

## *Wild Madagascar Flying Package*

### **6<sup>th</sup> May: Arrival in Antananarivo - Andasibe**

You will be greeted on arrival at Ivato airport by an English speaking guide from MCC who will take you east to Andasibe, a stunning rainforest park, about four hours' drive from the airport. 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. The journey to Andasibe offers first time visitors to Madagascar a gentle introduction to rural life with rice fields, redbrick houses and roadside stalls selling seasonal fruits and vegetables lining the route. Check into your hotel and have a relaxing evening.

### **Overnight at Vakona Forest Lodge (Full Board)**



### **7<sup>th</sup> May: 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 Black and White ruffed lemur. Birdwatchers should look out for the Velvet Asity, Blue Coua and 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 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.

Then in late evening, go out for a night walk in the forest surrounding the reserve with a local guide. You will see a variety of the nocturnal lemurs: mouse lemurs, white footed sportive lemur, fat-tailed dwarf lemur, as well as the woolly lemur.

### **Overnight at Vakona Forest Lodge (Full Board)**

### **8<sup>th</sup> May: Andasibe – Tana - Mandrare River Camp by private charter Cessna 210**

Early morning drive back to Tana, and then continue to Ivato airport for a morning flight to Mandrare River Camp (3hrs) with a private charter. Upon arrival at the Camp settle into your tent and enjoy the majestic views over the Mandrare River.



Around 5pm 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 Mandrare River Camp (All Inclusive)**



#### **9<sup>th</sup> May: Mandrare River Camp**

After breakfast of freshly baked croissant and pain au chocolat, fresh fruits, cereals and breads, head to the stunning Sacred Gallery forest to the south of the Camp. Depending on the height of the river, 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. A sumptuous meal will be prepared by your personal chef and served in the Banyan Tree. After lunch, enjoy the afternoon walk in the Sacred Spiny forest.

Head back to your tent and then 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 Mandrare River Camp (All Inclusive)**

#### **10<sup>th</sup> May: Mandrare River Camp to Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge by private charter Cessna 210**

After a cup of tea or coffee at 6 am, 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 the Camp at 8:30 for a sumptuous breakfast, then take a short flight to Fort Dauphin (25 minutes) where you will be met by a vehicle and guide from Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge and escorted to the Lodge (2 ½hrs). Manafiafy, also known as Sainte Luce, is a beautiful sandy bay, fringed with forest covered mountains and wildlife rich mangroves.

Upon arrival check into your luxury bungalow for lunch, then head to the Stitch project and local woodworking shop to interact with the local Antanosy community. Stitch was created by the NGO Azafady (SEED Madagascar) to provide local women with sustainable livelihoods by training them in embroidery, English and business skills. Embroidery is a traditional Malagasy skill which the women have used to make beautiful purses, belts, and more.



At 4:30 pm head for a night walk in the Coastal Rainforest. Explore the last untouched block of coastal rainforest in southern Madagascar to spot some of the 5 species and 3 sub-species of lemur, over 80 bird species, over half of which are endemic, and an abundance of geckos, chameleons and other reptiles present in the forest. You'll see nocturnal lemurs leaping through the trees, Madagascar Scops Owl, satanic leaf-tailed geckos and other masters of camouflage. Return to the Lodge for dinner at 8pm.

After dinner enjoy Antanosy storytelling on the beach. Immerse yourself in Malagasy oral history and culture as the stars form a canopy overhead.

**Overnight at Manafiafy Lodge (All Inclusive)**



**11<sup>th</sup> May: Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge**

This morning, head to the nearby mangrove network for birdwatching and photography. Ideal for botanists, landscape photographers and adventure seekers, this 40 km network stretches from Manafiafy to Fort Dauphin with the magnificent Anosy mountain range in the backdrop. Today you will be exploring the mangroves by motorboat. Endemic birds include the Madagascar Malachite Kingfisher, Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher, Madagascar Harrier Hawk, Madagascar Crested Ibis and Blue Coua.

Return for a beach picnic lunch and snorkel (weather permitting).

Relax until your late afternoon excursion to see Madagascar's largest bat, the Flying Fox, roosting in a nearby community forest, then filling the sky at dusk as they fly off on search of food.

In the evening, enjoy the sunset and sip a cocktail on the rocks overlooking Manafiafy Bay.

**Overnight at Manafiafy Lodge (All Inclusive)**

**12<sup>th</sup> May: Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge - Fort Dauphin – Tana by private charter Cessna 210**

Check out at 9:00 am for your drive back to Fort Dauphin (2 ½ hrs) where you will have an early lunch then fly back to Tana (2hrs 35 min) On arrival, your MCC driver and guide will escort you to your hotel in the historic upper town of Antananarivo. Maison Gallieni is a restored colonial mansion with an elegant mix of modern and traditional Malagasy décor.

**Overnight at Maison Gallieni (Half Board)**

**13<sup>th</sup> May: Tana – Diego – Miavana Private Island by private charter Cessna 210 & helicopter**

After breakfast, drive to the airport for your flight to Diego (2 hrs 45 min). On arrival, you will be welcomed by Miavana staff who will accompany you to the helicopter terminal for your 30mn flight to Nosy Anka.

Nosy Anka is the largest of five islands making up this reef-protected archipelago to the north east of the mainland. To the island's west, the hills and mountains of the mainland are profiled against the horizon,





while in other areas, sky and clouds blend seamlessly with water expanses. Check in to your sumptuous one bedroom villa overlooking the azure waters of the Indian Ocean. Reaching nearly 5,000 square feet in size, these palatial villas have been flawlessly designed by award winning Silvio Rech and Lesley Carstens of Seychelles' North Island fame and allow guests to step directly onto the powder-soft sand from their private decks to enjoy spectacular panoramic Indian Ocean sunsets extending to the far contours of mainland Madagascar.

#### **Overnight at Miavana Private Island (All Inclusive)**



#### **14<sup>th</sup> May: Miavana Private Island**

Day at leisure. Choose from the variety of activities available including the 'Blue Safari' guided water activities that will provide fascinating insights as you explore the aquamarine bays, beaches, lagoons and channels of the archipelago. Complementary activities include: guided lemur trekking (and boat transfers to the mainland adjacent), forest walks, scuba diving around Miavana and scuba diving lessons, snorkelling, cultural visit on Miavana, boat cruises, shore based fishing and half day fishing trips, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, kite surfing, bicycling.

#### **Overnight at Miavana Private Island (All Inclusive)**

#### **15<sup>th</sup> May: Miavana – Diego – Tana - Out with helicopter & private charter Cessna 210**

Breakfast and transfer to Diego with the hotel helicopter (30mn) and transfer to the flight back to Tana. Upon arrival, your MCC guide will assist you in the airport for your outbound international flight.

#### **Cost Includes**

All accommodation and meals indicated in the itinerary.

Airport assistance and transfers throughout.

Transport in Antananarivo in air conditioned car.

All transport in 4x4 vehicles.

Private charter flights with a Cessna 210:

Tana – Mandrare – Fort Dauphin – Tana & Tana – Diego – Tana

All inclusive of meals & drinks in Mandrare River Camp & Manafiafy Lodge (including imported wines & spirits).

The services of an English speaking guide in Andasibe/Mandrare/Manafiafy/Miavana.

Selected premium wine, champagne, top shelf spirits, bar drinks, laundry and service charge at Miavana.

All excursions indicated in the itinerary, park fees and community/environmental levies.



### **Cost Excludes**

All international flights and visa fees or assistance unless otherwise specified.

All tips, other drinks and personal expenses.

High end premium wines and champagnes on the reserve list at Miavana.

Helicopter adventures, deep sea fishing, spa treatments and any privately guided activities or lessons at Miavana.

Travel insurance, it is a condition that all clients travelling with MCC must have appropriate travel insurance, including emergency medical evacuation cover.



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