

FROM THE INDRI INDRI TO THE HIGHLANDS

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Day 1 > ANTANANARIVO: Arrival at the international airport of Ivato; after formalities, meet your driver; after greetings, departure by car to the city. Visit of the Queen's Palace in Manjakamiadana. After the visit, transfer to your hotel in the city. Enjoy a breathtaking sunset from your room at the top of the capital. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 2 ANTANANARIVO > ANDASIBE RESERVE (145km - about 4 hours' drive): Breakfast at the hotel. Departure in the morning along the road that crosses the eastern plateau, among pine and eucalyptus forests, rice fields in the plains and the typical Merina and Bezanozano local populations villages; stop in Marozevo to visit the chameleon reserve: you will see many varieties of endemic animals: reptiles, chameleons of all sizes and colors, batrachians, snakes, geckos, iguanas, crocodiles and lemurs; after the visit, continuation to Andasibe; check-in at your Lodge; afternoon visit of a villagers reserve followed by a nocturnal visit to chase nocturnal species of the local fauna. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 3 ANDASIBE RESERVE: After breakfast, start of the excursion in the reserve of Analamazaotra, characterized by high altitude rainforest dotted with streams and waterfalls, in a profusion of lush trees, gigantic ferns, fragrant flowers and a thousand varieties of orchids; during the excursion we can see the largest living lemur, the Indri-Indri, well-known for its characteristic call that pervades the whole forest; at the end of the visit, free lunch; in the afternoon, visit the impressive Vakona private reserve to observe animals, including crocodiles, snakes, herons, chameleons and lemurs; afterwards, return to the hotel; in the evening, dinner and overnight at the same hotel or similar.

Day 4 ANDASIBE RESERVE > ANTANANARIVO (145km - about 4 hours' drive): After breakfast, return to the capital. Upon arrival in the capital, visit towards the hill of Ambohimanga 'the Blue Hill' (WORLD HERITAGE, 2001), located 27 km from Antananarivo, one of the 12 sacred hills of the Imerina, the Palace was the former residence of the monarchs of Madagascar since the 17th century, is reached by a pleasant drive through the countryside and villages. Free lunch. In the afternoon, transfer to your hotel. In the evening, enjoy a delicious dinner and have a peaceful overnight at your hotel.

Day 5 ANTANANARIVO > AMPEFY (130km - about 3hours' drive): Breakfast at the hotel; departure for Ampefy along National Road No. 1 towards the west of Antananarivo; stop to visit Lemur's Park, a park with several animals endemic to the large island, as well as other important representatives of Malagasy flora and fauna; continuation of the journey through the bucolic landscapes of villages and countryside, which gradually give way to large spaces where the view embraces endless horizons. En route, stop at Arivonimamo to visit a small family workshop where they weave wild silk in the traditional way and where you can take part. Continuation to Ampefy. On arrival, continue for sightseeing of the region and the beautiful waterfall; at the end of the day, accommodation at hotel; dinner and overnight.

Day 6 AMPEFY > ANTIRABE (140km - about 4hours' drive): Breakfast at the hotel; depart by car for Antsirabe through cultivated fields and typical villages to Antsirabe; this spa town, whose name means "rich in salt" but which is also known as "the city of water" for the therapeutic virtues of its hot springs; free lunch in a popular and tasty restaurant; in the afternoon, tour of the town of Antsirabe by posy posy (rickshaw) characterized by the bustling comings and goings of this means of transportation; the many historic mansions along wide tree-lined avenues, local artisans producing various kinds of handicrafts and workshops for working precious and semiprecious stones; in the evening, accommodation at hotel; enjoy a dinner then overnight.

Day 7 ANTIRABE > ANTANANARIVO (170km - about 5hours' drive): Breakfast at the hotel; in the morning, rural tour of the Antsirabe countryside to discover the daily life of the locals. Thermal bath and lunch on the spot. Early afternoon departure for the capital Antananarivo. Road back to the capital through cultivated fields and typical villages, a route along National Road No. 7, enjoy the beautiful landscapes of rice fields and unique landscape. On the way, if time allows, stop in Ambatolampy's aluminum fundery, famous for its handicraft production of aluminum items. Arrival in Antananarivo late in the evening. Accommodation at hotel; dinner and overnight.

Day 8 ANTANANARIVO: Breakfast at the hotel; if your international flight is in the afternoon, the morning will be dedicated to a spa day where you can relax and be pampered before your long flight. On the program : relaxing massage and body care. Then, according to your flight schedule, meet your driver for a transfer to the airport of Ivato to take the flight back home. Thank you for your visit and veloma (see you)! End of services.

