

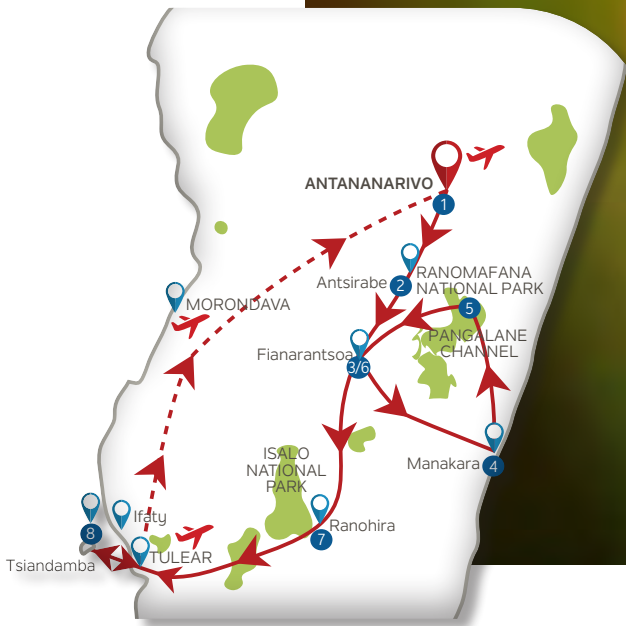
14 day



Original Madagascar

Highlights

- Landscape of the Highlands of Madagascar
- Lemurs in the rainforest in Ranomafana national park
- A railway experience from the highlands to the East Coast
- Hiking in Isalo National Park
- The wonderful lagoon facing guests' bungalow



Day 1
ANTANANARIVO
Guests are welcomed on arrival by their guide in Antananarivo and transferred to their hotel for the night. La Maison Gallieni is in heart of the historic district of the capital, with a magnificent view of the city.
Overnight at Maison Gallieni – Dinner.

Day 2
ANTSIRABE
After breakfast, guests meet up with their guide and start heading south. The tour stops in Ambatolampy to discover how the aluminium pots used by the whole country are made.

Guests enjoy lunch in town and then continue on towards Antsirabe. They go on a city tour and for those who want to, experience “pousse-pousse” (rickshaw) ride, the main transport used by locals, it is a must.
Overnight at Couleur Cafe – Breakfast and dinner.

Day 3
ANTSIRABE
After breakfast, guests leave for a full day of village visits, meeting the inhabitants and experiencing first-hand their way of life in rural Madagascar. Guests enjoy a picnic lunch and later return to the hotel for dinner.
Overnight at Couleur Cafe – Breakfast, picnic lunch and dinner.

Day 4
FIANARANTSOA
Today, guests travel south after breakfast, stopping in Ambositra, the capital of sculpture

and marquetry, and then continuing on to Fianar. Tsara Guest House is close to the historic heart of the old town. The buildings reflect the traditional architecture of the Highlands combining red bricks, mud walls and flat tile roofs.
Overnight at Tsara Guest House – Breakfast and dinner.

Day 5
MANAKARA
Guest enjoy breakfast before boarding the train that will take them to the East coast. The trip will take about 10 hours, through 163km of rainforest, mountains and coastal plain, descending 1 200m to the coast.

A picnic lunch is provided on board. Guests arrive in Manakara and go to the Parthenay Club in the afternoon. Guests can enjoy a walk along the beach towards the lagoon, before returning for dinner.
Overnight at Parthenay Club – Breakfast, picnic lunch and dinner.

Day 6
RANOMAFANA
Following breakfast, the morning is spent discovering the coast by boat, along the Pangalanes Channel. After lunch, guests drive to Ranomafana and check-in to the Thermal Hotel, nestled in the centre of the village.

Dinner is enjoyed at the restaurant, with its outdoor terrace offering gourmet cuisine using produce grown in their own garden.
Overnight at Thermal Hotel – Breakfast, picnic lunch and dinner.

Day 7
RANOMAFANA NATIONAL PARK
After breakfast and after a short drive, guests are joined by a local guide to explore the Ranomafana National Park. As it is a very humid environment, rain coats are recommended. Ranomafana National Park is home to many species of lemurs. The park is a genetic reservoir for some rare and endemic plant species, but also many medicinal plants. Guests then drive through to Fianar in the afternoon, where they check-in to the hotel and enjoy dinner at the restaurant.
Overnight at Tsara Guest House – Breakfast and dinner.

Day 8
RANOHIRA
Guests leave the highlands today and head south. At Ambalavao, they visit the Antemoro paper factory. Following this, the tour goes to Anja to see the lemurs in the small reserve at the foothills. From here, the tour continues towards the southwest and the Bara region, crossing the largest plateau of Madagascar, Ihorombe, and then arrives to Ranohira, which is close to Isalo massif.
Overnight at Jardin du Roi – Breakfast and dinner.

Day 9
ISALO NATIONAL PARK
Following breakfast, guests take a short drive to the foothills of Isalo National Park and are provided with a small rucksack. Guests take a walk through impressive landscape, canyons, natural pools, and rock erosions. Guests enjoy a picnic lunch in the Tapia Forest and can choose

to walk up to the summit for the splendid view. The tour returns to the hotel where guests enjoy dinner.
Overnight at Jardin du Roi – Breakfast, picnic lunch and dinner.

Day 10
TSIANDAMBA
Today guests head southwest towards the Mozambique Channel and drive on 245km to Tuléar through a variety of botanical settings. Along the way the tour stops at the Mahafaly tribe to see their tombs, and then continues to Tsiandamba and onto Five Senses Lodge. Guests can relax on the terrace facing the lagoon.
Overnight at Five Senses – Breakfast and dinner.

Day 11 - 13
TSIANDAMBA
The following days are spent at leisure, with guests taking advantage of the peace and quiet of the resort. They can spend the days discovering the lagoon, and the evenings enjoying the sunsets from the terrace of their bungalow.
Overnight at Five Senses – Breakfast and dinner.

DAY 14
DEPARTURE
After breakfast, guests depart the hotel and are transferred to Tulear from where they board a domestic flight to the capital. From here, guests are greeted at the airport and assisted with their outbound flight.
Breakfast.

Live this!

Discover the diversity of the Great Island with hikes in the Highlands and rice fields, quiet villages, a train crossing, a canoe crossing of the Canal des Pangalanes. Enjoy the strange and attractive nature of the great Ranomafana rainforest in contrast with the arid plateau of Horombe, walk through the canyons of Isalo, and end up at the turquoise lagoon of Tsiandamba.

Group size:
2-10 guests

Language:
🇬🇧 English | 🇫🇷 French

Departure details:
Subject to flight arrival times, January to December

Inclusions:
Accommodation: As specified
Meals: As specified
Activities: As specified
Transfers: All transfers
Entrance fees: National park entrance fees
Guide: Local and various guides in parks and reserves visited

Transport:
• Minibus
• Light aircraft

Exclusions:
• All international / domestic flights
• Visas
• Travel and personal accident insurance
• Personal expenses
• Meals not included in the itinerary
• Mineral water and drinks
• Excursions / activities not specified
• Gratuities