MAGICAL MADAGASCAR

JULY 13–24, 2020 | OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO ANJAJAVY JULY 25–28

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We invite you to be part of this exclusive and remarkable adventure to Madagascar, one of the most extraordinary places on Earth. There is no other trip to Madagascar like this one.

In addition to the many splendors of this unique island country, you will experience areas not generally visited by tourists. The Duke Lemur Center has been working in Madagascar for 30 years and we will have access to Duke connected conservation projects and people. This trip is perfect for first time Madagascar visitors as well as for those returning to Madagascar for a second or third trip! Madagascar is home to all of the world’s lemurs (some 100+ species) and over half of the world’s chameleons, in addition to more than 170 species of frogs. Every year scientists discover new species of plants and animals in Madagascar’s deserts and forests.

Madagascar is a nature lover’s dream. It is also an exceptional photographic destination, where many of the animals are habituated, providing remarkable photographic opportunities. Our exciting itinerary is custom-designed by Charlie Welch of the Duke Lemur Center and the experts at Terra Incognita Ecotours to cover some of the island’s highlights, including different eco-systems with a diversity of wildlife and photographic subjects. We have selected the itinerary to showcase the incredible diversity in landscape, flora, and fauna common to each of these areas.

In keeping with the principles of responsible ecotourism:
• We will employ local people.
• We will use locally owned and operated lodges and outfitters.
• We will use local goods and services.
• This is a journey that will make a positive impact on you and the areas we visit.

To reserve your space, please fill out and return the reservation page at the back of this brochure, or call Duke Alumni Travels at (919) 684-2988, or email travel@daa.duke.edu. For logistical questions, please call Terra Incognita Ecotours at (855) 326-8687.

The Duke Lemur Center’s Conservation Coordinator, Charlie Welch, brings 30 years of experience in Madagascar conservation, including 15 years of living and working in-country. On behalf of the Duke Lemur Center and the Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group (MFG), Charlie and his wife, Andrea Katz, established the community-based conservation projects at Parc Ivoloina and Betampona Nature Reserve. In recognition of their overall contribution to conservation in Madagascar, Charlie and Andrea were awarded “Chevalier de l’Ordre National” by the Malagasy government in 2004.

Charlie continues to foster the Duke Lemur Center’s conservation work in Madagascar. In addition to continued involvement with the MFG, Charlie has overseen the creation of the DLC-SAVA Conservation project in northeastern Madagascar. DLC-SAVA relies on an array of diverse project activities to promote local forest protection, while simultaneously improving the lives of the local people.

A trip to Madagascar with Charlie will give you a unique view into a truly remarkable country, from both natural and cultural perspectives.
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with optional 4-day extension to Anjajavy | July 25 – 28, 2020
Monday, July 13

Arrival in Antananarivo | Overnight at Relais des Plateaux

Today you should plan to arrive in Antananarivo, either on the South African Airways flight from Johannesburg, or Air France from Paris, or perhaps an alternate routing such as Air Seychelles through the Seychelles. Antananarivo, the capital city of Madagascar, is affectionately known as “Tana”. Upon arrival, clear customs and meet our private transfer to the hotel. (Note – by arriving an additional day early, on the 12th, you will give yourself extra time to rest and recover from the long trip.)

Tuesday, July 14

Antananarivo to Andasibe | Overnight at Vakona Forest Lodge

This morning we depart for the Analamazaotra Reserve in Andasibe, an important area of protected rainforest, and home to the largest of the lemur species – the indri. We will stop at the incredible La Mandraka Nature Farm en route. This private zoo has an excellent collection of native reptiles and amphibians and offers wonderful opportunities for close-up photography. Our primary destination is the gorgeous Vakona Forest Lodge located in an idyllic wooded setting. Charlie Welch will present his first lecture tonight, an overview of what makes Madagascar so unique and special.

Wednesday, July 15

Analamazaotra Reserve | Overnight at Vakona Forest Lodge

This morning we will visit Analamazaotra Reserve. This park is home to many species of lemur, including the beautiful diademed sifaka, the indri, the gray bamboo lemur, and the brown lemur. Some of the trails are steep and muddy, so you should be prepared for some arduous hiking. This afternoon, time and weather permitting, we will spend time photographing semi-captive lemurs on the Vakona’s “Lemur Island”. We return to the lodge and this evening we may take a night walk to look for nocturnal lemurs – if we are lucky we may catch the eye shine of the diminutive brown mouse lemur, greater dwarf lemur, or even the avahi (eastern woolly lemur).
Thursday, July 16
Travel by bus to Tamatave | Overnight at the Calypso Hotel
Today we travel by private bus from the wet mountain forest of Andasibe to the east coast and the city of Tamatave, where Charlie and his wife Andrea Katz worked and lived for 15 years. The trip through the rolling Madagascar countryside will take about six hours, so we will take along a picnic lunch. Upon arrival in Tamatave there should be time to explore some of the coastal city of Tamatave (also known as Toamasina). Charlie will give a brief talk about the Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group, in preparation for our visit to Parc Ivoloina the next day.

Friday, July 17
Ivoloina | Overnight at the Calypso Hotel
Today we visit scenic Parc Ivoloina where Charlie and Andrea started a conservation project in 1987. The conservation work continues at Ivoloina under the Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group, a conservation consortium of which the Duke Lemur Center is a founding and managing member. Activities at Ivoloina range from programs in environmental education, to sustainable agriculture, to reforestation and training. In the evening we will go for drinks and dinner to the always animated restaurant, Ocean 501.

Saturday, July 18
Tamatave to Ranomafana | Overnight at Setam Lodge
This morning we take a charter flight to the city of Fianarantsoa (to avoid a two day drive), and then drive to Ranomafana National Park, a rainforest reserve made famous by scientist Dr. Patricia Wright of Stony Brook University. Our destination is the comfortable Setam Lodge adjacent to the forest. This afternoon we should have time to visit the one of a kind ValBio research station.

Sunday, July 19
Ranomafana | Overnight at Setam Lodge
Today we have the whole day to explore some of the trails in the park. We may visit some of the less traveled trails in the morning in search of Milne-Edward's sifaka, and then in the afternoon we visit another set of trails renowned for groups of greater and golden bamboo lemurs.
Monday, July 20
Ranomafana | Overnight at Setam Lodge

A second full day in the Ranomafana area and a chance to slow down – an early morning hike in the rainforest and this afternoon we plan to have some down time at the lodge and another lecture from Charlie.

Tuesday, July 21
Ranomafana to Isalo | Overnight at Jardin du Roy

Today promises some spectacular scenery as we drive from the rain forest of Ranomafana to the savannahs, grasslands and sandstone scenery of Isalo. We will depart early by bus and along the way we will visit a community reserve known as Anja which is famed for ring-tailed lemurs playing against a dramatic mountain backdrop. We will spend the next two nights in the stunning Isalo area in the luxurious Jardin du Roy.

Wednesday, July 22
Isalo | Overnight at Jardin du Roy

Today we will explore the dramatic scenery of Isalo National Park, with an early morning departure for Canyon Namaza to begin the picturesque hike up to Cascade des Nymphs, a spectacular hidden waterfall with an emerald green pool, where we may see red-fronted brown lemurs and ring-tailed lemurs along the trails. On the return we can go back to the lodge for lunch, or we can continue our hike to the Piscine Naturelle, a longer walk through this remarkable landscape, with a boxed lunch from the hotel.

Thursday, July 23
Zombitse and Tulear | Overnight at Moringa Hotel

Today we head for the west coast and the town of Tulear. Along the way we shall visit Zombitse National Park, a refuge for a number of endemic lemurs and birds, including the Zombitse Greenbul! Our destination this afternoon is the very spacious and comfortable Moringa Hotel.

Friday, July 24
Tulear to Antananarivo | Overnight at Relais des Plateaux

This morning, if time allows, we should be able to visit the Arboretum d’Antsokay and its extensive array of spiny desert plants. This afternoon we plan to fly back to Antananarivo and you could choose to depart this evening on the Air France flight that leaves shortly after midnight, or you can plan your departure for tomorrow.

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Saturday, July 25

Antananarivo to Anjajavy | Overnight at Anjajavy

This morning we take a private charter flight to Anjajavy, a resort only accessible by air! The luxury resort consists of 25 well-appointed bungalows set in a large private reserve bordering wide deserted beaches, mangroves, small “tsingy” karst limestone formations, and offering many aquatic activities as well as hiking possibilities. It is possible to make a visit to the neighboring Sakalava villages of Anjajavy and Ambodro Ampasy where the owners of the resort have been very supportive in building a dispensary, a primary school, and starting several micro-lending schemes. The nature reserve, surrounding and including the lodge, has a varied fauna and flora, with some remarkable endemic species such as the delightful Coquerel’s sifaka, lovebirds, Cuvier’s spiny iguana, malachite kingfishers, vangas, and much more.

Sunday, July 26

Anjajavy | Overnight at Anjajavy

Today we are at leisure to explore the grounds of Anjajavy and marvel at the incredible array of wildlife easily viewed here. The Coquerel's sifakas and troops of brown lemurs are seemingly everywhere, and the extremely rare Madagascar fish eagles are regularly seen on the Moramba Bay excursion. The resort really is a haven for wildlife, but one can of course just relax by the pool, swim in the ocean or go snorkeling!

Monday, July 27

Anjajavy | Overnight at Anjajavy

Our last full day to relax before the flights home, and a day to reflect on the true magic of Madagascar. We can still choose from the range of activities on offer here, or just relax at the pool and enjoy afternoon tea in the “Oasis.”

Tuesday, July 28

Anjajavy to Antananarivo and flights home

Relaxed breakfast this morning and a chance to pack before our flight back to Antananarivo. Upon arrival we either transfer to the International Airport for flights home, or we have day rooms at the nearby Relais des Plateaux Hotel for those who have later onward flights.

(Optional ensure your flight home is no earlier than 3pm.)

Optional 4-day extension to Anjajavy | July 25–28, 2020

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Founded in 1966, the Duke Lemur Center (DLC) is a world leader in the study, care, and protection of lemurs – the planet's most threatened group of mammals.

With nearly 230 animals across 16 species, the DLC houses the world's largest and most diverse population of lemurs outside their native Madagascar. Our mission is to advance science, scholarship, and biological conservation through interdisciplinary non-invasive research, community-based conservation, and public outreach and education.

There is no better way to experience Madagascar, the native home of lemurs, than on a DLC/Duke Alumni Travel tour!

Learn more about the Duke Lemur Center at lemur.duke.edu
PROGRAM RATE: $6,659 per person, double occupancy.  
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $1,000 (limited availability).

OPTIONAL EXTENSION: additional $2,899 per person, double occupancy.  
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $1,000.

Rate Includes
• lodging and meals as per itinerary  
• domestic flights within Madagascar  
• airport transfers and taxes within Madagascar  
• services of English-speaking guide  
• services of vehicle and driver as needed throughout  
• excursions, entrance fees and local guides in parks and reserves  
• gratuities to Madagascar ground staff  
• bottled water and soft drinks  
• pre-departure material, including reading list

Not Included in Rate
• international air fare to/from Madagascar  
• alcoholic beverages  
• personal items such as phone, fax, laundry  
• trip cancellation insurance  
• excess baggage and any other items not specifically mentioned as included  
• excursions and local guides during the extension in Anjajavy

AIRFARE: Terra Incognita Ecotours (TIE) will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements from your home city to Antananarivo, Madagascar for a processing fee of $50 per person. Domestic airfare will be quoted on an individual basis and is payable by credit card only. Frequent flyer mileage cannot be accepted in conjunction with this program.

INSURANCE: Duke Alumni Association, Inc. (DAA Inc.) will provide travel insurance information upon confirmation of your reservation.

APPLICATION / CANCELLATION / REFUNDS:
A $1,000 deposit is required upon application, of which $500 is non-refundable for administrative fees. This deposit is required with the reservation application.

The balance of the trip cost is due 90 days before departure (April 13, 2020).

Notification of cancellations must be received in writing. Refunds will be made according to the following per person cancellation penalties:
• Up to 90 days before departure: $500  
• 90 days or less before departure: 100% of the total program price.

We strongly recommend that you purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance to cover cancellations, interruptions, delays and baggage.

HEALTH: This is an active program and all participants must be in good health. This program involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs without handrails at locations that are not handicapped accessible. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY & COSTS: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of TIE and DAA Inc. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares and currency exchange rates in effect at time of brochure printing and are subject to change without notice. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are not permitted.

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Hotel Room Preference

[ ] Double  [ ] Twin  [ ] Single (at a supplement of $1,000) I wish to share a room with ________________

Anjajavy Extension

[ ] Please reserve _____ space(s) for the Anjajavy Extension.

Form of Payment

[ ] Enclosed is my check for deposit of $1,000 per person, payable to Terra Incognita Ecotours.

[ ] Please charge to my credit card this amount: __________________ Signature ____________________________

  Credit card # _______________________________ Expiration date _________ Security code _________

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Each participant must sign below.
I/we confirm that I/we have fully read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of this program.
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