

# MADAGASCAR 2019

## - Eastern & Northern -

### WITH SANDWICH BIRD TOURS



#### INTRODUCTION

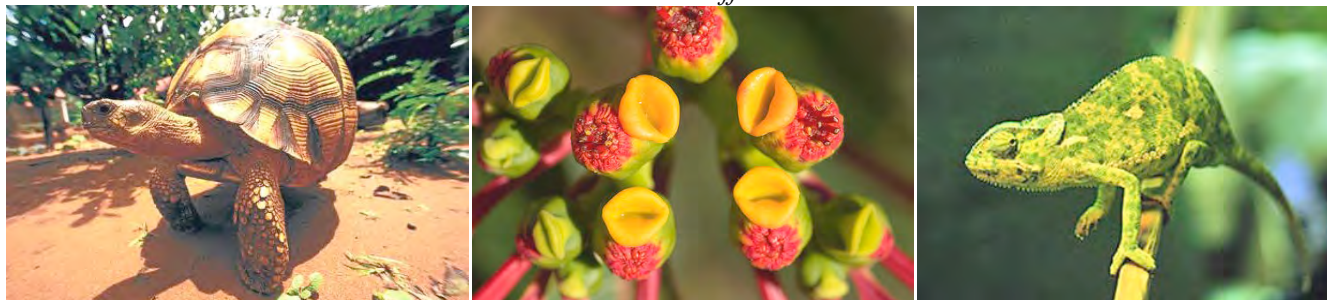
Manahaona! Madagascar is an island in the Indian Ocean,  $\pm 400\text{km}$ 's from Southern Africa's east coast. Over millions of years, Madagascar developed a unique flora and fauna. This is the place where evolution has run wild and it has such a high degree of endemism, that it is truly a place like nowhere else on earth! Madagascar is famous for its remarkable selection of lemurs (51+ lemur varieties occur here!), primitive primate's endemic to the island, brilliantly coloured chameleons & lizards, tenrecs, fossas, bats and rodents. Several early evening walks are planned for this tour, in order to experience the "darker" side of the nocturnal creatures - first hand! This Tour Programme is designed to offer guests of all ages a unique experience. We concentrate on nature and not just lemurs or plants or birds - we make time for it all! A medium level of fitness is required, as we can do quite a bit of walking. This Tour Programme is also designed to be family-friendly and photographers will love it!

#### INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

<i>Destinations:</i>	<i>Antananarivo, Andasibe, Akanin'ny Nofy, Diego Suarez, Joffre Ville, Ankarana, Ankify &amp; Nosy Be</i>
<i>Date:</i>	<i>June 2019</i>
<i>Duration:</i>	<i>16 Days / 15 Nights</i>
<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>En suite accommodation at the following: Le Royal Palissandre, Vakona Forest Lodge, La Palmarium, Le Royal Palissandre, Grand Hotel, Le Domaine Le Fontenay, Iharana Bush Camp, Le Baobab Ankify, Vanilla Hotel &amp; Tamboho hotel</i>
<i>Boat Transfers:</i>	<i>3 x boat transfers – Andasibe to Akanin'ny Nofy on day 4 and back again on day 6; from Ankify to Nosy Be on day 12</i>
<i>Air Transfers:</i>	<i>2 x air transfers – Antananarivo to Diego Suarez on day 7, Nosy Be to Antananarivo on day 15</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>Meals as stipulated in the programme</i>
<i>Park Entrance Fees:</i>	<i>All park entrance fees included</i>
<i>Vehicles:</i>	<i>Minibus or bus, depending on the group size 4WD (4 passengers per vehicle)</i>
<i>Guides:</i>	<i>Neil MacLeod of SafariWise &amp; a local English speaking guide</i>

Extras included:

1.5L of bottled water per person per day  
Gratuities to local staff



EXCLUDED FROM PACKAGE:

- All International flights
- Visa Fee (FOC at the moment)
- Optional activities e.g. watersports, etc.
- Travel insurance
- Laundry
- Beverages
- Items of personal nature

TOUR PROGRAMME

**Day 1:**

**Fly in to Antananarivo**

Unlike most capital cities in southern Africa Antananarivo was already a major city before the colonial era. The city was founded circa 1625 by King Andrianjaka and takes its name (the City of the Thousand) from the number of soldiers assigned to guard it. For many years it was the principal village of the Hovachiefs and gained importance as those chiefs made themselves sovereigns of the greater part of Madagascar, eventually becoming a town of some 80,000 inhabitants.

In 1793 Antananarivo was made the capital of the Merinakings. The conquests of King Radama I made it the capital of almost all of Madagascar. The royal residence of the monarchs was set up at the Rova of Antananarivo. Until 1869 all buildings within the city proper were of wood or rushes and followed traditional Malagasy architectural norms, but even then it possessed several timber palaces of considerable size, the largest being 120 ft (37 m) high.

These crown the summit of the central portion of the ridge; and the largest palace, with its lofty roof and towers, is the most conspicuous object from every point of view.

Since the introduction of stone and brick, the entire city has been rebuilt and now contains numerous European-style structures, including the royal palaces, the houses formerly belonging to the prime minister and nobles.

The Palissandre Hôtel & SPA is full of elegance, tenderness and warmth and is situated on a hillside in the heart of the City of thousands. It opens the doors to conviviality and Malagasy hospitality.

**Birds likely to be seen:** Madagascar wagtail, Common mynah, Spine-tailed swift, Madagascar bulbul, Madagascar white-eye, Madagascar green sunbird, Souimanga sunbird, Madagascar starling, Crested drongo, Pied crow, Madagascar fody & Madagascar mannikin.

Accommodation: Le Royal Palissandre  
Meals: Dinner  
Included activities: Pre-tour briefing  
Optional activities: N.A



## **Day 2:**

### **Antananarivo – Andasibe**

Today after breakfast we head off for a city tour to discover the capital of Antananarivo. Through the upper town, we have a great view over the plains of Antananarivo, discovery of the typical architecture of the highlands. Crossing the eastern landscape rainforest to join Andasibe.

Vakona Forest Lodge is designed in line with local Malagasy architecture. The ten bungalows and 14 double rooms offer the traveller the desired comfort of en-suite bathrooms, and verandas looking out into the forest of Andasibe National Park. Warmed by the central fireplace the dining room offers views outside whilst keeping warm or alternatively one can relax on the veranda that overlooks the lake. Vakona Forest Lodge is a comfortable eco-lodge comprising 28 Malagasy style bungalows scattered in a planted garden of palm trees and bougainvilleas.

***Birds likely to be seen:*** Madagascar buzzard, Madagascar harrier-hawk, Madagascar turtle-dove, Lesser vasa parrot, Blue coua, Madagascar coucal, Madagascar kingfisher, Cuckoo-roller, Cuckoo-shrike, Ward's vanga, Red-tailed vanga, Chabertvanga, Madagascar blue vanga, Nuthatch vanga, Hook billed vanga, Madagascar starling, Madagascar magpie robin, Madagascar stonechat, Long-billed tetraka, Spectacled tetraka, Madagascar brush-warbler, Dark newtonia, Common newtonia, Common jery, Green jery, Stripe-throated jery, White-throated oxylables, Madagascar mannikin, Madagascar wagtail, Nelicourvi weaver, Madagascar red fody, Forest fody, Madagascar green sunbird.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Vakona Forest Lodge</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>All meals</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>City tour of Antananarivo, scenic drive to Andasibe</i>
<i>Optional activities:</i>	<i>N.A.</i>

## **Day 3:**

### **Andasibe**

This morning after breakfast we visit the National park of Andasibe.

The primary forests of Andasibe-Mantadia contains a dense humid forest covered with lians, moss, fern tress and more than hundred orchids species blooming between September and Januar. Another common plants growing here are pandanus, ravinala palm-tree, tambourissa, bamboos and some precious wood, like palisander and ebano. The illegal tree falling together with the graphite mines inside the park are the main threats to the conservation of this area.

We do a night walk to explore the crepuscular and nocturnal inhabitants of the reserve: Greater Dwarf Lemurs, Brown Mouse Lemurs.

***Birds likely to be seen:*** (Mantadia) White-throated rail, Madagascar spine tailed swift, Scaly ground roller (rare, only Mantadia), White-headed vanga, Madagascar blue vanga, Tylas, Madagascar kestrel, Madagascar turtle dove, Blue coua, Collared nightjar, Madagascar kingfisher, Madagascar bee-eater, Madagascar wagtail, Long-billed tetraka, Madagascar paradise flycatcher.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Vakona Forest Lodge</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>All meals</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>Andasibe National Park excursions &amp; Night walk</i>

Optional activities: N.A.



#### **Day 4:**

##### **Andasibe – Akanin’nyNofy**

After breakfast we depart to Manambato where we board a motorized canoe to get to Akanin’nyNofy. The lodge is set on a small private reserve set up to preserve some of the area's unique flora and fauna. Palm trees, orchids and even carnivorous plants can be found growing in the gardens, and lemurs are easily spotted all year round. The lodge has eleven bungalows with shared or private verandas and en suite bathrooms. The bungalows are simple inside, but with all of the essentials. They have a very natural feel, with thatched roofs, polished stone floors and white washed walls. The main lodge area has a bar and sitting room with a few board games and comfortable chairs. Next door, the restaurant serves good food in very generous portions, and the menu changes from day to day depending on what is fresh in the market.

Palmarium reserve or Akanin’nyNofy (which means “nest of dreams”) is located on a peninsula in Eastern Madagascar. It covers an area of 0,5 km<sup>2</sup> and is privately owned. Akanin’nyNofy is mostly known for its many, partly very tame lemurs. Indris, CoquerellSifakas, black and white ruffed lemurs, crowned lemurs, mouse lemurs and black lemurs count among the curious inhabitants of the reserve. Plant lovers will find big amounts of carnivorous pitcher plants (*Nepenthes* spp) nearby the bungalows.

**Birds likely to be seen:** Madagascar little grebe, Darter, Night heron, Squacco heron, Madagascar pond heron, Cattle heron, Black heron, Dymorphic egret, Great egret, Hamercop, Fulvus whistling duck, Red billed teal, Black kite, Madagascar sparrow hawk, Madagascar partridge, Greater vasa parrot, Gray headed lovebird, Blue coua, Madagascar coucal, Madagascar scops owl, Madagascar turtledove, Madagascar green pigeon, Greater vasa parrot, Lesser vasa parrot, Gray headed lovebird, Crested coua, Malagasy spine tailed, Velvet asity, Madagascar bee eater, Sunbird asity, Madagascar bush lark, Madagascar magpie rubin, Stonechat, Forest rock thrush, Madagascar swamp warbler, Green jery, Soimanga flycatcher, Madagascar red fody, Madagascar mannikin.

Accommodation: Le Palmarium  
Meals: All meals  
Included activities: Andasibe National Park excursions: Reserve of Analamzaotra  
Optional activities: N.A.

#### **Day 5:**

##### **Akanin’nyNofy**

Discover the area with your guide. Early evening we board canoe to a special reserve where we could possibly see among others, the famous nocturnal lemur, the Aye-Aye.

**Birds likely to be seen:** Little grebe, Reed cormorant, Black crowned night heron, Squacco heron, Cattle egret, Green backed heron, Black heron, Gray heron, Humblot’s heron, Dymorphic heron, Great egret, Hamerkop, Purple heron, Glossy ibis, White backed duck, Madagascar cuckoo falcon, Madagascar harrier hawk, Frances’s sparrowhawk, Banded kestrel, Madagascar partridge, Helmeted guineafowl, White throated rail, Allen’s gallinule, Purple swamphen, Kittlitz’s plover, Madagascar turtledove, Madagascar green pigeon, Greater vasa parrot, Lesser vasa parrot, Gray headed lovebird, Crested coua, Malagasy spine tailed, Velvet asity, Madagascar bee eater, Sunbird asity, Madagascar bush lark, Madagascar magpie rubin, Stonechat, Forest rock thrush, Madagascar swamp warbler, Green jery, Soimanga flycatcher, Madagascar red fody, Madagascar mannikin.



Accommodation: *Le Palmarium*  
 Meals: *All meals*  
 Included activities: *N.A.*  
 Optional activities: *N.A.*

### **Day 6:**

#### **Akanin'nyNofy - Antananarivo**

We enjoy breakfast at the Le Palmarium before we have a boat transfer and bus ride back to Antananarivo.

**Birds likely to be seen:** *Little grebe, Reed cormorant, Black crowned night heron, Squacco heron, Cattle egret, Green backed heron, Black heron, Gray heron, Humblot heron, Dymorphic heron, Great egret, Hamerkop, Purple heron, Glossy ibis, African pygmy goose, Hottentot teal, White backed duck, Madagascar cuckoo falcon, Black kite, Madagascar harrier hawk, Henst's sparrowhawk, Frances's sparrowhawk, Banded kestrel, Madagascar partridge, Helmeted guineafowl, White throated rail, Baillon's crane, Allen's gallinule, Purple swamphen, Kittlitz's plover, Madagascar turtledove, Madagascar green pigeon, Greater vasa parrot, Gray headed lovebird, Crested coua, Malagasy spine tailed, Africa black swift, Velvet asity, Madagascar bee eater, Sunbird asity, Madagascar bush lark, Madagascar magpie robin, Stonechat, Forest rock thrush, Madagascar swamp warbler, Common jery, Green jery, Madagascar flycatcher, Soimanga flycatcher.*

Accommodation: *Le Royal Palissandre*  
 Meals: *All meals*  
 Included activities: *Scenicboat transfer; drive back to Antananarivo*  
 Optional activities: *N.A.*

### **Day 7:**

#### **Antananarivo – Diego Suarez**

This morning after breakfast we have an air transfer to Diego Suarez. On arrival we check in at our hotel and then depart to the famous Tsingy Rouge. Tsingy Rouge de Diego Suarez in northern Madagascar is a group of beautiful Red Tsingy. The mixture of different oxides and the work of time gave birth to a set of several hundred small fairy chimneys. These turned out to be sand formations overlaid by red clay long ago. Erosion has worn the clay away, exposing the tall white (with tinges of red) columns of sand formations underneath.

The site is 50 km south of Diego Suarez.

**Birds likely to be seen:** *Black crowned heron, Squacco heron, Malagasy pond heron, Cattle heron, Humblot's heron, Hamerkop, Glossy ibis, Madagascar crested ibis, Red billed teal, Madagascar cuckoo falcon, Black kite, Madagascar harrier hawk, Madagascar sparrowhawk, Frances's sparrowhawk, Madagascar buzzard, Banded kestrel, Madagascar harrier hawk, Madagascar partridge, Helmeted guineafowl, Madagascar buttonquail, White fronted plover, Madagascar green pigeon, Madagascar turtledove, Gray headed lovebird, Lesser vasa parrot, Alpine swift, Malagasy kingfisher, Madagascar bee eater, Broad billed roller, Hoopoe, Madagascar magpie robin, Stonechat, Madagascar swamp warbler, Common jery, White headed vanga, Madagascar red fody.*

Accommodation: *Grand Hotel*  
 Meals: *All meals*  
 Included activities: *TsingyRouge excursion*  
 Optional activities: *N.A.*



### **Day 8:**

#### **Diego Suarez – Joffre Ville**

En route to Joffre Ville, we visit the first national park of Madagascar, La Montagne d'Ambre. Montagne d'Ambre (Ambre Mountain) is an isolated patch of montane forest that rises from the surrounding dry region. The park is famous for its waterfalls, crater lakes and wildlife.

Montagne d'Ambre (Amber Mountain) National Park is located on Madagascar's northernmost tip. We explore this lush patch of montane rainforest in search of Sanford's Brown Lemur, Mountain Fork-marked Lemur, Crowned Lemur and perhaps even the elusive Fossa, the largest carnivore on the island. The birdlife here is especially abundant and includes the endemic Amber Mountain Rock Thrush, as well as Madagascar Ibis, Souimanga Sunbird, Pitta-like Ground Roller, White-throated Oxylabes and Hook-billed Vanga.

***Birds likely to be seen:*** Madagascar cuckoo falcon, Black kite, Madagascar harrier hawk, Madagascar buzzard, Banded kestrel, Madagascar harrier hawk, Madagascar red owl, Madagascar partridge, Helmeted guineafowl, Madagascar crested ibis, Madagascar buttonquail, White fronted plover, Madagascar green pigeon, Madagascar turtledove, Gray headed lovebird, Lesser vasa parrot, Alpine swift, Madagascar paradise flycatcher, Broad billed roller, Hoopoe, Madagascar magpie robin, Stonechat, Madagascar swamp warbler, Common jery, White headed vanga, Madagascar red fody, Foest rock thrush.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Le Domaine de Fontenay</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>All meals</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>La Montagne excursions</i>
<i>Optional activities:</i>	<i>N.A.</i>

### **Day 9:**

#### **Joffre Ville**

After breakfast we go on another discovery excursion to the Montagne d'Ambre rainforest. Le Domaine de Fontenay has its own 300ha nature park with bubbling streams and waterfalls, spectacular views of the Bay of Diego, the Indian Ocean and the Mozambique Channel

***Birds likely to be seen:*** Madagascar cuckoo falcon, Black kite, Madagascar harrier hawk, Madagascar buzzard, Banded kestrel, Madagascar harrier hawk, Madagascar red owl, Madagascar partridge, Helmeted guineafowl, Madagascar crested ibis, Madagascar buttonquail, White fronted plover, Madagascar green pigeon, Madagascar turtledove, Gray headed lovebird, Lesser vasa parrot, Alpine swift, Madagascar paradise flycatcher, Broad billed roller, Hoopoe, Madagascar magpie robin, Stonechat, Madagascar swamp warbler, Common jery, White headed vanga, Madagascar red fody, Forest rock thrush.

<i>Accommodation:</i>	<i>Le Domaine de Fontenay</i>
<i>Meals:</i>	<i>All meals</i>
<i>Included activities:</i>	<i>Le Domaine de Fontenay Reserve excursions</i>
<i>Optional activities:</i>	<i>N.A.</i>

### **Day 10:**

#### **Joffre Ville - Ankarana**

Ankarana National Park was created in 1956 and lies about 90 km south of Antsiranana covering an area of 182,5 km<sup>2</sup>. It is a spectacularly eroded limestone fortress of sharp ridges, patches of dense tropical jungle, deciduous



forest, deep caves and canyons (actually the biggest underground network of Africa) and rushing rivers. With an annual rainfall of almost 2000 mm, the underlying rocks undergo a heavy erosion producing an amazing karst topography, being its most known result the fantastically eroded limestone spires, known as “tsingy”. The Park is in fact one of the most visited specially among hikers: it offers incredible trails, unique and terrific landscapes and a lot of animals!

This reserve contains one of the highest density of primates of any forest in the world. Its dense forests support one of the largest and least disturbed populations of crowned lemurs. Sanford's brown lemur, perrier's black lemur, northern sportive lemur and dwarf lemurs, ringtailed mongoose, fossa, tenrecs and Madagascar striped civet are also a common sight. Almost 100 bird species, 50 reptiles (including some endemic and threatened snakes and geckos) and 10 frogs cohabit in the Park. Inside the spectacular and huge labyrinth of caves 14 bat species, local endemic blind shrimps and the world's only known cave-living crocodiles are waiting for your visit. At night swarms of bats and flying foxes swoop in the darkness.

More than 350 plant species grow in Ankarana. The luxuriant forests around the gorge are always green and are the richest ones in number of species. Some significant species are the "vazaha tree", pandanus, ficuses and the endemic baobab *Adansoniamadagascarensis*.

The Antakarana is the main ethnic group who lives in this region. They subsist on growing vegetables, chicken and cattle and apiculture. Although they still practice slash and burn agriculture, the biggest threat for Ankarana is the rapidly increasing sapphire mining and the illegal cutting of precious wood.

***Birds likely to be seen:*** Namaqua dove, Madagascar crested ibis, Squacco heron, Cattle heron, Hamercop, Dymorphic egret, Purple heron, Gray heron, Humblot's heron, Madagascar harrier hawk, Frances's sparrowhawk, Madagascar partridge, Helmeted guineafowl, Allen's gallinule, Madagascar green pigeon, Greater vasa parrot, Crested coua, Madagascar coucal, Madagascar nightjar, Malagasy spine tailed swift, Madagascra bee eater, Broad billed roller, Hoopoe, Valvetasity, Madagascar magpie robin, Stonechat, Madagascar bulbul, Crested drongo, Madagascar red fody, Madagascar mannikin.

*Accommodation:* Iharana Bush Camp  
*Meals:* Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Included activities:* Scenic drive to Ankarana & Parc National de l'Ankarana excursions  
*Optional activities:* N.A.

**Day 11:**  
**Ankarana–Ankify**

Explore the area with your guide.

***Birds likely to be seen:*** Madagascar little grebe, Darter, Madagascar pond heron, Cattle heron, Dymorphic heron, Great egret, Hamercop, Madagascar cuckoo falcon, , Madagascar sparrowhawk, Frances's sparrowhawk, , Madagascar sparrowhawk, Frances's sparrowhawk, Helmeted guineafowl, Kittlitz's plover, Roseate tern, Bridled tern, Madagascar green pigeon, Gray headed love bird, Madagascar coucal, Madagascar nightjar, Madagascar long eared owl, Valvetasity, Hoopoe, Cuckoo roller, Madagascar wagtail, Madagascar magpie robin, Stonechat, Common jery, Madagascar paradise flycatcher, Sickle billed, Blue vanga, Madagascar red fody, Madagascar manikin.



*Accommodation:* *Le Baobab Ankify*  
*Meals:* *All meals*  
*Included activities:* *Parc National de l'Ankarana excursions & La Perte des Riviers excursions*  
*Optional activities:* *N.A.*

**Day 12:**

**Ankify – Nosy Be**

After breakfast we transfer by boat to Nosy Be, stopping at Nosy Komba (literally Lemur's Islet).

Welcome to paradise!

Although Nosy Be's beaches (and resorts) don't look as fantasy-fulfilling as some in the Caribbean or Greece, they do win points for tranquillity, gorgeous light, sparkling clear turquoise water (void of the seaweed that plagues many Eastern African beaches) and excellent al fresco restaurants serving seafood feasts on the sand. The air is scented with ylang-ylang and vanilla and the pace of life is as slow and drawn-out as the island's killer sunsets.

Many visitors find the lack of major development and moramora (slowly slowly) lifestyle worth the few extra euros it costs to get here. The climate is sunny all year round, but there's a risk of cyclones in February and March. For the best-hued water and whitest sand head as far north as possible. With its fields of sugarcane, rum distilleries and single-gauge railway, inland Nosy Be has a faintly Caribbean atmosphere. If you can drag yourself away from the beach there are some beautiful out-of-the-way corners to explore.

Placed on the west coast of Nosy Be, Vanila Hotel & Spa combines the comfort of international standards and authenticity of Madagascar. Its traditional architecture and magnificent park are in total harmony with the original landscape of the island. Its wide range of high quality services ensures comfort and safety of its guests.

***Birds likely to be seen:*** *Madagascar pond heron, Cattle heron, Dymorphic heron, Great egret, Hamercop, Madagascar cuckoo falcon, Madagascar sparrowhawk, Frances's sparrowhawk, Madagascar sparrowhawk, Kittlitz's plover, Roseate tern, Bridled tern, Madagascar green pigeon, Gray headed love bird, Madagascar coucal, Madagascarnightjar, Madagascar long eared owl, Valvetasity, Hoopeo, Cuckoo roller, Madagascar wagtail, Madagascar magpie robin, Stonechat, Common jery, Madagascar paradise flycatcher, Sickle billed, Blue vanga, Madagascar red fody, Madagascar mannikin, Crested drongo.*

*Accommodation:* *Vanila Hotel*  
*Meals:* *All meals*  
*Included activities:* *Scenic boat transfer to Nosy Be & Snorkelling*  
*Optional activities:* *N.A.*

**Day 13:**

**Nosy Be**

After breakfast we head to Lokobe Special Reserve. Lokobe Integral Reserve is located in the south-eastern part of the island of Nosy Be north of Madagascar. It is the only protected area of this sublime tropical island and covers around 7,4 km<sup>2</sup> of the last remaining Sambirano primary forest of Nosy Be. It is supposed to become a National Park in a couple of years, but this has not been confirmed yet. Already in 1927 this ancient forest started to be protected and in 1966 the actual Reserve was created. These humid medium altitude evergreen forests are the natural habitat for the endangered black lemur, which only occurs here and is the most representative species of the reserve.





The reserve is mostly known for the black lemur. Unfortunately only few are left. These lemurs are real beauties. The females are not black at all, but beautifully reddish brown. Apart from the black lemur, there are other nocturnal species such as the Gray-backed sportive lemur and some mouse lemurs. Lokobe is also home to some endemic birds like the Madagascar pygmy kingfisher or the Madagascar long-eared owl, to spectacular Panther-chameleons, local endemic frogs and several snakes.

**Birds likely to be seen:** Madagascar pond heron, Cattle heron, Dymorphic heron, Great egret, Hamercop, Madagascar cuckoo falcon, Madagascar sparrowhawk, Frances's sparrowhawk, Madagascar sparrowhawk, Kittlitz's plover, Roseate tern, Bridled tern, Madagascar green pigeon, Gray headed love bird, Madagascar coucal, Madagascarnightjar, Madagascar long eared owl, Valvetasity, Hoopeo, Cuckoo roller, Madagascar wagtail, Madagascar magpie robin, Stonechat, Common jery, Madagascar paradise flycatcher, Sickle billed, Blue vanga, Madagascar red fody, Madagascar mannikin, crested drongo.

Accommodation: Vanilla Hotel  
 Meals: All meals  
 Included activities: Lokobe Special Reserve excursion  
 Optional activities: N.A.

**Day 14:**

**Nosy Be**

Explore the area with your guide.

**Birds likely to be seen:** Madagascar pond heron, Cattle heron, Dymorphic heron, Great egret, Hamercop, Madagascar cuckoo falcon, Madagascar sparrowhawk, Frances's sparrowhawk, Madagascar sparrowhawk, Kittlitz's plover, Roseate tern, Bridled tern, Madagascar green pigeon, Gray headed love bird, Madagascar coucal, Madagascarnightjar, Madagascar long eared owl, Valvetasity, Hoopeo, Cuckoo roller, Madagascar wagtail, Madagascar magpie robin, Stonechat, Common jery, Madagascar paradise flycatcher, Sickle billed, Blue vanga, Madagascar red fody, Madagascar mannikin, Crested drongo.

Accommodation: Vanilla Hotel  
 Meals: All meals  
 Included activities: Relaxing day at the hotel  
 Optional activities: N.A.

**Day 15:**

**Nosy Be – Antananarivo**

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our flight back to Antananarivo for our stay at Palisandre hotel.

**Birds likely to be seen:** Madagascar pond heron, Cattle heron, Dymorphic heron, Great egret, Hamercop, Madagascar cuckoo falcon, Madagascar sparrowhawk, Frances's sparrowhawk, Madagascar sparrowhawk, Kittlitz's plover, Roseate tern, Bridled tern, Madagascar green pigeon, Gray headed love bird, Madagascar coucal, Madagascarnightjar, Madagascar long eared owl, Valvetasity, Hoopeo, Cuckoo roller, Madagascar wagtail, Madagascar magpie robin, Stonechat, Common jery, Madagascar paradise flycatcher, Sickle billed, Blue vanga, Madagascar red fody, Madagascar mannikin, Crested drongo.



*Accommodation:* Palisandre hotel  
*Meals:* All meals  
*Included activities:* Visit the local markets  
*Optional activities:* N.A

**Day 16:**

**Antananarivo – Departure**

This morning we visit Lake Tsarasaotra. Lake Tsarasaotra is a tranquil oasis set in 66 acres of unspoilt, private land in the busy capital of Antananarivo. Watched over by the Malagasy Government and such influential groups as The World Wildlife Fund, Birdlife International and Peregrine’s Fund, Tsarasaotra has become a well-known and safe haven where waterfowl can live and breed. The park is a classified RAMSAR site (International Convention on Wetlands) and is the smallest and only private site classified to date.

**Birds likely to be seen:** *Cattle egret, Squacco heron, Blackcrowned night heron, Dimorphic egret, Red-billed teal, White-faced whistling duck, Knob-billed duck, Madagascar kingfisher, Madagascar bee-eater, Madagascar cisticola, & Madagascar swamp warbler, Stripe throated jery, Madagascar crested drongo, Nelicourvi weaver, Madagascar red fody.*

*Accommodation:* N.A.  
*Meals:* Breakfast & lunch  
*Included activities:* Excursion to Lake Tsarasaotra; transfer to the airport  
*Optional activities:* N.A

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*End of Safari*

Quoted price: 2019

*Days 1 – 16*

*GBP 4600 per person sharing*  
*GBP 950 single supplement*

Notes:

- a) The costing for the Tour Programme is based on a minimum of six (6) guests.
- b) This is a quotation and is valid for 2019 only.
- c) Noreservations have been made and all accommodation, flights and transport are subject to availability.
- d) Should any of the accommodation mentioned not be available, we reserve the right to substitute it with an alternative suitable venue, which might affect the final quoted price.
- e) Quoted price is also subject to availability, fuel/gas price and possibly exchange rate fluctuations.
- f) 20% non-refundable deposit is required on confirmation of safari.
- g) Full payment is required sixty (60) days prior to arrival.