

# **TOUR TSARABE**

Visits: Ankarana special reserve, city of Ambilobe Duration: 3 days 2 nights Departure : Nosy Be

# **Description of the circuits**

**Pax quantity** : Customers, Accompanying Guide, Driver **Vehicule Types:** 4WD spacious, comfortable with air conditioned

**Information:** The Ankarana special reserve covers an area of 18,225ha. For the moment 12 circuits have been set up, for visitors and researchers. During the Tsarabe Tour, those interested will have the opportunity and the privilege of venturing into these immense wonders and will discover two different circuits among the 12 usable, depending on the time of year (rainy season, dry season).

1st Day : Nosy Be - Ankify - Ankarana special reserve

Visits : grey Tsingy - Loss of river - fauna and flora species.

**Departure:** Departure from your hotel around 07:00 and direction to the port of Nosy Be, for a boat transfer to the port of Ankify in 35 minutes.

From the port of Ankify, we continue north through the typical villages of the Antakarana tribes on the one hand and a huge mahogany field on the other before joining the urban town of Ambilobe crossing the superb landscapes for panoramic views and especially the ravinala forest, one of the emblematic plants of Madagascar in 2h 30 minutes. From Ambilobe City to Mahamasina, the main entrance to Ankarana Park. After the installation we have a delicious lunch and then we start the visit of the park by discovering the Tsingy Grays with, its acute and spectacular formations; with its traces of fossilized animals, the 11 species of lemurs and the 92 species of birds that shelter its forests. Towards the end of the day a visit to the village of Mahamasina will be another option. Diner and overnight in a bungalow in Mahamasina.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Day : Ankarana special reserve

After breakfast, we start again the visit of the special reserve of Ankarana by choosing the circuit that the customer wishes and of course n the guide will give us his recommendation, but it will be another circuit than yesterday.

We have enough time for a circuit, for 4 hours of walking or more, the time we return for lunch.

In the afternoon or towards the end of the day a visit to the village of Mahamasina will be another option. Dinner and overnight in a bungalow in Mahamasina

3 <sup>rd</sup> Day : Mahamasina – Ambilobe – Ankify – Nosy Be

Visit : City of Ambilobe and its surroundings

Departure: After a delicious breakfast, we leave the village of Mahamasina 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 national road 6, between Diégo-Suarez and Ambanja (towards Nosy Be), as well as on the track connecting to the coastal city of the Indian Ocean, Vohémar. The city is, moreover, located on the course of the Mahavavy river.

Historic city of the Antakarana tribe, where Prince ISSA TSIMIARO III sits. A visit to the palace could be organized. Mainly focused on agriculture, the city is surrounded by sugar cane plantations and a cane processing plant: the Sirama Ambilobe. It also hosts an important market for the region. Today a trend on the artisanal mining vocation due to the gold deposit of Andavakoera, Sapphire of Amondromifehy and the diamondoid of Antetezambato Ambanja.

By visiting the market we will know the famous "katy" the Kath, qat or kat, is a shrub or shrub (a kind of charcoal) of the Celastraceae family, originally from 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 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. Leaving the city, we will visit a pottery workshop made from red earth and sand, made by women from the village.

Continue to Ankify, transfer by boat to Nosy Be.

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#### **Included Services** :

- Transfer from the hotel to the port
- 4WD spacious, comfortable with air conditioned
- Accommodation in Mahamasina,
- Transfer by speed Boat
- 🕗 Full board
- 🖙 Guide
- Mineral water
- Visit 's tickets

## Not included Services :

- Drinks
- Personal spending
- 🖝 Tips

## Mini needed list:

- Meed for personal order
- Clothes suitable for hot weather, wool or polyester
- Medicine
- Cabin backpack and travel cover
- Light or flashlight
- Trekking boots and pants
- Relaxing sandals or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent spray
- 🕗 Sun hat or hood