

WILD WEST AND GIANT BAOBABS

ITINERARY

Day 1: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT > ANTANANARIVO: Arrival at the international airport of Ivato; after the formalities process, you will be welcomed by a Japanese speaking Tour guide then transferred to the city centre for a short visit around the artificial lake of Anosy (*flowering of Jacaranda tree will be on October*) and its stories; at the end of the tour, check-in at Hotel; dinner and overnight.

Day 2: ANTANANARIVO: Breakfast at the hotel, in the morning, departure to visit to Lemurs'Park, a small botanical and lemur reserve, covering 5ha and is located at 22km southwest of Antananarivo; this privileged place was created with the aim of bringing this surprising animal to the attention of as many people as possible, to all nature lovers, and in this way to enable reintroduce lemurs born in the park into their natural habitat; lunch at a restaurant after the visit; in the afternoon, departure by bus to join Ambohimanga 'the Blue Hill' (WORLD HERITAGE in 2001 by UNESCO), one of the 12 sacred hills of Imerina; the Royal Hill of Ambohimanga has long been one of the most important spiritual and historic sites for the Malagasy people; the Palace was the former residence of the monarchs in Madagascar from the 17th century; turn back to the same hotel after the visit; dinner and overnight.

Day 3: ANTANANARIVO > ANTSIRABE > MIANDRIVAZO (416 km, about 10 hrs): Breakfast at the hotel; departure (at 06.00am) by private car to the south to Antsirabe; on the way, stops will be made at the most interesting places; lunch at a restaurant; in the afternoon, continuation of the itinerary towards the west to reach Miandrivazo; along the road you will see several rice cultivations, vegetables crops, with varied landscapes, and through a mountainous region, sparsely inhabited until you reach Miandrivazo, a large village on the banks of the Mahajilo river, a tributary of the Tsiribihina; accommodation at the hotel; dinner and overnight.

Day 4: MIANDRIVAZO > MORONDAVA: (270 km, about 6 hrs): After breakfast, continuing along the track that crosses the savannah and the sandy bush; then passing through green valleys, upon arrival in Morondava, check-in at a Resort; lunch in hotel; in the afternoon, city tour in Morondava to visit the market, the mosques and others interesting site; turn back to the hotel after the visit; dinner and overnight.

Day 5: MORONDAVA: Breakfast at the hotel; excursion on a traditional pirogue across the river to reach the fishermen village called Betania, it is an opportunity to see villagers daily activities life to do with fishing and selling their fish; along the trip, you can admire the mangroves and hardworking locals along the water, repairing their pirogues or transporting their catches of the day; at the end of the visit, turn back to the hotel for the lunch; in the afternoon, departure to explore the baobabs savannah; stop along the road stop to pick photo at the twin baobabs, continuation of drive until a bifurcation that leads to Andranomena to have a look at The Baobabs "in Love", that have become twisted to each other as they grew, like two lovers; after the visit, drive back to Morondava; stop at the baobab forest for an excursion, it is a real playground for naturalists, botanists and nature lovers; you can have a little refreshment over there; then joining the one of the most famous touristic site in Madagascar, an impressive and evocative recurring image of this country "the Avenue of Baobabs" during which you can admire a wonderful sunset, contemplating the fantastic red-ochre colour of the baobab reflects; in the evening, dinner and overnight at the same hotel.

Day 6: MORONDAVA > ANTANANARIVO (Regular Flight): After breakfast at the hotel; transfer to the airport to fly back Antananarivo; upon arrival, you will have lunch at a restaurant; in the afternoon, drive by private car for a visit to the Croc Farm, located 5 minutes from Ivato airport, is REPTEL's best-known showcase, specializing in crocodile breeding and leather export. Nile crocodiles can be seen and observed at close range, from egg incubation to animal slaughter and the idleness of the splendid breeders on the banks. Along with other inhabitants such as lemurs, amphibians, ostriches, fosa, and snakes, not to mention an introduction to the unusual taste of crocodile meat. After the visit, joining the Hotel; dinner and overnight.

Day 6: ANTANANARIVO > International flight: Breakfast at the hotel; departure for the visit of Antananarivo or "the city of a thousand", from the lower city to the upper city perched on the hill of Analamanga, where the most typical buildings of the Merina civilization are found, the vestiges of the Queen Palace; transfer to the airport after the visit; early lunch at a restaurant along the way; then direction to the airport to catch the afternoon flight.

End of service.