



MCC FAM TRIP MAY 2025

ITINERARY NETT COST

Net fam trip rate per person in a single room: **USD \$2,500**

Standard retail price: **USD \$11,765**

12 May 2025: 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 town of Antananarivo. 'Tana' – as the locals call, it has fascinating traditional architecture and a more Indonesian influence than the rest of Madagascar. Your hotel is about 25min from the airport. Enjoy stylish rooms and suites each equipped with free high-speed wireless internet, coffee and tea making facilities, and other modern amenities.

Overnight at Radisson Blu in a Superior Waterfront View Room (Half board)



13 May: Antananarivo – Mandrare River Camp (Private charter flight in a Cessna Caravan)

After breakfast, drive back to Ivato Airport in time for your private charter flight to Ifotaka (3 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)



14 May: 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)



15 May: 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.

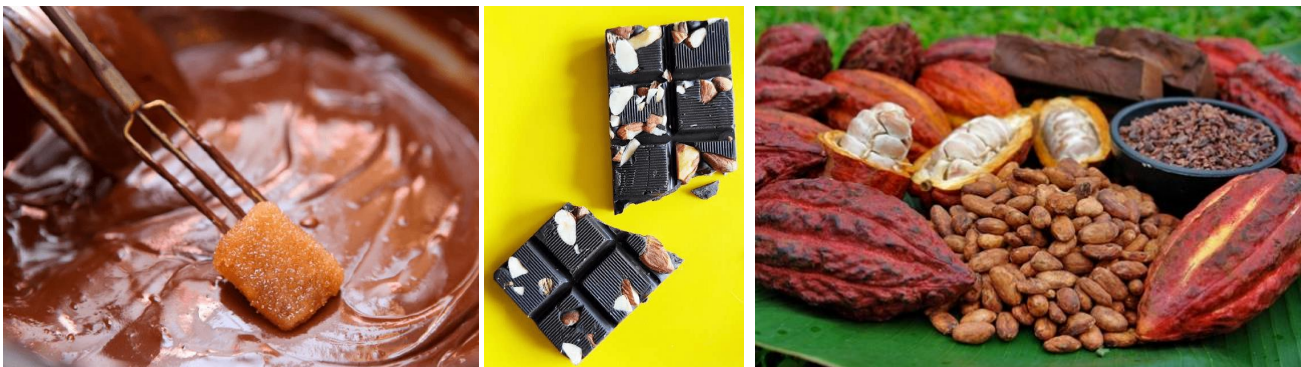
Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a luxury tent (All inclusive)



16 May: Mandrare – Antananarivo (by private charter flight) - Chocolate workshop

This morning, transfer to the airstrip in time for your private charter flight to Antananarivo (3hrs). On arrival transfer to your hotel with your private MCC guide and vehicle. After lunch and a rest, your guide will accompany you to a chocolate making workshop. Cacao was introduced to Madagascar in the early 1800s and originally cultivated first on the east coast and then in the Sambirano region. Cacao trees are often planted amongst other fruit trees, such as mango, banana, lychee and jackfruit. Madagascar accounts for about only 0,5% of the worldwide cocoa production, but Madagascan cocoa is considered as one of the most exceptional one, thanks to a unique terroir and a unique genetic material. Inspired by the one and only craft chocolate maker in Madagascar, the Bijor Company, you will learn about the ingredients used in chocolate-making, the refinement process, and some of the secret of why malagasy chocolate is so unique and delicious. Roll-up your sleeves and enjoy a fun and informative experience !

Overnight at Radisson Blu in a Superior Waterfront View room (Half board)



17 May: Antananarivo – Soalala (Scheduled charter flight /08:00 – 09:30) – Namoroka (by road)

Today, fly to the port town of Soalala by scheduled charter. On arrival you are met by your guide and transfer to Namoroka Tsingy Camp by road (2hrs 30 min) with a stop along the way for a village walk among the



mango trees. On arrival, settle into your tent. In the late afternoon, depart for a walk in the forest surrounding the camp. Along with birds, chameleons, Von der Deckens sifakas or red lemur, you may spot fossa or Aye Aye during your walk. In the evening, enjoy sundowners amongst the baobabs.

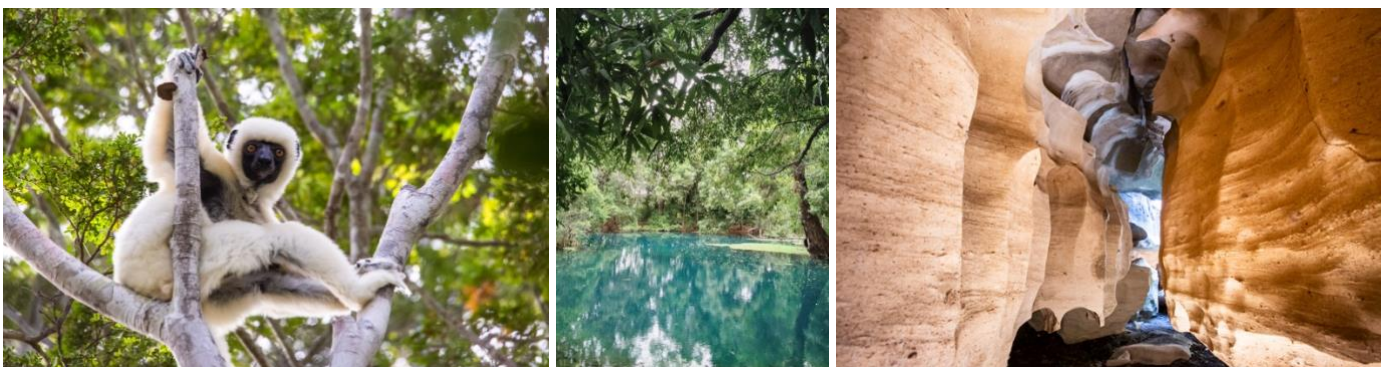
Overnight at Namoroka Tsingy Camp in a tent (All inclusive)



18 & 19 May: Namoroka Tsingy Camp

Two days to explore the tsingy of Namoroka National Park and its surrounding areas. This national park welcomes just 50 visitors per year due to the challenges of accessing it by road. It is one of the more pristine protected areas on the island with an incredible abundance of birds (100 species) and other wildlife. There are 6 lemur species to see including the playful Von der Dicken's Sifaka, Milne-Edwards Sportive lemur, the Red lemur and the incredibly secretive Aye Aye. Depart for an exploration of the unique cave system that stretches under the entire massif. Here, you will encounter rare fossil remains of species such as the Archaeolemur, a giant lemur species with a body mass of up to 26kg which went extinct, along with much of Madagascar's megafauna about 1,000 years ago. Picnic lunch in the shade of the tsingy.

Overnight at Namoroka Tsingy Camp in a tent (All inclusive)



20 May: Namoroka – Soalala (by road) – Antananarivo (Scheduled charter flight /10:00 - 11:30)

After an early breakfast, transfer by road to Soalala (2hrs 30 mins) in time for your scheduled charter flight to Antananarivo. On arrival, your MCC guide will transfer you to the international terminal.



Cost Includes:

- Private guide and driver in Antananarivo in air-conditioned car
- All transport in 4x4 vehicles as indicated in the above itinerary
- Private charter flights: Antananarivo – Ifotaka – Antananarivo
- Scheduled charter flights: Antananarivo – Soalala – Antananarivo
- The services of an English-speaking guide in each location
- 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
- All inclusive of meals & drinks at Namoroka Tsingy 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 and cancellation insurance

Luggage Restrictions

- The charter flights limit luggage to a total of 20 kg (44 lbs) per passenger (checked in + hand luggage)

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