

TOUR FOSA

Visits: Ambanja – Andranomandevy – Ambobaka – Ambilobe- Special Reserve of Ankarana - Antanavo Lake - Special Reserve of Analamera - Tsingy rouge - Amber Mountain - Diego Suarez city -French Mountain –Esmeralda Sea.

Duration: 15 days 14 nights

Departure: Nosy Be

Description of the circuits

Number of Pax: Clients, Guide,driver

Means of transport: 4WD spacious , comfortable with air conditioned

DAY 1 : ARRIVAL IN NOSY BE

Welcome at Fascène Airport.

Transfer at the hotel in a spacious and air-conditioned car with a guide

Installation and rest at the hotel.

Dinner and night at the hotel.

DAY 2: TRANSFER NOSY BE –AMBANJA –ANJAVIMILAY

Departure from the hotel at 8h00 and direction to the port of Nosy Be for a speed boat transfer to Ankify in 45 minutes. To Ankify port to Ambanja town, we will continue in car. Ambanja is a commercial and touristic place between the Tableland and DIANA Region.

The Sambirano River is situated at the North West of Madagascar taking his source from Tsaratanana massif with his 124 km of length and a basin of 2980 km². The fertility of drained soils by the river allowed the development of many crops: vanilla, cocoa, coffee, pepper,...

After a little break in Ambanja town, a vehicle will bring you at Amboloboza, a little village where you will see the famous baobabs “ZA” in a big cocoa plantation. Then we will go to the canoe boarding

place and rejoin Manambaro for 5 min of crossing. It will be next by 2 hours of walking before to reach Anjavimilay.

Lunch: sandwiches and drinks.

Dinner and Night in an eco house built due to a communal tourism project. You will welcome by a women association in their straw restaurant where you can see an artisanal products and tasty local meals.

DAY 3: ANAVIMILAY- ANDRANOMANDEVY-ANTANAMBAO

Strong points: Ornithology

Anjavimilay village is localized in the forest heart with his sacred lake whose history feeds local belief and tradition. A morning visit of the thermal source called “Andranomandevy” and and his forest with richest fauna: Heron, Ibis, green pigeon, Cormorans, Sultan Chicken, snack, lizard.

The sacred lake, a place preserved to traditional North wears: “salovagna” and “kisaly”. A place where people comes for praying or asking for benediction from their ancestors.

After taking breakfast, we will walk in the village, in the cocoa plantation and will see how the different steps of cocoa fermentation for have a good quality.

Three hours of crossing and walking for reach Antanambao village. During the path, we appreciate an amazing landscape of paddy field, banana trees and meet peasants. The village is a rural environment where population focuses in agriculture.

After to be installed and took lunch, you will go in afternoon to the Ambahatra river for swimming and an aquatic ramble. Dinner and night at the eco house.

DAY 4: ANTANAMBAO-AMBOBAKA- AMBANJA

After breakfast, hiking for about 3 hours to reach the village of Ambobaka. With its salient bridge that spans the Ramena River. Known throughout the region for the effectiveness of its traditional

treatments, we will discover the ethnobotanical aspect of this site through a visit to a garden of medicinal plants. A lineage of healers exercises ancestral knowledge that allows them to treat fractures and other traumas using plants and different types of massage.

Ambobabaka is the starting point for canoe trips to a beautiful waterfall, "the waterfall of the good fathers" which can be reached by canoe only for a crossing of 20 minutes. An association called "Vision Sambirano" brings together the boatmen and healers of the village around a community tourism project. The waterfall of the good fathers is an ideal place first for swimming in the natural pools resulting from a succession of waterfalls and for a picnic on a rocky space and in the shade of the travelers' trees.

In the afternoon, take a canoe trip while admiring the unforgettable living picture of the sunset and the Ambobaka bridge.

From the bridge, a last step of walking to reach the vehicle for Ambanja.

Dinner and overnight in a hotel in Ambanja.

DAY 5: AMBANJA - AMBILOBE- MAHAMASINA

Departure: After a good breakfast, direction to Ambilobe around 8:00 am to reach the city of Ambilobe. Ambilobe is a very active and very popular city. The city is a major crossroads in the north of Madagascar, located on the national road 6, between Diégo-Suarez and Ambanja (towards Nosy Be), as well as on the track connecting to the coastal town in the Indian Ocean, Vohémar. The city is, moreover, located on the course of the Mahavavy river a historic town of the Antakarana tribe, where Prince ISSA TSIMIARO III sits. A visit to the palace could be organized.

At the entrance to the city, we will visit a workshop for making pottery made from red earth and sand, made by women from the village.

Mainly focused on agriculture, the city is surrounded by sugar cane plantations and a cane processing factory: SIRAMA Ambilobe. It also hosts an important market for the region. Today a trend in the artisanal mining vocation due to the gold deposit of Andavakoera, Sapphire of Amondromifehy and the diamondoid of Antetazambato Ambanja.

By visiting the market we will get to know the famous “katy” the Kath, qat or kat, is a shrub or shrub (a kind of charcoal) of the Celastraceae family, originating in Ethiopia, whose culture has spread to the 'Arabia (especially in Yemen) around the 15th century. It is consumed by men and women in almost all of Madagascar who chew (graze) the leaves for a long time for their stimulating and euphoric effect comparable to that of amphetamine.

Lunch in a restaurant in town. Transfer to Mahamasina, the main entrance to Ankarana Park which is 30 minutes from Ambilobe town.

Installation, dinner and overnight in a bungalow in Mahamasina

DAY 6 - 7: MAHAMASINA- ANKARANA RESERVE

After breakfast, we start the tour of the Ankarana reserve.

It is the western extension of a limestone massif of the Middle Jurassic which emerges from a basaltic plain located 50m above sea level. The reserve consists of a lapiaz de Tsingy, refuges of several still little known species constituting the richness of the park's biological diversity. The Ankarana Reserve is also a natural sanctuary for the ancestral beliefs of the Antakarana people.

The inventories identified 60 species of reptiles and amphibians, 92 species of birds, 50 species of molluscs, 14 species of bats or half of the bats of Madagascar lives in the Ankarana caves, and its forests are home to 11 species of lemurs. For flora, 330 plant species are known in the reserve. Several endemic species from the far North are found there: pachypodium baronia, andosonia perrieri, delonyx velutina, hildegardia erythrosyphon ... The Ankarana reserve is accessible through two main entrances: the EAST entrance and the WEST entrance. For each entrance there are different circuits that customers can choose from, some of them are inaccessible during the rainy period.

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RESERVE					
ENTER	CIRCUIT'S NAME	STRONG POINT	DIFFICULTY	DISTANCE	CIRCUIT
EAST	Tsingy Meva and dropping of bats	fantastic view, several species, view on Amber Mountain	easy with a steep slope on 350 m	2km carriageable and 2825m by foot	arranged
	Disappearing river	A Big hole where disappear the Ankarana three river	easy	2 hours trekking in closing loop	arranged
	Turretlike Tsingy	A walk between Tsingy in shape of turrets, Observing Tsingy different vegetation	passing between Tsingy	4h in closing loop	arranged
	Tsingy Rary	Admiring the Landscape of Tsingy: duality of limestone rocks and volcanic rocks	a little hill	4h in closing loop	arranged
	Green Lake	crossing Amposatelo light stream thet never runs out	fairy difficult	9h in closing loop	arranged
WEST	Andrafiabe cave and Cathedral cave	Beautiful concretions and vast rocky areas	fairy difficult	520 m from the campsite	generally in the caves and canyon
	Skeleton Cave	observing an Antakaranan warrior'skeleton who died in a tribal war	fairly easy	3 hours closing loop	generally in the caves and canyon

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	Milantely Cave	Natural basin at the cave exit, Observing Madagascar smallest bats	Average	1km carriageable and 250 m of cave	breif crossing the canyon
	Green River ant the 1st Canyon	Underground river surrounded by mystery, Canyon Forest dominates by ficus or fig tree, canarium	Easy	5h in closing loop	completely flat
	Antsironandoha Cave	Nests of parrots, Possibility to admire rare birds (black parrot, guinea fowl)	Easy	6h of trekking	completely flat
		Gloomy rive populated by Nile crocodiles	fairy difficult	6h of trekking	passing into a cave and through a swamp pigeons Cave and Mangily Lake

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		Forest of trees from Moraceae family, Swampy reeds, underground river	fairy difficult a swamp	5h of closing loop	passing into a cave and through a swamp pigeons Cave and Mangily Lake
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During the two days in Mahamasina, customers can choose the tours they want to experience, according to their capacity and level.

Lunch, dinner in a local restaurant and overnight in a bungalow in Mahamasina

DAY 8 -9: MAHAMASINA- LAKE ANTANAVO - ANALAMERA RESERVE

Departure from Mahamasina after breakfast around 7am taking the road to Diego Suarez with a stop at the sapphire villages a possibility to buy precious stone.

The "sacred lake" is mysterious and legendary in the northern part of Madagascar. According to a legend, this region was once very dry. One day a lost traveler, exhausted from walking and thirsty, arrived in a village where he asked for water. The inhabitants refused. Annoyed, the visitor, who had great secret powers, swallowed the village under water and turned its inhabitants into crocodiles. Another legend relates that a large sakalava village previously existed in this place. A couple led a quiet life with their infant of just six months; one night he began to cry for no reason. The mother then decided to take her child under a large tamarind tree, at the exit of the village, where the women used to pound rice: there, the infant suddenly calmed down and fell asleep. But as soon as the mother wanted to come home, he started screaming all the more. So, exhausted, she determined to spend the night under the big tree. As soon as she was seated, the village suddenly collapsed on itself, digging a gigantic hole which immediately filled with water. The woman was with her child the only survivor of this horrible catastrophe.

The track between the town of Anivorano and Lake Antanavo is very difficult and only passable in the dry season.

After visiting this legendary lake, we continue our journey to the Reserve of Analamerana. Located a few kilometers from the village of Anivorano. It is a favorite place for lovers of flora and fauna. The special reserve, dominated by limestone, tsingy massifs and the Andrafiarena range, the Analamerana Special Reserve maintains genetic stocks in the western ecoregion of Madagascar. There are 11 species of local and regional endemic flora

The reserve has identified 140 plant species with an endemism rate of 86%, 11 species are of restricted distribution: *Cynanchum floriferum*, *Evonymopsis humbertii*, *Indigofera irodoensis*,

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Eugenia lacerosepala, Pyrostria oleifolia, Peponidium humbertii, Aloe peyrierasii, Ptelidium scandamerae , Helmiopsis glaberrima, Schizenterospermum analamerense. 03 species of baobab among the 07 identified in Madagascar are found in Analamerana: Adansonia suareziensis, Andansonia perrieri and Adansonia madagascariensis.

We have identified 09 species of lemurs, 03 carnivores, 04 insectivores, 03 rodents, 11 bats and 45 species of reptiles and amphibians, 80 species of birds including 5 endemic to Analamerana and among which the Xenopirostris damii, Vanga de Van Dam in the Analamerana reserve.

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CIRCUITS OF AMBER MOUNTAIN				
CIRCUIT'S NAME	STRONG POINT	DIFFICULTY	DISTANCE	CIRCUIT
AMPIJOROAGNA	Place of worship of Tambohitre population, Observing reptiles and lemurs	easy with a slight slope but successive	3,1km of suitable road for vehicle and can be traversed by foot, one and a half hour of walk	maintained
MAHASARIKA (volcanic bassin)	panoramic view on west of Antsiranana where Mozambique Channel and Indian Ocean mingle	easy with a steep slope on 350m	2 Km of suitable road for vehicle and 3km by foot	maintained
ANTOMBOKA (water life source)	admiring the waterfall that cascade 80 m possiblity of seeing crowned	easy on the way to go but with an ascending slope back	3,15 km of suitable road for vehicle and traversed by foot	maintained
OLIOLY	Ideal for birdwatchers, birds way be seen from May	easy with only little hills until reaching Olioly view	12 km by foot	maintained
FOX CRATER	Succession of humid dense forest sempervirente and dry dense	difficulty with a steep slope of 250 m	12 kmby foot	practices little and only during dry season

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SOMMET 1495m d'altitude	Ideal for hikers, possibility of admiring the big lake, extraordinary panoramic view	difficulty with a steep slope of short distance	19,35km by foot	practices little and only during dry season
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During the two nights at the Analamera Reserve, clients can choose which tours they want to experience, depending on their capacity and level.

Lunch, dinner in a local tavern and campsite on site.

DAY 10: ANALAMERA RESERVE -TSINGY ROUGE - JOFFRE VILLE

Departure from the Analamera reserve after breakfast at around 7am, take the track towards the red tsingy through lush landscapes ... It is Mother Nature who has shaped and revealed these red tsingy, year after year for all to see. . Their unique shape and shimmering color captivate the minds of those who have come to visit them. Sedimentary formations composed of sandstone, marl, laterite and limestone along with climate change and environmental deterioration and the infiltration of water have created from the bowels of the earth this supernatural landscape unique in the world. This canyon reveals immense red ochre formations formed by the runoff of water in these open soils. The mixture of different oxides give these curiosities a range of warm colors ranging from dazzling white to intense red.

Picnic lunch en route, continuation to Diégo Suarez and we take the fork to Joffre Ville, the main entrance to the Amber Mountain National Park Installation, dinner and overnight in a local hotel.

DAY 11: JOFFRE CITY - NATIONAL PARK AMBER MOUNTAIN - DIEGO SUAREZ

After breakfast, we go to the park reception for a brief briefing with the guide and we start the visit just after around 7:30 am.

Amber Mountain National Park rises to an altitude of 1,470 meters at sea level, a hotbed of endemism in flora and fauna. This forest is a haven of freshness in the DIANA region and is one of the most visited protected areas in Madagascar.

Amber Mountain is a high endemism place with 77 species of birds, 7 species of lemurs and 24 species of amphibians, the smallest chameleon in the world the famous Brookesia, uroplatus the camouflage gecko, amphibians, ...

The forest is not to be outdone, it has 1020 plant species including: rosewood, canarium madagascariensis or Ramyu, chrysophyllum, Famelogna, ferns, orchids, pandanus, and various palm trees which make the Montagne d'Ambre a melting pot of biological diversity and endemic plants present in this northern primary forest.

Visiting its crater lakes and sacred waterfalls that hold the history of Antakarana royalty makes this mountain a complete national park.

Amber Mountain is accessible throughout the year and there are different tours that customers can choose from

SPECIAL RESERVE OF ANALAMERA				
ENTER	NAME OF CIRCUIT	STRONG POINTS	DIFFICULTY	TIME
PRINCIPAL	ANKAVANA	Propithecus perrieri	easy	2H
	IRODO	Adansonia perrieri Adansonia madagascariensis Adansonia suareziensis	easy	2H
	MASOROLAVA	Propithecus perrieri	easy	2H

Customers can choose the tours they want to experience, depending on their capacity and levels.

Lunch will be prepared on site at 1:00 p.m. We will leave Joffre Ville to join Diego Suarez which is 40km.

DAY 12: FREE MORNING - FRENCH MOUNTAIN - RAMENA BEACH

Breakfast and free time during the morning. Meet around 2:30 p.m. at the hotel for the Montagne des Français.

East of Diego-Suarez, on the road to Ramena, the Montagne des Français or Tendrombohitra'Antsingy overlooks the immense bay. La Montagne is a historic site that has today become a must-see in the region. Historic battles fought here during the colonial period, but today it is a favorite haunt of local flora and fauna. The course of approximately 7km for the panoramic 360 ° view from the platform: Pain de Sucre, Cap d'Ambre and Mer d'Émeraude. Amber mountain, the three bays, Nosy Hara, Windsor Castle, within reach of view.

The French mountain is also a unique place of pilgrimage, the way of the cross is arranged there and every year, practicing Christians come there to reproduce the ritual and to pray.

Continuing higher, the vestiges of the colonial era are revealed, leaving imminent and unforgettable traces, with the mines of the fort of the French foreign legion and its tunnels, the caves, the telegraph building. We end the day on the beach in Ramena. Dinner and overnight in Ramena.

DAY 13: RAMENA PLAGE - EMERALD SEA - RAMENA BEACH

Activity: visit of a fishing village, snorkeling, spearfishing, wind surfing, kite surfing

Departure from the hotel at 8:00 am to embark in a traditional sailing dhow, very typical of the region.

The Emerald Sea is an hour's sailing dhow crossing from Ramena Beach. It is a site of unearthly beauty thanks to its fascinating crystal clear turquoise blue waters. The shallow depth of the water added to a very clear sandy bottom, coral beds with multicolored fish, straw huts, seafood, golden sand give it this special color. This is what earned it its name "the Emerald Sea".

At noon, a picnic lunch based on fresh seafood will be served on the beach. Return to the beach of brought back around 3pm. Dinner and overnight in Ramena.

DAY 14: DIEGO SUAREZ - AMBILOBE - NOSY BE

After breakfast, this is the last day of our tour, it will be devoted to the transfer from Diego Suarez to Nosy Be. A few stops or breaks on the way so that we can stretch a little.

We will probably have lunch at Ambilobe, around 11am, and we will continue after. Once at the port of Ankify, we board a fast boat to reach the island of Nosy Be.

DAY 5: DAY OF DEPARTURE

Transfer by car from your hotel to Fascène airport with an accompanying guide.

Assistant at the airport and HAVE A GOOD FLIGHT.

Service Included:

- ☞ Transfer from the hotel to the port
- ☞ 4WD
- ☞ Accommodation in Mahamasina, Diego Suarez, Ankify
- ☞ Transfer to Fast Boats
- ☞ All meals
- ☞ Guide
- ☞ Mineral water
- ☞ Right of visit

Service Not Included:

- ☞ Drinks
- ☞ Personal extras
- ☞ Snorkeling equipment
- ☞ Board sports equipment (wind surf / kite surf)
- ☞ Spear fishing equipment
- ☞ Tips

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Mini list needed:

- ☞ Need for personal order
- ☞ Clothing suitable for hot weather, in wool or polyester
- ☞ Medicine
- ☞ Cabin backpack and travel bag
- ☞ Light or flashlight
- ☞ Trekking boots and pants
- ☞ Relaxing sandals or shoes
- ☞ Sunglasses
- ☞ Sunscreen
- ☞ Mosquito repellent
- ☞ Sun hat or hood