



QUOTATION

SAMPLE ITINERARY:	Wildlife Highlights - 8 days
TRAVEL DATE:	2021 & 2022

ITINERARY APPROX RACK COST

Based on 2 pax travelling

2021

Low Season:

Rack cost per person sharing in a double/twin room: **USD \$6,850**

Rack cost single room supplement: **USD \$1,119**

High Season:

Rack cost per person sharing in a double/twin room: **USD \$7,369**

Rack cost single room supplement: **USD \$1,488**

2022

Low Season:

Rack cost per person sharing in a double/twin room: **USD \$7,006**

Rack cost single room supplement: **USD \$1,163**

High Season:

Rack cost per person sharing in a double/twin room: **USD \$7,575**

Rack cost single room supplement: **USD \$1,563**

Seasons

CLOSED: 10 January - 24 March

LOW SEASON: 25 March - 20 June

HIGH SEASON: 21 - 20 November

LOW SEASON: 21 November - 9 January

Day 1: Arrival in Antananarivo

Upon arrival into Ivato Airport you will be greeted by an English-speaking guide from MCC who will accompany you to your hotel in the upper town of Antananarivo. 'Tana' – as the locals call it has fascinating traditional architecture and a more Indonesian influence than the rest of Madagascar. Maison



Gallieni is a restored colonial mansion with an elegant mix of modern and traditional décor. Take a dip in the pool and enjoy the lovely views over the city before dinner.

Overnight at Maison Gallieni (Half board)



Day 2: Antananarivo – Andasibe

After an early breakfast, our guide will take you east to Andasibe, a stunning rainforest park, about 4 hours' drive from the city. The park consists of two protected areas, the Perinet Special Reserve and Mantadia National Park. Perinet is world famous for its population of Indri lemurs, which are the largest living lemur species. The journey to Andasibe offers first time visitors to Madagascar an introduction to rural life with rice fields, redbrick houses and roadside stalls selling seasonal fruits and vegetables lining the route. Check into hotel for lunch. This afternoon, enjoy a visit to Lemur Island, Vakona Lodge's private reserve that protects a number of habituated lemurs. There are four species to see, the bamboo lemur, the black & white ruffed lemur, brown lemur and one diademed sifaka.

Overnight at Mantadia Lodge (Full board)



Day 3: Andasibe (Mantadia National Park)

After breakfast you will head to Mantadia National Park (1.5 hour drive) with a picnic lunch. Look for some of the lemur species in this stunning park including the *Indri indri*, diademed sifaka, grey bamboo lemur, red-bellied lemur and white ruffed lemur. While the trails are slightly more difficult, the rewards are great as the forest is taller, wilder and less crowded than Perinet. There are an abundance of birds including the scaly ground roller, the pitta-like ground roller and the red-breasted coua. This is a



naturalist's goldmine with many seldom seen species of mammals, reptiles and birds. Enjoy a picnic by the Rianasoa Waterfall before hiking back to the vehicle and return to the lodge. In the evening you may choose to go on another night walk with your local guide. A night walk will be organized in late evening in the forest surrounding the reserve with a local guide. You will see a variety of nocturnal lemurs including the Furry-eared dwarf lemurs, Goodman's mouse lemurs, as well as chameleons and geckos.

Overnight at Mantadia Lodge (Full board)



Day 4: Andasibe (Perinet Reserve) – Tana (by road)

After breakfast, enjoy a visit to the 810 ha Perinet reserve with a local guide in search of the *Indri indri*. With a barely visible tail, black and white markings and a surprised teddy-bear face, this Lemur is one of the few animals in the world that cannot survive in captivity. There are another 11 species of lemur to spot as you walk through the rainforest. You may find a troop of grey bamboo lemurs, common brown lemur, diademed sifaka and black and white ruffed lemur. Birdwatchers should look out for the velvet asity, blue coua and Nuthatch vanga and many more endemic species. Perinet is home to many reptiles, invertebrates, and some of Madagascar's over a thousand orchid species. Lunch at the lodge then drive (4hrs) back to Tana.

Overnight at Maison Gallieni (Full board)



Day 5: Tana – Mandrare River Camp (Scheduled charter flight 9:30 – 11:30)

This morning, transfer to the private charter terminal in time for your scheduled charter flight to Mandrare River Camp (2 hours). Upon arrival you will be met by our guide and vehicle and transfer to the camp. Settle



into your tent and enjoy the majestic views over the Mandrare River. Around 5pm you will depart for a night walk in the Forest of Zenavo. This is a fantastic way to see diurnal lemurs bedding down, and the nocturnal lemurs begin to wake in the eerie and prehistoric Spiny Forest. You will spot sifakas and sleeping white-foot sportive lemurs, then once the sun has set, two mouse lemur species, sleeping birds, chameleons, owls and now active sportive lemurs.

Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a Luxury Tent (All inclusive)



Day 6: Mandrare River Camp

After breakfast you will head out to the stunning Sacred Gallery Forest to the south of the camp. Depending on the river depth, you will walk or take a boat across the Mandrare River to reach this largely deciduous forest. Inquisitive groups of ring tailed lemurs and the always entertaining Verreaux sifaka are the highlight of this excursion. Return to camp for lunch and a relaxed afternoon by the pool. In late afternoon, head for a walk through the Sacred Spiny Forest filled with the ancestral tombs of the local Antandroy tribe, as well as an extraordinary array of flora and fauna, unique to the spiny forest. Your English speaking guide and a tracker from the local community will give you an introduction to Antandroy culture and customs. Your visit is followed by sundowners on the Mandrare River banks.

Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a Luxury Tent (All inclusive)



Day 7: Mandrare River Camp

After a cup of tea or coffee head to the Spiny Forest for an early morning walk. Witness the sunlight break through the octopus trees while looking out for the many endemic birds such as crested coua, a variety of



vangas and the running coua. Head back to camp for a sumptuous breakfast followed by a visit to the local market (on Thursdays and Saturdays) or the local village to meet the fascinating Antandroy tribe. Lunch will be served at the camp followed by a relaxed afternoon watching life along the river from your tent terrace. At 5pm, depart for a sundowner amidst the baobabs. Watching the sun set and moon rise with a view across the Baobabs to the mountains beyond is a magical experience. In the evening the local village may come to perform beautiful traditional dances, accompanied by singing and music. Song and dance is at the heart of Antandroy culture and is used to accompany the major rituals and events of everyday life.

Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a Luxury Tent (All inclusive)



Day 8: Mandrare River Camp

After breakfast depart for a day trip to the stunning Lac Anony. This salt water lake is separated from the Indian Ocean by a series of large sand dunes and is home to Greater Flamingos and a variety of salt water birds. The lake is a two hour drive from the camp. On arrival, walk along the lake shore to a beautiful picnic spot. Then scale the 70 foot high sand dunes for an incredible view of the surrounding area and go for a swim the lake. Return to the camp in time for dinner.

Overnight at Mandrare River Camp in a Luxury Tent (All inclusive)





Day 9: Mandrare River Camp – Antananarivo (Scheduled charter flight)

At 8:30 am take a short flight to Fort Dauphin (25 minutes) for refuelling then continue to Tana (2hrs). On arrival, have an early lunch then return to the airport for your international flight.

Cost Includes:

- VIP customs fast track on arrival
- Airport assistance and transfers throughout
- Transport in Antananarivo in air-conditioned car
- All transport in 4x4 vehicles as indicated in the above itinerary
- Scheduled charter flight: Antananarivo – Mandrare – Fort Dauphin – Antananarivo
- The services of an English-speaking guide
- All meals and accommodation as per itinerary
- All excursions indicated in the itinerary, park fees and community/environmental levies
- All inclusive of meals & all drinks at Mandrare River Camp

Cost Excludes

- All international flights and visa fees or assistance unless otherwise specified
- All tips, other drinks and personal expenses
- Travel insurance: it is a condition that all clients travelling with MCC must have appropriate travel insurance, including emergency medical evacuation cover

Charter flights will be in a Piper Cheyenne II with 2 pilots and 6 passenger seats. This is a twin-engine plane.



Luggage Restrictions

- The MCC scheduled charter to Mandrare and Manafiafy limits luggage 15 kg (33 lbs) in total (checked in + hand luggage)