MAGICAL MADAGASCAR

JUNE 14–JUNE 26, 2024

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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 (DLC) has been working in Madagascar for 35 years and we will have access to the DLC’s projects and people in Madagascar. 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, Conservation Coordinator 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.

Travel through Magical Madagascar with the Duke Lemur Center

The Duke Lemur Center is a world leader in caring for and protecting lemurs, Earth’s most endangered mammals. For more than 35 years, the DLC has partnered with the people and organizations of Madagascar at all levels—from Madagascar’s Ministry of the Environment and the Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group to local communities, elementary schools, and universities—to create opportunities for positive change, and to play a leading role in protecting lemurs and their natural habitat.

One of the DLC’s newest projects is in the Anjajavy forest, a gem for researchers and tourists alike. A new research station inside the reserve enables the DLC to study hibernation in wild fat-tailed dwarf lemurs, while also serving as a training site for students and scientists to expand the DLC’s collaborative initiatives in Madagascar.

By traveling through Madagascar with the Duke Lemur Center, you’ll benefit from the DLC’s unique insights and knowledge of this truly remarkable country, from natural, cultural, and academic perspectives—a truly unforgettable experience.

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 call Duke Travels at 919-684-2988 or email them at duketravels@duke.edu. For logistical questions, please call Terra Incognita Ecotours at (855) 326-8687.
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Andasibe-Mantadia/Perinet

Tamatave

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- Plane Trip
- Driving

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Friday, June 14  
**Arrival | Overnight at Hotel Colbert**

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.

Saturday, June 15  
**Antananarivo | Overnight at Hotel Colbert**

This morning take time to relax and recover from flights or enjoy a city tour by private bus to explore Antananarivo. We will visit the Queen’s Palace and enjoy panoramic views of the city. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will visit the Photographic Museum before returning to the Hotel Colbert in the midafternoon. This evening, we venture to the nearby gourmet La Varangue Restaurant for our official welcome dinner.

Sunday, June 16  
**Antananarivo to Andasibe-Mantadia | 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. The Duke Lemur Center will present its first lecture tonight, an overview of what makes Madagascar so unique and special.

Monday, June 17  
**Andasibe-Mantadia | Overnight at Vakona Forest Lodge**

This morning we will visit Analamazaotra Reserve. This park is home to many species of lemur, including the beautiful diadem 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. 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.
Tuesday, June 18
**Andasibe-Mantadia | Overnight at the Vakona Forest Lodge**

Today we will visit another part of Analamazaotra Reserve or one of the other local reserves in the Andasibe area. This afternoon, time and weather permitting, we will spend time photographing semi-captive lemurs on the Vakona’s “Lemur Island”.

Wednesday, June 19
**Andasibe-Mantadia 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 DLC Conservation Coordinator, Charlie Welch 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. The DLC will give a brief presentation in preparation for our visit to Parc Ivoloina the next day.

Thursday, June 20
**Tamatave | 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.

Friday, June 21
**Tamatave to Antananarivo | Overnight at Relais des Plateaux**

A relaxed morning to enjoy the waterfront and city of Tamatave, perhaps a last chance to do some craft and souvenir shopping! Today we plan to fly back to Antananarivo and will spend the night at the comfortable Relais des Plateau hotel that is conveniently located close to the Ivato International Airport. If time allows we may have a shopping foray to the nearby handicraft market. Dinner is at the hotel this evening.
Saturday, June 22

Antananarivo to Anjajavy | Overnight at Anjajavy Le Lodge

This morning we take a private charter flight to Anjajavy, a resort only accessible by air or small boats! 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, baobabs, 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, June 23

Anjajavy | Overnight at Anjajavy Le Lodge

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 Moromba 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, June 24

Anjajavy | Overnight at Anjajavy Le Lodge

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 wide range of activities on offer here, or just relax at the pool and enjoy afternoon tea in the “Oasis.”

Tuesday, June 25

Anjajavy to Antananarivo | Overnight at Anjajavy Le Lodge

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, (please ensure your flight home is no earlier than 3 p.m.) or we have day rooms at the nearby Relais des Plateaux Hotel for those who have later onward flights.

Wednesday, June 26

Depart Madagascar/Arrive U.S.A.
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 more than 220 animals across 14 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 Travels tour!

Learn more about the Duke Lemur Center at lemur.duke.edu
PROGRAM RATE: $10,299 per person, double occupancy.
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $2,999 (limited availability).

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
- 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
- optional excursions, tips for local guides, and tips for hotel porters and any staff tip at 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 Travels will provide travel insurance information upon confirmation of your reservation.

APPLICATION / CANCELLATION / REFUNDS: A $1,500 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 (March 15, 2024).

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.

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A detailed document describing the terms and conditions of the reservation agreement with Terra Incognita Ecotours will be provided upon request as well as with confirmation documents and will require your agreement and signature to participate.

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FIRST PARTICIPANT

NAME IN FULL AS ON PASSPORT

HOME ADDRESS

CITY       STATE       ZIP

TELEPHONE (HOME)       E-MAIL

PASSPORT NUMBER       EXPIRATION DATE

CITIZENSHIP       DATE OF BIRTH

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SECOND PARTICIPANT

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Hotel Room Preference

❑ Double  ❑ Twin  ❑ Single (at a supplement of $2,999)  I wish to share a room with __________________________

Form of Payment

❑ Enclosed is my check for deposit of $1,500 per person, payable to Terra Incognita Ecotours.

❑ Please charge to my credit card this amount: __________________________ Signature __________________________

            Credit card # __________________________ Expiration date _________ Security code _________

            Address as it appears on credit card statement ____________________________________________

Each participant must sign below.

I/we confirm that I/we have fully read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of this program.  I/we confirm to full payment by check or credit card with this reservation form.

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