohimanga constitutes an eminent examples of an architectural ensemble (the Rova) and the associative cultural landscape (wood, sacred fountain and lake) illustrating significant periods of human history between the 16th and 19th centuries in the islands of the Indian Ocean.

Atananarivo Old City and Upper Town

We will visit the old city and upper town of Antananarivo. The majestic Rova (The Queen's palace) overlooks the capital from the highest point of the city The Rova of Antananarivo is a royal palace complex that served as the home of the sovereigns of the Kingdom of Imerina in the 17th and 18th centuries. as well as of the rulers if the kingdom of Madagascar in the 19th century. The historic boroughs around the Rova (The Queen's palace) have nice panoramic views on downtown. You will drive or walk the neighborhood with or guide to enjoy he picturesque ambience of the noblemen residence area, with both well – kept traditional houses, the colonial houses, palaces, cathedrals, the charm of the narrow, curved upslope cobblestoned streets and ensemble of cute traditional Malagasy houses built entirely of wood. This whole package make the unforgettable ambience of this borough.

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DAY 18 : ANTANANARIVO

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We wish safe flight home.

End of our services.

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