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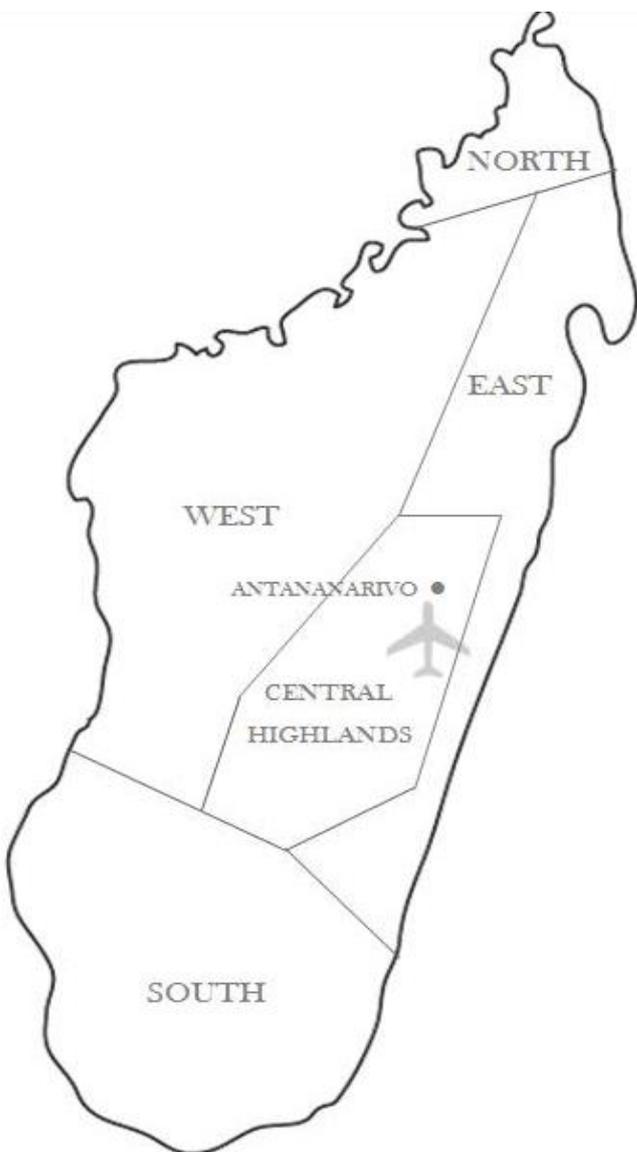
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GENERAL INFORMATION



ENTRY FORMALITIES

- Visa: obtained in the country of origin, or upon arrival to Antananarivo International Airport
- Passport: Valid for at least 6 months before expiry date
- Valid return ticket

MONEY

- Local currency: Malagasy Ariary (MGA)
- EUR, USD & GBP can be exchanged
- Credit cards (Visa only) are accepted in large hotels, restaurants, in the capital city, tourist destinations like Nosy Be.
- Travellers Cheques are not recommended
- Money should be exchanged on arrival
Airport banks are open at each international flight arrival (similar rates to the banks in town)

TIME DIFFERENCE

- Add 2 hours during summertime to GMT
- Add 3 hours during wintertime to GMT

HEALTH & HYGIENE

- Malaria area
- Yellow fever vaccination
- A high factor sunscreen
(sun in Madagascar can be very harsh)

LANGUAGE

- French
- Malagasy



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CLIMATE AND WEATHER

- The climate of Madagascar is **subtropical** and at all times of the year there is a temperature variation depending on altitude and geographical position.
- **Rainy season** runs from December to March.
- This is when the rainforested eastern and northern parts of the country are battered by tropical storms and temperatures tend to hover about 30°C (86°F).
- Despite being **rainy season** up north, during this period, the central parts will be a lot drier and cooler, with temperatures around 25°C (77°F).
- The southern and western coasts are the driest parts of the country.
- **Dry season** runs from April to October.
- If visiting for wildlife, September to December is a good time, as many of the snakes and lizards populating the island come out of hibernation during this time.
- The mountains, including Antananarivo, are dry, cool and windy during this time of year, shifting to warm and thundery from November to April.
- Travelling to Madagascar from January to March is best avoided.

ACCOMMODATION

- Madagascar is still untouched by mass tourism
- Much of the accommodation is more basic than other countries
- Luxury (4*) accommodation is available in the more travelled areas such as Nosy Be and Antananarivo; but these still fall short of the western world's standards
- Be prepared for this and consider this as part of Madagascar's rustic charm





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HOW TO GET TO MADAGASCAR



- **Air Austral** airline serves France and Indian Ocean islands, including Madagascar, Réunion and Mauritius.
- **Air France** offers five flights a week between Paris and Antananarivo.
- **Air Madagascar** has direct flights from France, Kenya, Thailand, Guangzhou (China) and neighbouring Indian Ocean islands.
- **Istanbul-Port Louis-Antananarivo** flights offered by Turkish Airlines operates 4 times per week on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays in both directions.
- **Air Mauritius** flies between Mauritius and Tana four times a week.
- **Corsair** services up to three flights a week between Paris and Antananarivo.
- **Kenya Airways** offers two flights a day between Nairobi and Antananarivo and direct flights between Johannesburg and Tana.
- **South African Airways** has daily flights between Johannesburg and Antananarivo and direct flights between Johannesburg and Nosy Be.

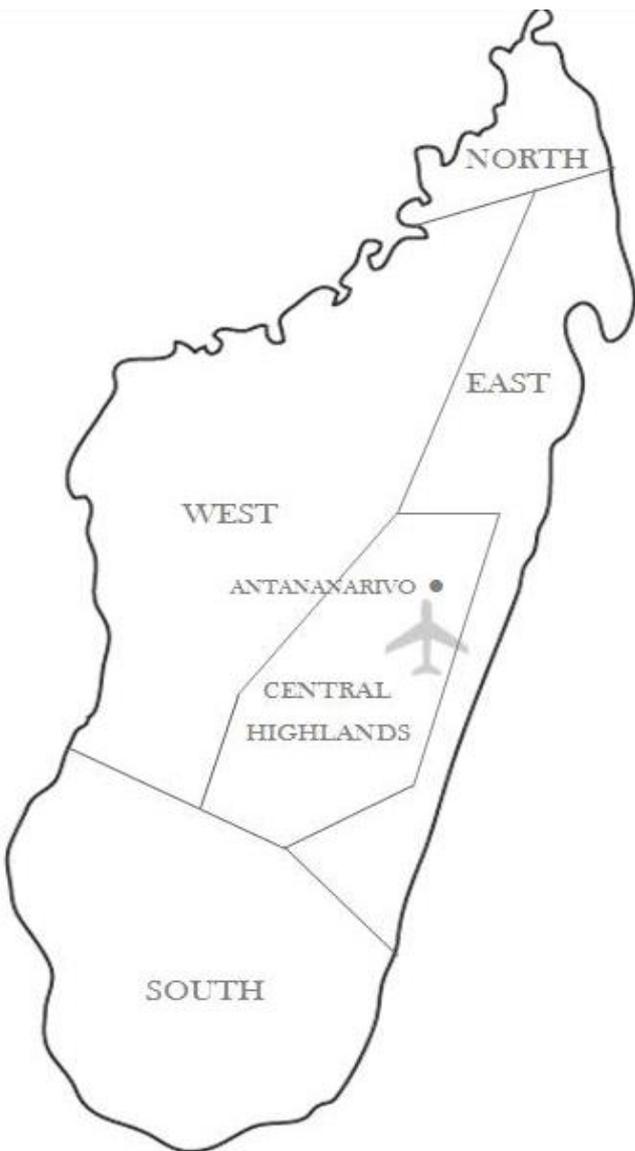
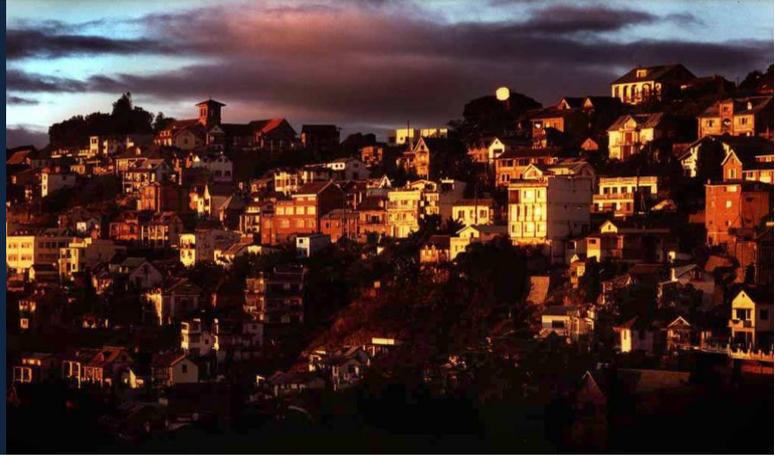




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ANTANANARIVO



GENERAL INFORMATION

Surrounded by rolling hills and steeped in history, its airport is the start and end to any Madagascar holiday.

Antananarivo (also called Tana) is the capital city of Madagascar

Elevation: 1.276 m

Area: 88 km²

Population: 710.236

The main boulevard, *Avenue de l'Independance*, is lined with colonial-era buildings. It links the colorful *Analakely Market* at one end with the *Gare Soarano station*, now converted into a shopping mall. South of the city, *Tsimbazaza Zoo* houses many of Madagascar's distinctive animals, including the iconic lemur. It also has a museum with a giant skeleton of the extinct elephant bird. In the north, *Parc de Tsarasaotra's* wetlands are



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ACCOMMODATION IN 'TANA'

Pavillion de l'Emyrne

This darling hotel is situated in a beautiful traditional Malagasy house that dates back to the 1930's. The hotel has all the expected amenities such as free Wi-Fi, en suite apartments, A/C, views of the gardens and the city, and is in walking distance of popular restaurants. With 10 individually styled superior rooms and some of the best breakfasts found on the entire island, you can see why this charming and exceptionally cosy hotel made our list.

Priced from 65 EURO pp/pn

Lokango Hotel

This quaint boutique hotel consists of 6 stunning rooms, each with their own look and feel, and magnificent views over the city. The hotel is perched within throwing distance from the Queen's Palace on the sacred royal hill and is in the heart of an historical neighbourhood. Noted for its particularly friendly staff, the hotel has all the general amenities needed for a comfortable stayover. Even if you don't plan on staying here, make sure to pop by for a sundowner or even dinner as the views from the restaurant over the city are unparalleled.

Priced from 89 EURO pp/pn

Colbert Hotel

The closest thing to what we would consider an 'international' hotel in Antananarivo, the Colbert hotel is spread over 7 floors and is the ideal choice for those looking to stay in the city for more than one night or for clients with children. The hotel has some truly fantastic amenities including an indoor pool, a spa, a Jacuzzi, a gym and even a steam room (something that's hard to find in tropical climate). The hotel also has two fabulous restaurants and 3 rooming options: standard and junior rooms, and presidential suites

Priced from 79 EURO pp/pn

Maison Gallieni

This boutique hotel has just four rooms - ideal if you are travelling in a group and looking for exclusivity. Located in the heart of the historic city with fantastic views, the Maison Gallieni also has a picturesque outdoor heated pool, flat screen televisions, and an outdoor garden.

Priced from EUR 110 pp/pn

Royal Palissandre Hotel & Spa

Located in the city centre with some of the best views found in Antananarivo, the Royal Palissandre Hotel & Spa overlooks the famous Avenue of Independence. The hotel has 40 standard rooms, 6 suites, and 2 junior suites - as well as spa, gym, and heated outdoor pool. The restaurant is one of the most popular in the city and honours the delicious local specialties alongside an à la carte of French cuisine. The hotel also offers long term stays in new apartments which house a kitchenette, office and Jacuzzi.

Priced from EURO 97€ pp/pn





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EXQUISITE EASTERN MADAGASCAR



ACCOMMODATION

- **Princess Bora Lodge**; this exclusive lodge offers luxurious villas set in a beautiful tropical garden facing the palm-fringed beach and lagoon.
- **Andasibe Hotel**; a lovely 4* accommodation nestled close to the quaint village of Andasibe and surrounded by the Madagascan forest
- **Vakona Forest Lodge**; alternative accommodation that includes a number of facilities and activities such as horse-riding and squash; ideal choice for families

ACTIVITIES

- **Vakona Island** - intimate experiences with lemurs
- **Lemur Island** (especially for families)
- Wildlife sightings in Andasibe National Park
- En route: **Peyriera's Reptile Park** (small community based project, offers guests a chance to see many of Madagascar's amazing chameleons).

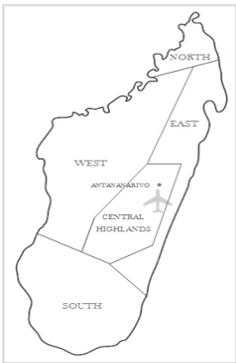




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THE SPLENDOROUS CENTRAL HIGHLANDS



The central highlands of Madagascar are relatively undiscovered and unexplored, offering travellers the chance to explore the country's rich history, unique scenic formations and special endemic wildlife.

ACCOMMODATION

- **Isalo Rock Lodge:** Nestled deep in the majestic mountains of Isalo National Park, this exclusive lodge is built from natural rock and glass, offering a modern design. A nearby airstrip makes for easy access by charter flight. It is also accessible by road, but with a long drive of 2 days so it is then combined with a visit to Ranomafana National Park
- **Relais de la Reine:** Built like a chateau in the on over 40 hectares and with panorama views of the surrounding environment, it is a splendid starting point for excursions to the rocky formations that famous for.
- **Jardin du Roy:** Traditional sweeping green lawns with grazing thoroughbred horses, this lodge have outrides in the mountains for those who enjoy horse riding.

ACTIVITIES

- Visit highlands - Isalo National Park
- Best place to see ring-tailed lemurs and white sifakas
- Lodges in the area offer their own activities: **horseback riding and walking trails**
- Ideal place for stargazing as the lack light pollution allows the **Milky Way** to light up





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SOUTHERN SOPHISTICATION MADAGASCAR STYLE



ACCOMMODATION

- **Mandrare River Camp:** This camp is the epitome of barefoot luxury with glamorous East African-styled tented chalets on raised wooden decks. The lodge is nestled on the river banks in the heart of the south west Antandroy Spiny Forest.

ACTIVITIES

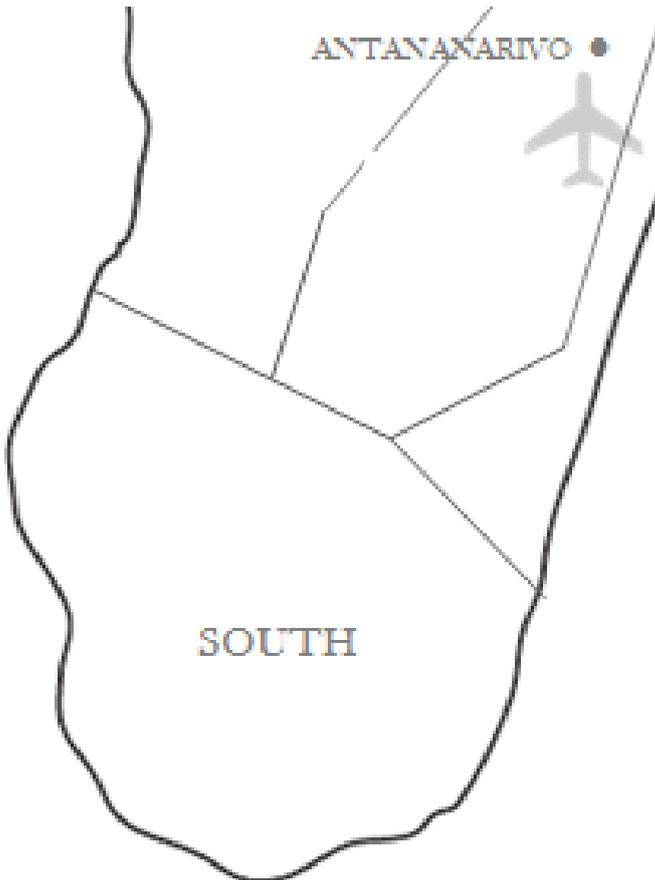
- Spiny Forests
- Experience wildlife (on foot or by 4x4)
- Visit local markets
- Tour to witness the many bizarre and fascinating traditions practiced by the Antandroy (ceremonies, cults, music)
- Evening outdoor bush dinners

ACCOMMODATION

- **Manafiay Beach and Rainforest Camp:** Set on a pristine coastline, with an exquisite private bay, the lodge is surrounded by costal rainforest and beaches. This luxurious camp is suited to clients who want an upmarket but in the wild 'experience' of Madagascar.

ACTIVITIES

- Ideal place for the active holidaygoers
- Fishing, canoeing, whale watching, day and night-time forest walks, motor boat trips to the mangrove swamps
- Visits to local schools and markets
- Enjoy a sunset or whale watching on an ocean lookout tower
- Entertainment in the form of traditional dance by the Antandroy

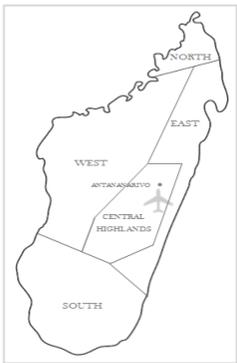




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THE WHIMSICAL WEST



ACCOMMODATION

- **The Palissandre Cote d'Ouest:** 4* hotel with 30 beach-front bungalows, and fantastic amenities including a spa, restaurant and swimming pool.
- **The Soleil des Tsingy:** Located in Bekopaka it is the closest place to stay when entering Bemaraha National Park. It is western Madagascar's most stylish hotel.
- With unparalleled views of the valley below, this hotel is ideal for families. Includes: a playground, a pool table, board games, and satellite TV.

ACTIVITIES

- The Grand Tsingy National Park
- Bemaraha National Park
- Baobab Alley near Morondava
- Perfect for hikes



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MAKE LASTING MEMORIES



- **Ile St Marie:** Ideal destination for honeymoon couples and located just off the eastern coast of Madagascar, this small, idyllic island is steeped in Malagasy history. The island has great options for guests who enjoy comfort and luxury, like the stunning **Princess Bora Lodge**. Executive villas offer romantic views.
- **Tsarabanjina:** Whether it's a honeymoon, engagement or a wedding anniversary, the paradise island of Tsarabanjina is the ideal location. Situated in the northwestern part of Madagascar, only 40 miles from the island of Nosy Be, clients can be assured of a laid-back-barefoot elegance of this intimate eco-friendly resort on its own secluded island off the coast of Madagascar. This is the ideal place to relax and unwind in true luxury.
- **Luxury Yacht Charter** rent a private luxury yacht charter and discover the islands of Madagascar at your own pace. Go snorkelling or scuba diving. Explore the diverse marine parks that Madagascar has become revered for. The majority of rented yachts are catamarans with between 2 and 3 double cabins with 2 bathrooms. Ideal for family holiday or a couple looking to escape city life in a quiet tropical setting.

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