

# camping africa

## 28 – Days 4x4 DESERT TOUR Madagascar

### ITINERARY

**ANTANANARIVO - ANTSIRABE - MIANDRIVAZO - MORONDAVA - MANDA BE - MANJA - MOROMBE - IFATY- ANAKAO – RANOHIRA – FIANARANTSOA - ANTANANARIVO**

#### **Day 1: Welcome to Ivato Airport** - transfer to the hotel

You will be picked up by a guide and accompanied to the hotel. After a long flight, you can relax in the Hôtel Restaurant La Ribaudière Antananarivo, 4-star hotel - <http://hotel-laribaudiere.com/>



#### **Day 2: Antananarivo - Antsirabe (168 km, approx. 4 hours)**

After breakfast we drive to Antsirabe. The journey takes about 4 hours. Arrived in Antsirabe, you can discover the city of Antsirabe and get to know the culture of the ethnic group Vakinankaratra. Overnight at the Plumeria Hotel, 3-star hotel - <https://plumeriahotelantsirabe.com/>



#### ANTSIRAB:

Antsirabe is 168 km south of Antananarivo. The city and its surroundings are rich in history. The name Antsirabe, which means "where there is a lot of salt", comes from the quality of their soils and waters with high concentrations of mineral salts. It is also called the "city of water", where you can enjoy its baths with their therapeutic virtues. There are three lakes in the area: Tritriva, Andranomafana and Andraikiba.



#### **Day 3: Visit of small villages Andraikiba, Tritriva and Betafo (approx. 60 km)**

Today we will drive along a back road. After breakfast we drive to Andraikiba. There we will enjoy the beauty of the lake. Then the journey continues to Tritriva. In Tritriva we will have lunch in the restaurant-hotel. After lunch the journey continues to Betafo. In Betafo we will discover the Tatamarina lake. In the evening we return to Antsirabe. Overnight at Hotel Plumeria, 3-star hotel.

#### ANDRAIKIBA:

Andraikiba Lake is about 7 km west of Antsirabe. Its name comes from the cry of a young pregnant woman who drowned there with her rival during a swimming competition organized by her own husband. The people in the area like to tell other legends that are as amusing and exciting as the others. This lake looks very much like a circle with a circumference of 5 km, surrounded by some tree plants and the remains of a nautical complex from the colonial era.

#### TRITRIVA:

Lake Tritriva is a volcanic lake located about 27 km from Antsirabe and is shaped like Madagascar. The lake's water level drops during the rainy season and rises when the monsoons have stopped. The story of Lake Tritriva is the story of Rabeniomby and Ravolahanta, two lovers who committed suicide in the lake because of their forbidden love. According to local legends and beliefs, after the suicide of the two cursed lovers, their souls were depicted in the intertwined trunks of a tree that grew on a rock on the bank of the lake. They would bleed if cut off.

BETAFO:

Betafo is 22 km west of Antsirabe. It is a charming city that will seduce more than one visitor. A typical Merina village that specializes in wrought iron but also has an agricultural calling. Its lush rice fields, its plateaus with cutlery from various plantations and the zest for life of the residents have established the charm of this unique travel destination.

**Day 4: Antsirabe - Miandrivazo (222 km, approx. 6 hours)**

After breakfast our journey continues to Miandrivazo. The city is known for being traditionally inhabited by ranchers. Today we will discover an exceptionally beautiful landscape with many mountains. We will take a break during our trip so you can take good panoramic photos. Overnight hotel "Day 4: Antsirabe - Miandrivazo (222 km, approx. 6 hours)

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MIANDRIVAZO:

Discovering the highlights of central Madagascar with arid regions on the west coast. Of the

West is a dry area, but with abundant rainfall from December to March. On the way there, there are wonderful natural and mountain landscapes to discover.



### **Day 5: Miandrivazo - Morondava (88 km, approx. 2 hours)**

After breakfast we continue to Morondava. During the trip you can discover various small villages. The route leads over the national road 35 from a distance of 88 km and the journey takes about 2 hours. Overnight at the Chez Magie Hotel, 3-star hotel - <https://www.chezmagie.com/>



### **Day 6: Visit to the city of Morondava**

After breakfast we will take a walk around this city where you can learn about the daily life of the people. During the visit you will also have the opportunity to discover the traditional dances of the Sakalava de Menabe. Overnight at the Chez Magie Hotel, 3-star hotel.

MORONDAVA:

The town of Morondava is characterized by its famous avenue of ash bread trees (baobab avenue), a real avenue of ash bread trees, which was only protected as a natural monument in July 2007. Morondava is a beautiful city to explore because the beach there is perfect for a nice excursion. All activities like diving, jet skiing and more are possible in Morondava. The hotel is also very comfortable and can cater to all guest needs. From Morondava you can reach many municipalities via a side road.



### **Day 7: Visit to the small village of Antsakamirohaka (7 km, approx. 30 minutes)**

After breakfast we will drive to Antsakamirohaka. The journey takes about 30 minutes and is on a country road. Along the way you can discover the life and culture of Sakalava de Menabe ethnic group. Arrived in Antsakamirohaka we will discover the interesting culture of the small village and the inhabitants. In the evening we return to Morondava. Overnight at the Chez Magie Hotel, 3-star hotel.

ANTSAKAMIROHAKA:

Antsakamirohaka is a small village in Morondava, a municipality not far from Morondava that you can visit to explore the nature around Morondava. Discover a wonderful new species that specifies the Morondava region. A back road from Morondava will bring you to this destination. When you arrive in this village, you can communicate with the people of the village to discover their culture.

### **Day 8: Excursion in Belo sur Tsiribihina (95 km approx. 4 hours)**

After breakfast we will drive to Belo sur Tsiribihina. It is 95 km from Morondava and the journey takes about 4 hours. On the way you will enjoy the beauty of the landscape. This will be another experience as we sleep in a tent.

BELO SUR TSIRIBIHINA:

The Tsiribihina is a river that flows down from the central plateau of Madagascar to the west coast. A river trip on the Tsiribihina and a visit to the so-called Tsingy of Bemaraha are highly recommended. This is probably one of the most extraordinary experiences or attractions you will ever find in Madagascar.



### **Day 9: Excursion in Belo sur Mer (80 km, approx. 3 hours)**

After breakfast we will go on a trip to Belo sur Mer. The journey takes about 3 hours. Belo sur Mer is 80 km from Morondava and you have to drive on a country road to get there. On the way you will enjoy the beauty of the landscape. Once in Belo sur Mer you can discover the culture of the village and the people. There you also have the opportunity to dive. In the evening we return to Morondava. Overnight at the Chez Magie Hotel, 3-star hotel - <https://www.chezmaggie.com/>

BELO SUR MER:

Belo sur Mer is located 88 km south of Morondava on the Mozambique Canal. From Morondava it takes about 3 hours by car to reach this village in Vezo. The village with its small houses and huts is on the edge of a small lagoon with a beautiful beach. Nine coral-lined offshore islands offer excellent snorkeling and diving opportunities.

### **Day 10: Tsiribihina River Tour**

Today you drive on the longest river in Madagascar. On the way to discover the dry forest. There is a nice place to swim under a waterfall. It is possible that lemurs could be here during this time. You will spend the night in a tent.

### **Day 11: Tsiribihina - National Park Belo sur Tsiribihina**

The dream trip continues to the Belo sur Tsiribihina National Park in western Madagascar. Here you can watch typical lemurs. Overnight at Hotel Tsingy Lodge, 4-star hotel - <https://www.letsbookhotel.com/en/madagascar/bekopaka/hotel/tingy-lodge-de-bemaraha.aspx>

### **Day 12: Tsingy from Bemaraha**

The exciting moment has finally come. An organized excursion to Tsingy Bemaraha. It's the best view of the volcanic mountains in Madagascar. 86% of the 650 plant species in the national park are endemic, the other part is dry forest. There are predators such as the pit and ring-tailed mongoose. We will stay at the Hotel Le Soleil des Tsingy Lodge, a 4-star hotel.

TSINGY FROM BEMARAHA:



This unique landscape began to form around 200 million years ago. The limestone floor was pushed up, creating a plateau that was hollowed out by the heavy rains and, over the years, took on the current shape of tall limestone pillars.

The integral reserve consists mainly of canyons, canyons, pristine forests, lakes and mangrove swamps, all of which boast an amazing variety of fauna and flora. The rate of endemic species is around 85%, 47% are even locally endemic animals! The western slopes of the massif rise gently and are mainly covered by dry deciduous forests, which are optimal are adapted to the extreme climatic conditions. In the north, too, the limestone profiles describe rather gentle hills, while in the south extensive elevations extremely restrict access. In the middle of this inaccessible vegetation lies the beautiful Manambolo Gorge, where you can see waterfalls, lemurs and wonderful, untouched forests. The landscape here above the plateaus resembles a grass savannah. Inside the deep gorges, however, the vegetation is very humid with small tropical forests and many lianas.

#### **Day 13: Back to Morondava (230 km)**

After breakfast we return to Morondava to discover other sides of the island. Overnight at Hotel Chez Magie, 3-star hotel - <https://www.chezmagie.com/>

#### **Day 14: Morondava - Manja (360 km)**

After breakfast we will go to Manja. It is 360 km from Morondava. The journey is on a national road and a secondary road. On the way you will enjoy the beauty of the landscape. After a long drive, you can rest in the hotel. Overnight at Hotel Kanto, 2-star hotel.

MANJA:

It is a municipality in the Atsimo-Andrefana region in Madagascar. The most important crop in this region is rice. This city also has a very popular artistic culture in southern Madagascar. Discovering this culture can give you the joy of traveling.



**Day 15: Excursion in Beharona (15 km, approx. 30 min)**

After breakfast we will go on a trip to Beharona. The journey takes 30 minutes and you have to drive on a country road to reach Beharona. On the way you will enjoy the beauty of the landscape. Once in Beharona you can discover the culture of the village and the people. In the evening we return to Manja. Overnight at Hotel Kanto, 2-star hotel.

BEHARONA:

It is a small village south of Manja that is good to discover because there is a beautiful kind of culture as well as wonderful looking nature to be discovered there.

**Day 16: Manja - Morombe (120 km, approx. 4 hours)**

After breakfast we continue to Morombe. Morombe is 120 km away from Manja. The drive takes about 4 hours and is on a national road and a country road. After a long drive, you can relax in the hotel. Overnight at Auberge chez Laurette, 4-star hotel -

<https://www.facebook.com/aubergemorombe/>

**Day 17: Discovery of the city of Morombe**

After breakfast you will discover the town of Morombe. In Morombe you have the possibility of various activities such as: visiting the artisan cycle, which specifies Morombe's artisan culture. You will have lunch at the hotel. Overnight at Auberge chez Laurette, 4-star hotel.

MOROMBE:

Morombe is a city in the northwest of the Atsimo-Andrefana region in Madagascar. It is located on the coast of the Mozambique Canal and has an airfield east of the OrtschaG. Morombe is characterized above all by the beauty of its lagoons, in which one of the largest and most beautiful coral reefs in the world can be found.

In Morombe you can enjoy various activities and make pleasant discoveries. The local population consists mainly of fishermen from Vezo. They live from fishing. On the first floor you can meet craftsmen on the beach who work there every day to complete their swinging pirogues. Everything is done by hand using traditional tools and.



### **Day 18: Visit of small villages Andavadoaka and Ambahikily (80 km)**

After breakfast we will visit the village of Andavadoaka. It is about 40 km from Morombe. You will have lunch at the hotel. After lunch we drive to Ambahikily. It is also 40 km from Morombe. On the way you will enjoy the beauty of the landscape. All journeys are on a country road. In Ambahikily you will discover the cultures of the village as well as its people. In the evening we return to Morombe. Overnight at Auberge chez Laurette, 4-star hotel.

#### **ANDAVADOAKA:**

It is a rural parish in the Morombe district. Rice is an important crop for the villagers of Andavadoaka. In Andavadoaka almost all of the village's inhabitants make a living from fishing.

#### **AMBAHIKILY:**

It is one of the villages of the Atsimo-Andrefana region that is crossed by the National Road 9, which is a country road that will take you to another village that you can visit. These villages still base their production culture on agriculture and livestock. There are wonderful places to discover.

### **Day 19: Relaxation and sport on the beach**

We will spend this day on the beach. After breakfast we go to the beach to practice sports like volleyball, sand soccer. You will have lunch at the hotel. After lunch you will have the opportunity to relax on the beach and soak up the sun. Overnight at Auberge chez Laurette, 4-star hotel.

### **Day 20: Diving and Jet Ski in Morombe**

After breakfast we go diving. A diving mask is provided for diving. Underwater there is a real aquarium where you can admire the magnificent corals while admiring the magnificent display of anemones, myriads of colorful fish, mussels, perch, moray eels and sea turtles. We will have lunch at the hotel. After lunch we will go jet skiing. Overnight at Auberge chez Laurette, 4-star hotel.



### **Day 21: Visit to Mikea forest and fishing**

After breakfast we will visit the Mikea forest. Baobab and lemurs can be seen here. The visit lasts 3 hours. You will have lunch at the hotel. After lunch we will spend the time at the sea because we will be fishing. Overnight at Auberge chez Laurette, 4-star hotel.

#### **MIKEA FOREST:**

The Mikea forest covers an area of about 1,500 km<sup>2</sup>. It is inhabited by geniuses, occult

forces, mythical animals and sacred trees who are the real owners of the place. With its flora and vegetation that is unique in the world, this forest has always fascinated botanists and amateurs.

There are numerous endemic species: cuttlefish trees, aloes ... Of the 8 species of breadcrumbs (Adansonia) found in the world, 6 are found in Madagascar, 3 of which are found in the forest of Mikea: Adansonia grandidieri (Reniala) , Adansonia za (Za) and Adansonia rubrostipa (Fony).

### **Day 22: boat excursion and campfire (with path fingers and guitar)**

After breakfast we will go on a boat excursion by the sea. The Morombe Sea is really compatible with this type of excursion. You will have lunch at the hotel. After lunch you can have a rest on the beach. After dinner we will make a campfire with path fingers organized by the hotel that welcomes you. Overnight at Auberge chez Laurette, 4-star hotel.

### **Day 23: Morombe - Ifaty (243 km, approx. 8.5 hours)**

After breakfast we continue to Ifaty. Ifaty is 150 miles from Morombe. The drive takes about 8.5 hours and is on a country road and then on national road 9. After a long drive, you can rest in the hotel. Overnight at the Hotel Le Jardin de l'Isle, 3-star hotel - <http://lejardindelisle-mangily.com/accueil.html>

IFATY:

Ifaty belongs to the municipality of Toliara, which has a larger beach where the beachgoer can go on wonderful excursions and relax a little. To explore the new nature and the baobab, Ifaty (Mangily) is one of the possible destinations. Several Vezo villages make up the Ifaty. Fishing is a dominant activity in Ifaty. A visit to Ifaty will allow you to get to know the fishing villages that are scattered near the lagoon that stretches along the coast. Many impressive excursions in Ifaty are waiting for you.

The beach of Ifaty is pure white, several kilometers long, very shallow, because a 200 km long coral reef in front of it protects this section and transforms the otherwise rough sea here into calm, clear water, in which bathing and diving is safe, but only possible at high tide. At low tide the water is too shallow.

### **Day 24: Baobab Ifaty (7 km, approx. 30 minutes)**

After breakfast we drive to the jungle limebread tree. You will see different types of scabbard trees, the largest tree in Madagascar, and other exotic plants. It's not that far from Ifaty, around 30 minutes by car. You take the Sarety, one of the special transports of the island village. The visit takes about 2 hours in total. Lunch will be taken at the hotel. In the afternoon you will relax on the beach. Overnight at the Hotel Le Jardin de l'Isle, 3-star hotel.

BAOBAB IFATY:

The excursion begins far away from the thorn forest on the coastal road, the bizarre thorn forest made up of large ash bread trees and aloe vera plants. The excursion is carried out on a small safari with a traditional means of transport Sarety. There are also tropical medicinal herbs that are widely used.

### **Day 25: Ifaty - Anakao (approx. 1 hour by car and approx. 1 hour by boat)**



After breakfast we continue to Toliara. The journey takes about an hour. On the way you can enjoy the beauty of the landscape. In Toliara we take a boat to Anakao. In Anakao you will enjoy the beauty of the beach. Overnight at Hotel Atlantis Anakao, 3-star hotel.

#### **ANACAO:**

During the colonial era, Anakao was a busy fishing port and this is still the main occupation of the people of the village today. Every morning shortly after sunrise you can see the fishermen set sail and dozens of tiny sails fl utter over the water. Anakao has some lovely beaches, and off the coast is Nosy Ve. This tiny island has a white sand coast and is home to hundreds of tropical birds. The riffe in front of Anakao offer good diving and surfing opportunities. While snorkeling you can see a myriad of fish, including doctor fish, angel fish, butterfly fish, groupers and rays.

### **Day 26: Diving in Nosy Ve**

After breakfast we drive to Nosy Ve to dive there. Nosy Ve is about 5 km from Anakao. A diving mask is provided for diving. Underwater there is a real aquarium where you can admire the magnificent corals while admiring the magnificent display of anemones, myriads of colorful fish, mussels, perch, moray eels and sea turtles. You will have lunch at the hotel. After lunch you can relax at the hotel. Overnight at Hotel Atlantis, 3-star hotel - <https://www.atlantismadagascar.com/>

#### **NOSY VE:**

Nosy Ve (also written Nossi-Vey or Nossy-Vey during the French colonial period) is a small coral island three kilometers from Anakao in the extreme southwest of Madagascar with lonely white sandy beaches and low green with little shade. Local taboos (fady) have left the Nosy Ve unscathed and given many tropical red-tailed birds a safe nesting place. That's why they're not afraid to let people get very close



**Day 27: Anakao - Toliara - Fianarantsoa (650 km, boat trip: approx. 1 hour, car journey: approx. 8 hours), barbecue in the evening**

After breakfast we go to Toliara by boat. The boat trip takes about an hour. In Toliara we take the off-road vehicle to Fianarantsoa. The journey takes about 8 hours. We will have lunch in Ranohira. When we arrive at the hotel, we will have a barbecue. Overnight at Lac Hotel Sahambavy, 3-star hotel - <https://www.lachotel.com/en/>

**FIANARANTSOA:**

Fianarantsoa is one of the 6 provinces of Madagascar. It is located 413 km from the capital Antananarivo and is a large classical city of Madagascar. There are some interesting places that the tourist can visit, such as the Fianarantsoa viewpoint, a view from above from which one can see the whole city of Fianarantsoa at a glance. This place is mostly known by the tourists of Fianarantsoa. There are also beautiful lakes to visit: Anosy, Manovoriaka, Sahambavy.

**Day 28: Fianarantsoa - Antananarivo (413 km, approx. 8 hours) - Europe**

Today we will have breakfast earlier as we continue to Antananarivo and the journey takes about 8 hours. We will have lunch in Antsirabe. After lunch the journey continues. As soon as we arrive in Antananarivo, you will be driven to Ivato Airport. There you will take the flight to Europe.

**END OF YOUR TOUR!**

- Hotels during the tour
- Transport during the tour
- Internet in the car during the tour
- Breakfast
- Drinking water during the tour
- Eating while grilling
- German or English-speaking tour guide during the tour
- Meet and Greet at the airport by a German or English-speaking tour guide
- Welcome gifts
- 24/7 telephone support in German/English in Madagascar during the tour
- 24-hour emergency service in German/English for family members during the tour
- Map of Madagascar
- Detailed travel information in German or English

#### What is excluded

- Air ticket to Antananarivo
- Entry to the park
- Travel insurance
- lunch & dinner
- Activities such as jet skiing, diving, fishing, visiting the forest

#### Costs

**From € 3,608 / ZAR 62,255 per person sharing**

- Rate is based on a minimum of two people traveling. Single traveler supplement and child rates will be quoted on request.
- Note that all activities are subject to weather conditions.
- Standard booking terms & conditions remain applicable at all times
- Terms and Booking conditions apply

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