



# MASOALA ADVENTURE

## A 9-DAY DISCOVERY OF EASTERN MADAGASCAR

Spend thrilling days exploring the wilderness and splendour of tropical rainforest and pristine waters of the Masoala Peninsula in the north-east of Madagascar on this private lodge tour.

Tour Code: MA

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### HIGHLIGHTS

<b>Antananarivo:</b>	Picturesque and bustling capital city of this island nation. Exploration at leisure.	<b>Activities in Masoala:</b>	Various optional activities available incl. kayaking and whale watching (seasonal).
<b>Maroantsetra:</b>	A charming town set between dense forests and the Bay of Antongil, gateway to the Masoala Peninsula.	<b>Snorkelling:</b>	Enjoy snorkelling in the stunning, tropical Masoala Marine Reserve
<b>Masoala Peninsula:</b>	Visit the largest protected rainforest and marine area in Madagascar. Embark on guided walks in search of reptiles, birds, lemurs and unique plant species. Trek amongst the verdant vanilla, clove and coffee plantations and visit a local village.	<b>Nosy Mangabe:</b>	Day trip by boat to the Mangabe Special Reserve on a lovely island hosting a variety of wildlife.
		<b>Betsimisaraka Tombs:</b>	Visit the tombs of "The Many Inseparables", Madagascar's second largest tribe.

### QUICK FACTS

<b>Tour type:</b>	Private Lodge Tour	<b>Meals:</b>	8 x Breakfast 5 x Lunch 4 x Dinner
<b>Duration:</b>	9 days		
<b>Start &amp; End:</b>	Antananarivo, Madagascar	<b>Vehicle:</b>	Car, minivan or bus depending on the size of the group
<b>Countries visited:</b>	Madagascar	<b>Group Size:</b>	Min. 2 / Max. 10

### DEPARTURE DATES 2024

Every day of the week – subject to availability.  
For advice, please contact the Jenman Safaris office or your travel agency.  
**Not recommended for children under 12 years and travellers with health problems.**

## ITINERARY

**B** = Breakfast      **L** = Lunch      **D** = Dinner

### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ANTANANARIVO

On arrival in Antananarivo you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel, where you can simply relax or go out and discover Antananarivo, the picturesque capital of Madagascar. With its bustling markets, friendly people and ancient town on a hill with freestone churches and ancient royal places, it is unique among the world's other capitals.

**Accommodation:** Au Bois Vert Lodge, or similar

### DAY 2: ANTANANARIVO – MAROANTSETRA

**B**

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Maroantsetra on the north east coast of Madagascar. Upon arrival in Maroantsetra, you will be transported to your hotel. This charming town is situated at the bottom of the Antongil Bay, with beautiful riverine scenery where the scent of vanilla and cloves fill the air. The surrounding area is lush and green, and is dotted with rice paddies and coconut palm trees.

**Accommodation:** Manga Beach Hotel , or similar.

### DAY 3: MAROANTSETRA - MASOALA

**BLD**

You will be transferred to the port where you will board a boat to Masoala. The Masoala Peninsula is the site of a 230,000 ha national park having one of the best rainforests in the country, and is largest protected area of fauna and flora. After your arrival, you will embark on a 3 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, which can be found in the Masoala National Park. You will also have the opportunity to relax and have a swim in the refreshing cool river.

**Accommodation:** Eco Lodge Chez Arol, or similar

### DAY 4 & 5 : MASOALA

**BLD,BLD**

We will start our day with a 3 hour bird watching excursion, followed by a visit to a typical village with plantations of vanilla, cloves and coffee. The Masoala peninsula is one of Madagascar's premier trekking and hiking areas. Alternatively you can enjoy the wonderful marine life by sea kayaking and snorkelling. Between July and September you will also have the chance to see the majestic humpback whale in the Bay of Antongil. The following day is spent exploring Masoala National Park.

**Accommodation:** Eco Lodge Chez Arol, or similar

### DAY 6: MASOALA - NOSY MANGABE

**BLD**

Today, you will embark on a boat transfer to Nosy Mangabe, a scenic island with a variety of wildlife. We will visit the reserve to admire its endemic fauna and flora. 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 evening, we will go on a night walk in the reserve where we will have the chance to spot the endangered 'aye-aye', the world's largest nocturnal primate.

**Accommodation:** At the camping site of Nosy Mangabe

<b>DAY 7: MASOALA – MAROANTSETRA</b>	<b>BL</b>
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Today, you will be transferred by boat, back to Maroantsetra. Thereafter you will have the afternoon at leisure to explore the town of Maroantsetra.

**Accommodation:** Manga Beach Hotel , or similar.

<b>DAY 8: MAROANTSETRA -ANTANANARIVO</b>	<b>B</b>
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After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Antananarivo. Spend the afternoon at leisure, taking in the beautiful city of Antananarivo.

**Accommodation:** Au Bois Vert Lodge, or similar

<b>DAY 9: ANTANANARIVO - HOME DESTINATION</b>	<b>B</b>
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After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home. We look forward to welcoming you in Madagascar again very soon!

### PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

**DEPARTURE:**

When arriving in Antananarivo in the morning of Day 1 of the tour you will be picked up from the airport and embark on your tour. Should you arrive prior to day 1, pre tour accommodation can be arranged and you will be picked up from your hotel on the morning of day 1. (Pick up time will be confirmed on arrival).

**TRANSPORT:**

Transport will depend on the size of the group:

A small car for 2 - 3 pax

A minivan for 4 - 6 - 8 pax

A bus for 10 pax

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Accommodation will be in basic Hotels. Please note that Madagascar is a country which is in its infancy when it comes to tourism. Accommodation is limited therefore all the above mentioned accommodations are subject to availability and we reserve the right to change these using similar accommodation of the same or higher standards.

**VISAS:**

A visa is required to enter the territory of Madagascar and can easily be obtained upon arrival at the airport of Antananarivo with a validity of up to 60 days. Tourists staying for less than one month, can purchase a visa for 115'000 Ariary (around 35 €). Paying with the exact amounts or small currency is advised. No photographs are required, however please ensure that passports are valid for at least 6 months after return date. Kindly note that for the visa upon arrival, a valid return ticket is required.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest travelling with Jenman Madagascar Safaris. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other





electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

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