



Masoala Peninsula Wildlife Safari

7 Nights

June – October 2017



Summary

This tour takes you to the Masoala Peninsula which is one of the largest and most diverse areas of unspoilt rainforest in Madagascar, and holds possibly the greatest number of unclassified species on the island. You will come across a large number of lemurs, chameleons and spectacular birdlife. Masoala can only be reached by boat, which takes approximately 2 hours from Maroantsetra, and the visit is only for avid nature-lovers who have an average level of fitness. The area also boasts stunning beaches, incredible wildlife, and beautiful scenery. Included in the tour is a trip to the island of Nosy Mangabe. Bursting with wildlife, and is famous for its Aye-aye lemurs and the leaf-tailed gecko, the reserve has beautiful sandy coves, a mass of trees and strangler figs.

Overview

Dates: June – October 2017

Interest: group, couple

Level of Comfort: 3/5

Minimum # of passengers: none

Maximum # of passengers: none

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Malagasy ariary
- **Language:** Malagasy & French
- **Dialing Code:** + 261
- **Recommended vaccines:** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** It is recommended to exchange foreign currencies at banks

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Day 1: Antananarivo

Today you begin your journey by boarding your international outbound flight to Antananarivo.

With its bustling markets, friendly people and charming old town with freestone churches and ancient royal places, it is a unique and attractive city.

Day 2: Antananarivo - Maroantsetra

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Maroantsetra. You will be met at the airport and a transfer will take you to your hotel.

Maroantsetra is a quaint town located at the base of Antongil Bay, in a beautiful riverine setting. This lush area is dotted with rice paddies and coconut palm plantations and the scent of vanilla and cloves fills the air.

Day 3: Maroantsetra to Masoala – Madagascar

You will be transferred to the port where you will embark a boat to Masoala.

The Masoala Peninsula is the site of a 230,000 ha national park containing one of the best rainforests in the country and the largest protected area, terrestrial and marine, in Madagascar.

After our arrival we will go on a three hour walk in the primary forest to see reptiles, birds, lemurs and orchids as well as rare and unique species such as the green lizard, the red owl, the tomato frog or the serpent eagle. You will even have the opportunity to relax and swim in the refreshing cool water of a river. We end the day off with a laid-back barbecue.

Day 4: Masoala – Madagascar

Begin the day with a three hour bird watching trip, followed by a visit to a local village surrounded by vanilla, clove and coffee plantations.

Masoala Peninsula is one of Madagascar's premier trekking and hiking areas. It also offers excellent opportunities for sea kayaking and snorkelling - a simple mask is enough to admire the colourful marine world. Between July and September you will also have the chance to see majestic humpback whales in the Bay of Antongil.

Day 5: Masoala – Madagascar

Today, you are free to relax or go snorkelling in the Masoala Marine Reserve inside the Masoala National Park, off the coast of Tampolo. In season, you might spot the giant humpback whales in the Antongil Bay.

Day 6: Masoala to Nosy Mangabe to Maroantsetra – Madagascar

You will go on a boat transfer to Nosy Mangabe, a scenic island with a variety of wildlife. This reserve is also one of the best places to see aye-ayes in the wild. We will visit the reserve to admire its endemic flora and fauna.

Later you will have the exciting opportunity to see the Betsimisaraka tombs. The Betsimisaraka tribe is Madagascar's second largest ethnic group and inhabits most of the central and north-eastern coastal region.

The name Betsimisaraka, which means "those who stand together", refers to the time when the tribe's confederation was forged from several smaller tribes in the early 18th century.

In the afternoon we take a boat ride back to the mainland at Maroantsetra in the Analanjirofo Region.

Day 7: Maroantsetra to Antananarivo – Madagascar

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Antananarivo, where a transfer will take you to your hotel in Antananarivo, the picturesque capital of Madagascar.

You can wander through the capital's steep and narrow streets, taking in its architecture, atmosphere and pace.

Or you can climb up to the old rova (palace) and enjoy the views over Antananarivo and the surrounding countryside.

The town is at its best in the evening when the setting sun spectacularly illuminates its hillsides.

Day 8: Antananarivo – Madagascar

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight, where your unforgettable Madagascar Masoala Peninsula Safari ends.

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Starting price per person in US\$

Hotels	2 Passengers	4 Passengers	6 Passengers	8 Passengers	Single Supplement
3* Hotels	3020	2745	2705	2575	350

- Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Antananarivo (economy class)
 Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – pier - airport
 Internal flights
 7-night accommodation at hotel
 Camping at Nosy Mangabe on a full board basis
 Camping equipment
 Meal: daily breakfast
 entrance fees in the park and reserve (Nosy Mangabe and Masoala)
 English speaking local guide
 Tours and excursions as per the program
 Assistance of our representative in Madagascar

Prices Exclude

Airport taxes
 Fuel surcharge
 DIP surcharge \$5/ticket
 Optional Tours
 Visa fees
 Travel insurance
 All other expenses

Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Addis Ababa	ET 417	03:55	08:20
Addis Ababa	Antananarivo	ET 853	08:50	13:40
Antananarivo	Addis Ababa	ET 852	14:30	19:30
Addis Ababa	Beirut	ET 406	21:30	02:05

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