

HIGHLAND PARKS TO THE CORAL REEF

ITINERARY

Day 1: > ARRIVAL IN ANTANANARIVO: Arrival at the international airport of Ivato; after formalities process, meet with our representative and driver; then we will take you on a tour of Madagascar's capital, Antananarivo, or "the city of a thousand," from the lower city to the upper city perched on the hill of Analamanga, where you will find the most typical buildings of the Merina civilization, the people who inhabit this region, and also the remains of the Queen's Palace in Manjakamiadana. At the end of the visits, you will go to your hotel for a well-deserved rest. Accommodation at Hotel; dinner and overnight.

Day 2: ANTANANARIVO > ANT SIRABE (170km - about 5h drive): Breakfast at hotel; departure by private car to Antsirabe, reachable along a road that winds through the countryside, where you can admire extensive rice fields and the work of the fields that varies according to the seasons; also the typical villages of the crossed regions, the Imerina and the Vakinankaratra; along the way, stop in the large village of Ambatolampy to visit the artisans who manufacture valuable aluminum objects, both decorative and for daily use; lunch in a local restaurant; then continuation of the road to Antsirabe. Upon arrival, visit of the thermal town of Antsirabe, characterized by many historic residences along wide tree-lined avenues, the typical market of Asabotsy, especially to discover various local products, then accommodation at hotel; dinner and overnight.

Day 3: ANT SIRABE > RANOMAFANA (250km - about 7h drive): Breakfast at the hotel; continuation to Ranomafana; on the way, visit to the town of Ambositra, famous for its valuable wooden handicrafts; among them the Zafimaniry, UNESCO Intangible World Heritage; after the visit, lunch in restaurant; continuation of drive towards the eastern slopes, arriving in the afternoon at the Ranomafana National Park; visit of a small tribute known as the "Tanala Village" for a cultural share with the locals; then, accommodation at hotel; dinner and overnight.

Day 4: RANOMAFANA: Breakfast at the hotel; whole morning dedicated to hiking in the park, among streams, rushing waterfalls, along the paths that cross the rainforest where various species of lemurs and other endemic animals will be observed; lunch at a restaurant; in the afternoon, visit of the Tanala Village: The Tanala or Antagnala are a Malagasy ethnic group inhabiting a forested interior region of southeastern Madagascar, near Manakara. Their name means "people of the forest." At the end of the day, transfer to your hotel; dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 5: RANOMAFANA > TSARANORO (180km - about 5h drive): Breakfast at the hotel. We continue our journey towards Tsaranoro. We pass through Fianarantsoa, the historical and cultural capital of the Betsileo region. Fianarantsoa is also known for its tea plantations and vineyards. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we continue towards the Tsaranoro Valley. Upon arrival, accommodation at hotel; dinner and overnight.

Day 6: TSARANORO: Breakfast at the hotel. You set off in the morning for a wonderful exploration of the Tsaranoro Valley. This is a magnificent southern region, bordered by the impressive Tsaranoro cliff and the Andringitra mountain range. Leaving from the camp, you will put on your hiking boots for a 4 to 4.5-hour trek that will take you to the back of the Tsaranoro summit, which can only be reached by climbing. After these hours of exercise, you will relax at the hotel by the pool and enjoy a few hours of unwinding before continuing your incredible journey the next day. dinner and overnight hotel.

Day 7: TSARANORO > ISALO NATIONAL PARK (200 km - about 5 hours): After breakfast; departure for Isalo. On the way, visit of a typical handicraft factory where we will witness the creation of the "Antemoro Paper"; continuation of the itinerary towards Isalo National Park; lunch at a restaurant on the way; continuation through the savannah and Horombe plain, with arrival in the afternoon at Ranohira, at the feet of the National park; accommodation at hotel; in the evening, dinner and overnight.

Day 8: ISALO NATIONAL PARK: After breakfast, full day dedicated to hiking in the park; the Isalo National Park is a unique ecological representation within Madagascar National Parks sites: a ruinous massif of continental sandstone from the Jurassic period with its typical geomorphology and endemic rock vegetation (Aloe, Euphorbia, Pachypodium, Kalanchoe....) and the specific fauna of this exceptional habitat (rock reptiles, most of which are endemic); the park is also characterized by canyons, rock pinnacles and limestone spires of the most bizarre shapes, streams, natural lakes fed by rivers and waterfalls, where you can swim, forests inhabited by lemurs of various species; picnic lunch; after the visit, accommodation at hotel; dinner and overnight.

Day 9: ISALO > ZOMBITSE NATIONAL PARK > IFATY (295 km - about 6 hours): After breakfast of the itinerary to Ifaty; on the way, you will discover some types of baobabs in Andranomaitso; then continuing to the Zombitse National Park for a visit; this Protected Area boasts an "exceptional biodiversity" to discover other types of baobabs and birds; picnic lunch; afternoon drive to arrival in Ifaty through the beautiful lagoon. Arrival in Ifaty at the end of the day. Accommodation at hotel; in the evening, dinner and overnight.

Day 10: IFATY > TOLIARY > ANTANANARIVO (30 km - about 30' and domestic flight): Breakfast at hotel. If time allows, relax on the beach and according to your flight schedule, transfert to Toliary's airport for a flight to the capital. Upon arrival in Antananarivo, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel in the city center. Installation in your room. Dinner and overnight.

Day 11: ANTANANARIVO > INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT: Breakfast at hotel. According to your flight schedule, transfer to the airport for your international flight. Time to say goodbye! The memories of this unique trip will stay with you for the rest of your life.

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