Magical Madagascar



DAY 01 : Kuala Lumpur – Antananarivo

Take a wee hours flight from Kuala Lumpur to Antananarivo, capital city of Madagascar. Arrival same day in the afternoon, transfer to a hotel in the city center. After dinner, rest early to recuperate from the long-haul flight journey.

(Remarks: those who are embarking from a third country may opt to meet the group in Antananarivo)



DAY 02 : Antananarivo – Antsirabe (165km)

After breakfast, journey along national road no. 7, passing highland terraced rice fields, villages, and bricks making fields, enroute making occasional stops. Afternoon arrival in Antsirabe, the country' s highest altitude city (1500m). Explore city center by colourful rickshaw after lunch. Overnight at hotel.

Meal: B



DAY 03 : Antsirabe – Miandrivazo (220km)

After breakfast, drive along the national road no.34 towards Miandrivazo. The journey offers idyllic countryside views, with farmlands and rustic villages dotting the landscape, photo stops along the way. Upon arrival in Miandrivazo, hotel check-in.

Meal: B



DAY 04 : Miandrivazo – Tsiribihina

After breakfast, depart to Masiakampy pier to embark on a two-day boat journey on the Tsiribihina River. Discover beautiful scenery, sighting birds and wildlife along the way. After lunch on the boat, continue to Anosin' ampela waterfall, a playground for rare species of lemurs. Overnight camping by the river, enjoy campfire and folk music.

Meal: B/ L/ D



DAY 05 : Tsiribihina

After breakfast, continue with the boat journey to Begidro village, upon arrival, explore the village dotted with colonial buildings and known for its tobacco industry, meet the locals and observe their daily life. Later, take the boat again to the day’ s camping site, along the way, view of baobab trees and possible sighting of some bats.

Meal: B/L/D



DAY 06 : Tsiribihina – Bekopaka (100km)

After breakfast, enjoy the final day on the river. Travelling through a gorge and reaching Belo sur Tsiribihina harbor. Disembark from the boat and continue the journey overland by 4WD to Manambolo River, ferry crossing to reach Bekopaka, upon arrival, check-in to hotel.

Meal: B/L



DAY 07 : Bekopaka

An active day to explore Tsingy of Bemaraha National Park, hike in the limestone forest, reaching the impressive viewpoint with a suspension bridge. Along the way, one may sight various types of lemurs and giant Coua bird. Enjoy picnic lunch in a shaded spot before leaving. Afternoon return to hotel for rest and relax.

Meal: B/L



DAY 08 : Bekopaka – Kirindy (125km)

After breakfast, depart Bekopaka via the same way, after ferry crossing of Tsiribihina River, continue the drive to Kirindy Reserve and check in to a lodge. Night walk to spot wildlife, such as various lemur species and other nocturnal animals before dinner.

Meal: B



DAY 09 : Kirindy – Morondava (75km)

Continue to explore Kirindy Reserve, home to outstanding wildlife, including the smallest primate, Verreaux’ s sifakas, tenrecs, mongooses, rodents, and various types of birds, reptiles, and amphibians. The reserve is also dominated by majestic baobab trees (including a male tree) that formed a forest canopy reaching some 14m in height. Later in the evening, arrive in Baobab Avenue to admire sunset before heading to Morondava for overnight hotel stay.

Meal: B



DAY 10 : Morondava – Antananarivo (1h15m flight)

Take a domestic flight back to capital city. Flight schedule subjected to change, delay, or cancel at short notice. In case of flight cancellation, alternative land transfer (take 2 days) will be arranged.

Meal: B



DAY 11 : Antananarivo

Morning visit Lemur’ s Park to spot rare species. Afterwards, explore a souvenir market, enjoy shopping time. Late afternoon, head to Analamanga hill, the highest point in the capital, to visit the Queen’ s Palace, Madagascar’ s most iconic historical and cultural heritage site and symbol of monarchy.

**Remarks: in case of flight cancellation, today’ s activities will be changed accordingly, depending on the arrival time in Antananarivo via land transfer.*

Meal: B

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DAY 12 : Antananarivo – Kuala Lumpur

Free and easy in the morning, or stroll through the local market to experience the daily life of the people. After lunch, transfer to the airport to board the flight home.

Meal: B

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DAY 13 : Kuala Lumpur

Arrival in Kuala Lumpur. End of tour.

Price Details

Fee includes:

1. Accommodation (hotel, camping)
2. Partial meals (as specified in itinerary)
3. Transport (tourist bus, 4WD, ferry, boat)
4. Morondava-Antananrivo one-way domestic flight
5. Local tour guide
6. Entrance fee as per itinerary/ national parks fee
7. Drinking water (1 bottle per person per day)

Fee excludes:

1. Madagascar e-Visa (15 days tourist visa € 30)
2. Round trip Kuala Lumpur-Antananarivo International flights, suggested airlines Emirates, estimated airfare from RM 5,500; once tour confirmed shall inform flights schedule for tour members to self-purchase online)
3. Meals not covered by itinerary (roughly € 150)
4. All costs incurred during free & easy/ optional activities
5. Additional cost due to unforeseen calamity (acts of god)
6. International travel insurance (Members must self-purchase travel insurance. LevArt cannot be held responsible for any losses as a result of you being inadequately insured/ without insurance)
7. Tipping for local drivers and guides (set aside €80-100)

Reminders

- If you have traveled to a yellow fever endemic country within 6 days before departure (or transited for more than 12 hours), you may be asked to present a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate
- Madagascar’ s roads are very poorly developed and poorly maintained, so even short distances can take a long time to travel.
- Domestic flight schedule could change, delay, or cancel at short notice. In case of cancellation, alternative land transfer (2D1N journey from Morondava – Antsirabe – Antananarivo) will be arranged, and itinerary will be adjusted accordingly.
- Group members must mentally prepared for a rough journey and remain flexible, as this is a soft adventure tour in a country lack of amenities. At times the tour programme may subject to change in response to unexpected ground situation.
- Tropical climate, temperatures between 10°C and 30°C (depending on the region), cooler in the highlands.
- Majority of the hotels without lift and air conditions.

- For 2-day boat trip, no toilet on board; answer nature call in the wild ashore.
- Be careful of mosquitoes to avoid being bitten and contracting Malaria.

Hardship Level: 3★

- The trek (4-5 hours) in the limestone forest of Big Tsingy requires physical fitness and good stamina. Those with acrophobia (fear of height) may find the trek challenging.
- Two-days of boat trip/ camping without shower and toilet facilities
- Off-road drive and bumpy journey through poor road conditions
- When visiting various national parks, lots of trekking and some climbing
- Lots of wildlife sighting in national parks (including primate/ reptile/ insect), those fear of wild animal/ insect unsuitable to join this trip.