



FINAL ITINERARY

QUOTE:	MCC 445
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TRAVEL DATE:	01 to 10 June 2023

01 June 2023: Arrival in Antananarivo

Upon arrival into Ivato Airport you will be greeted by an English speaking guide from MCC who will accompany you to your hotel in the upper town of Antananarivo. 'Tana' – as the locals call it has fascinating traditional architecture and a more Indonesian influence than the rest of Madagascar. Maison Gallieni is a restored colonial mansion with an elegant mix of modern and traditional décor. Take a dip in the pool and enjoy the lovely views over the city before dinner.

Overnight at Maison Gallieni (Half board)



02 June 2023: Antananarivo

After breakfast, meet with your English speaking guide, then explore the historical upper town of Antananarivo, with its stunning French inspired architecture. Continue downtown and enjoy the old colonial railway station built by the French in 1910. Have lunch in an enchanting property in the heart of Antananarivo with a unique panoramic view of Lake Anosy and the Queen's Palace at the authentic Maison de Maitre, built with character and restored with elegance and attention to details, known as the CITIZEN restaurant. In the afternoon, drive to Ambohimanga, 20 km north-east of Tana. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the ancestral home on the Merina kings and queens who united Madagascar under one rule. It is a fortified sacred hill with 16 gates leading to king Andrianampoinimerina's house (ruled 1787 – 1810) and a series of elegant royal summer homes.

Overnight at Maison Gallieni (Half board)



03 June 2023: Antananarivo – Andasibe

After an early breakfast, your guide will take you east to Andasibe, a stunning rainforest park, about 4 hours' drive from the city. The park consists of two protected areas, the Perinet Special Reserve and Mantadia National Park. Perinet is world famous for its population of Indri lemurs, which are the largest living lemur species. In the afternoon, enjoy a visit to Lemur Island, Vakona Lodge's private reserve that protects a number of habituated lemurs. There are four species to see, the bamboo lemur, the black & white ruffed lemur, brown lemur and one diademed sifaka.

Overnight at Mantadia Lodge (Full board)



04 June 2023: Andasibe (Mantadia National Park)

After breakfast you will head to Mantadia National Park (1.5 hour drive) with a picnic lunch. Look for some of the lemur species in this stunning park including the *Indri indri*, diademed sifaka, grey bamboo lemur, red-bellied lemur and white ruffed lemur. While the trails are slightly more difficult, the rewards are great as the forest is taller, wilder and less crowded than Perinet. There are an abundance of birds including the scaly ground roller, the pitta-like ground roller and the red-breasted coua. This is a naturalist's goldmine with many seldom seen species of mammals, reptiles and birds. Enjoy a picnic by the Rianasoa Waterfall before hiking back to the vehicle and return to the lodge. In the evening you may choose to go on another night walk with your local guide.

Overnight at Mantadia Lodge (Full board)



05 June 2023: Andasibe (Perinet Reserve)

After breakfast, enjoy a visit to the 810 ha Perinet Reserve with a local guide in search of the *Indri indri*. With a barely visible tail, black and white markings and a surprised teddy-bear face, this lemur is one of the few animals in the world that cannot survive in captivity. There are another 11 species of lemur to spot as you walk through the rainforest. You may find a troop of grey bamboo lemurs, common brown lemur, diademed sifaka and the black and white ruffed lemur. Birdwatchers should look out for the velvet asity, the blue coua and the Nuthatch vanga and many more endemic species. Perinet is home to many reptiles, invertebrates, and some of Madagascar's over a thousand orchid species. In the evening you may choose to go on another night walk with your local guide.

Overnight at Mantadia Lodge (Full board)



06 June 2023: Andasibe (Perinet Reserve) - Antananarivo

Head back to Antananarivo. Transfer to your hotel in the upper town of Antananarivo.

Overnight at Maison Gallieni (Half board)



07 June 2023: Antananarivo – Mandrare River Camp (Private charter flight 09:00 am – 11:00 am)

After breakfast, drive back to Ivato Airport in time for your private charter flight to Ifotaka (2 hours). Upon arrival you will be met by our guide and vehicle and transfer to the camp. Settle into your tent and enjoy the majestic views over the Mandrare River. Around 5pm you will depart for a night walk in the Forest of Zenavo. This is a fantastic way to see diurnal lemurs bedding down, and the nocturnal lemurs begin to wake in the eerie and prehistoric spiny forest. You will spot sifakas and sleeping white-foot sportive lemurs, then once the sun has set, two mouse lemur species, sleeping birds, chameleons, owls and now active sportive lemurs.

Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a Luxury Tent (All inclusive)



08 June 2023: Mandrare River Camp

After breakfast you will head out to the stunning sacred gallery forest to the south of the camp. Depending on the river depth, you will walk or take a boat across the Mandrare River to reach this largely deciduous forest. Inquisitive groups of ring tailed lemurs and the always entertaining Verreaux sifaka are the highlight of this excursion. Return to camp for lunch and a relaxed afternoon by the pool. In late afternoon, head for a walk through the sacred spiny forest filled with the ancestral tombs of the local Antandroy tribe, as well as an extraordinary array of flora and fauna, unique to the spiny forest. Your English speaking guide and a tracker from the local community will give you an introduction to Antandroy culture and customs. Your visit is followed by sundowners on the Mandrare River banks.

Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a Luxury Tent (All inclusive)



09 June 2023: Mandrare River Camp

After a cup of tea or coffee head to the Spiny Forest for an early morning walk. Witness the sunlight break through the octopus trees while looking out for the many endemic birds such as crested coua, a variety of vangas and the running coua. Head back to camp for a sumptuous breakfast followed by a visit to the local market or the local village to meet the fascinating Antandroy tribe. Lunch will be served at the camp followed by a relaxed afternoon watching life along the river from your tent terrace. At 5pm, depart for a sundowner amidst the baobabs. Watching the sun set and moon rise with a view across the baobabs to the mountains beyond is a magical experience. In the evening the local village may come to perform beautiful traditional dances, accompanied by singing and music. Song and dance is at the heart of Antandroy culture and is used to accompany the major rituals and events of everyday life.

Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a Luxury Tent (All inclusive)



10 June 2023: Mandrare River Camp – Antananarivo (Private Charter Flight 08:00 am- 10:00 am) - OUT

After breakfast, transfer to the airstrip in time for your private charter flight back to Tana. Connection with your international flight.



Cost Includes:

- Airport assistance throughout
- Transport in Antananarivo in air-conditioned car
- All transport in 4x4 vehicles as indicated in the above itinerary
- Private charter flight Antananarivo – Ifotaka – Antananarivo
- The services of an English speaking guide
- All meals and accommodation as per itinerary
- All excursions indicated in the itinerary, park fees and community/environmental levies
- All inclusive of meals & all drinks at Mandrare River Camp

Cost Excludes

- All international flights and visa fees or assistance unless otherwise specified
- All tips, other drinks and personal expenses
- Travel insurance: it is a condition that all clients travelling with MCC must have appropriate travel insurance, including emergency medical evacuation cover

Luggage Restrictions

- Luggage restriction with private charters depends on passenger weight and type of airplane, as a guide we suggest guests restrict their luggage to a total of 20 kg (44 lbs) each (checked in + hand luggage)

Reservation details

- A 25% deposit is required to confirm and hold this itinerary

Cancellation Policy

- 145 days or more - the 25% deposit can be carried over for a future booking from the same clients
- 145 - 45 days 30% cancellation fee
- 45 - 30 days 50% cancellation fee
- 30 days or less 100% cancellation fee