

Duke TRAVELS

MAGICAL MADAGASCAR



JUNE 9-JUNE 20, 2026

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We invite you to be part of an exclusive and extraordinary adventure to Madagascar—one of the most remarkable and biologically diverse places on Earth.

As the world's fourth-largest island, Madagascar has been isolated for over 80 million years, allowing its plants and animals to evolve in complete isolation.

More than 90% of its wildlife is found nowhere else on the planet, making it a natural showcase of evolution and wonder.

This exceptional tour is offered in partnership with the Duke Lemur Center, a global leader in lemur research, care, and conservation. Since its founding at Duke University in 1966, the Center has worked in Madagascar for over 35 years, collaborating with local people and organizations to protect the island's endangered species and embrace a community-based approach to protect the environment. For more than 15 years, the Duke Lemur Center has led tours through Duke Travels, and this itinerary is a dream journey through southern Madagascar.

The trip has been created to showcase the incredible diversity in landscape, flora, and fauna, from the lush rainforests of Andasibe, to the dramatic sandstone landscapes of Isalo. It offers a rich blend of nature, culture, and conservation.

Highlights include

- Guided hikes through breathtaking ecosystems led by expert local naturalists
- Encounters with Madagascar's iconic lemurs and other endemic wildlife
- Insightful programs on Malagasy history, culture, and conservation efforts
- Carefully selected accommodations that we consider the best available for each region

In keeping with our commitment to responsible ecotourism, we will:

- Employ local guides and staff
- Stay in locally owned and operated lodges
- Support local businesses and use regional services
- Ensure that our presence has a positive impact on the communities and environments we visit

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY

To reserve your place on this tour, please visit duke-travels.com (preferred registration method) and complete the online reservation interest form.

For logistical questions, please call Terra Incognita Ecotours at (855) 326-8687.

A Duke Travels team member will follow up with you to confirm availability and will initiate the reservation process with Terra Incognita Ecotours. The deposit is \$2,000 per person (of which \$1,000 is non-refundable for administrative fees) with credit card or check payable to Terra Incognita Ecotours.

If you have questions about your reservation, please call Duke Travels at 919-684-6723 or email nathan.mckinnis@duke.edu. For trip only information, please call Terra Incognita Ecotours at 855-326-8687 or email info@ecotours.com.

Dr. Herrera's tremendous knowledge of the island's lemurs is matched by a commitment to the people and their wellbeing.

A trip to Madagascar with James will give you a unique view into a truly remarkable country, from both natural and cultural perspectives.

Dr. James Herrera, The Duke Lemur Center's Conservation Director, is a conservation biologist specializing in biocultural approaches.

James brings years of experience living and working in Madagascar, and is fluent in the island's language, Malagasy. In his current position, he splits his time between Madagascar and Durham, NC.

As a scientist, James conducts research in Madagascar, and oversees conservation initiatives through co-creating and implementing community-driven interventions, and applying ecological and social perspectives to conservation and development challenges.

He investigates how human-wildlife interactions affect wildlife populations, as well as the health of communities that depend on forest resources for their livelihoods.

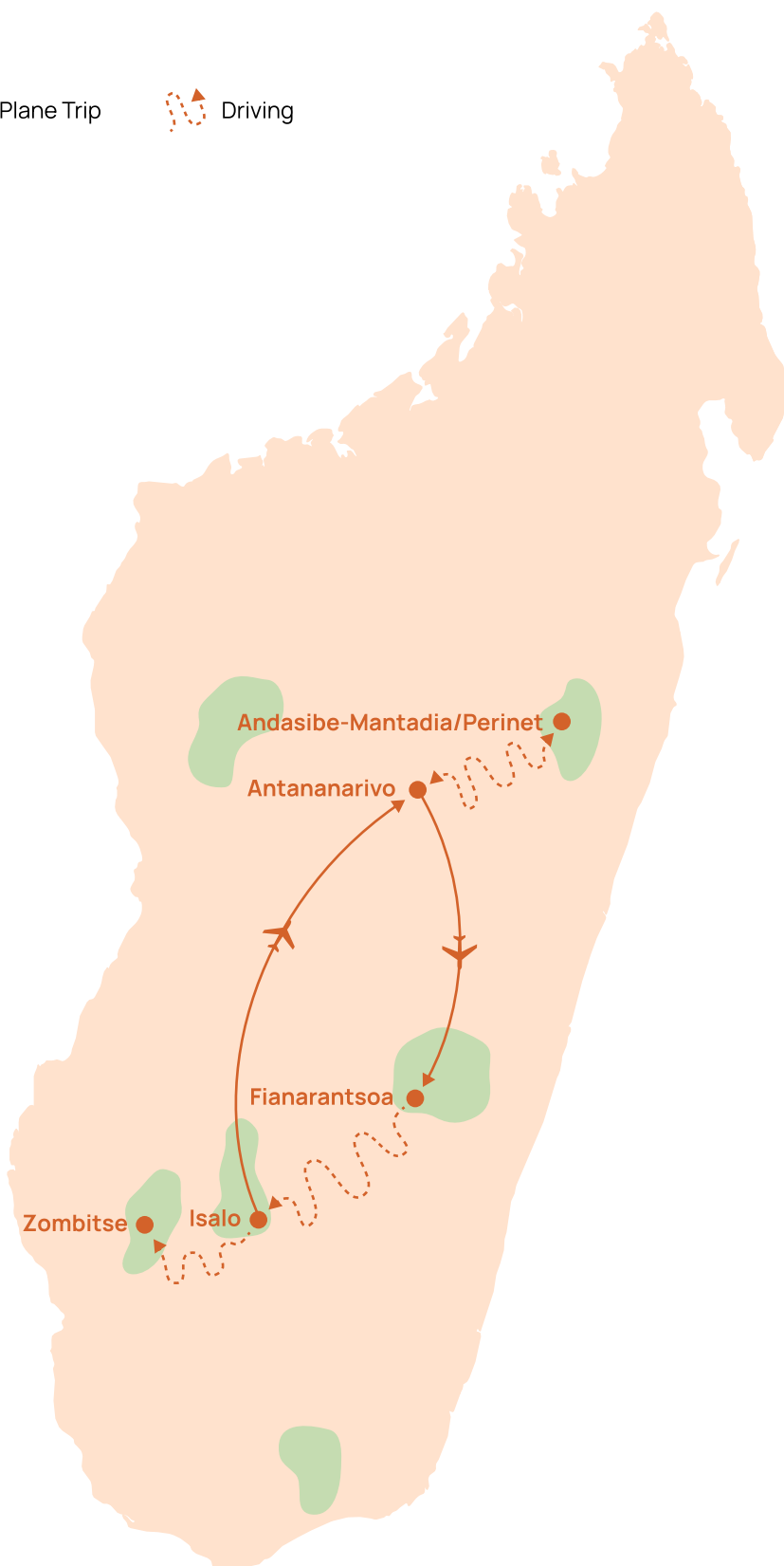
James is also an Adjunct Professor at the Duke Global Health Institute, where he takes a planetary health perspective on issues related to nutrition, infectious diseases, and more. James is also committed to mentoring future scientists and conservationists.

Through Duke University's Bass Connections program, James brings Duke students to Madagascar and teams them with Malagasy students and villagers to conduct research together.



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- Destination
- ✈ Plane Trip
- 🚗 Driving



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Tuesday, June 9

Depart U.S.A.

Wednesday, June 10

Arrival in Antananarivo | Overnight at Radisson Blu Hotel
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.

Thursday, June 11

Antananarivo | Overnight at Radisson Blu Hotel
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 in the midafternoon. This evening we enjoy our official Welcome Dinner with James Herrera.

Friday, June 12

Antananarivo to Andasibe | Overnight at Mantadia 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 Mantadia Lodge, a modern ecolodge overlooking the rain forest and providing a base for exploring the beautiful reserve and national park.



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Saturday, June 13

Analamazaotra Reserve | Overnight at Mantadia 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 nearby "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).

Sunday, June 14

Andasibe to Antananarivo | Overnight at Radisson Blu Hotel

This morning we will visit a community managed reserve, another opportunity to spend time with the amazing Indri and other lemurs. Then after an early lunch, we return to Antananarivo. We spend another night at the Radisson Blu Hotel.

Monday, June 15

Antananarivo to Ambalavao | Overnight at Betsileo Country Lodge

Today we travel by charter flight from Antananarivo to Fianarantsoa and continue our journey toward the spectacular Isalo region with an overnight at the Betsileo Country Lodge.

Tuesday, June 16

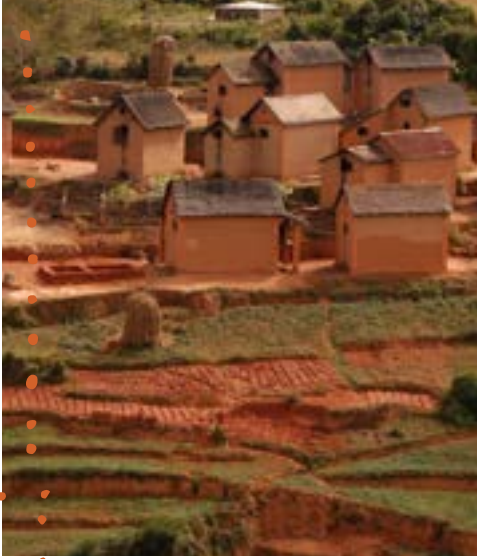
Ambalavao to Isalo | Overnight at Jardin du Roy

The scenery is spectacular as we drive from the central highlands to the savannahs, grasslands and sandstone formations of Isalo. We will depart early by private bus and visit a community reserve known as Anja along the way. Anja is famed for its ring-tailed lemurs playing against a dramatic mountain backdrop. We will spend the next three nights in the stunning Isalo area in the luxurious Jardin du Roy.

Wednesday, June 17

Isalo to Zombitse-Vohibasia National Park | Overnight at Jardin du Roy

The scenery is spectacular as we head to a nearby reserve famed for being home to a number of endemic mammal and bird species, but the star attraction is the Verreaux's Sifaka. We return to our luxury lodging for dinner and overnight.



Thursday, June 18

Isalo | Overnight at Jardin du Roy

Today we will explore the dramatic scenery of Isalo National Park. We begin with an early morning departure for Canyon Namaza for a picturesque hike up to Cascade des Nymphs, a spectacular hidden waterfall with an emerald green pool. We may see red-fronted brown lemurs and ring-tailed lemurs along the trails. For lunch there is a choice between returning to the lodge, or taking a boxed lunch from the hotel and continuing to hike through this remarkable landscape to the Piscine Naturelle.

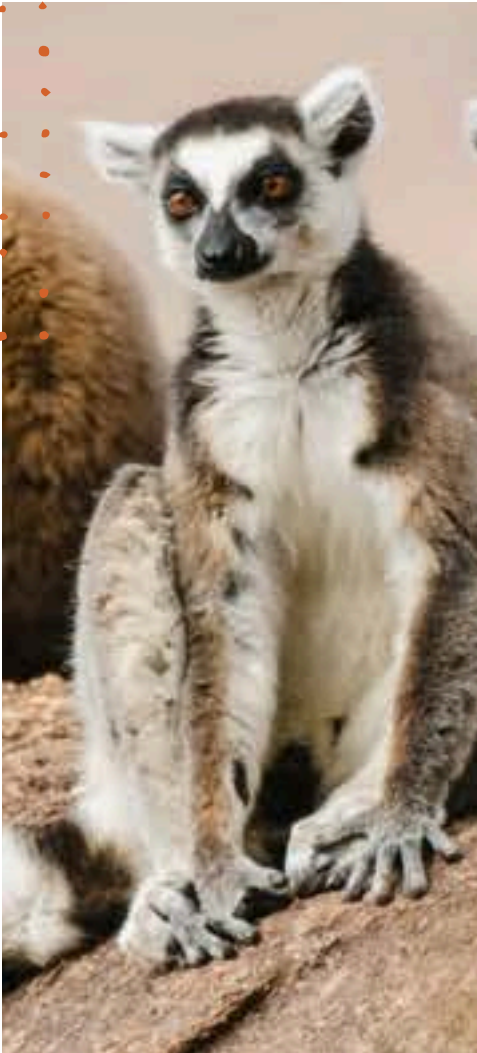
Friday, June 19

Isalo to Antananarivo | Overnight at Relais des Plateau

Today we have a last morning to explore the dramatic scenery of Isalo National Park. Then after lunch we travel again by private charter flight to Antananarivo. We will check in to the Relais des Plateau for our Farewell Dinner and you could choose to depart late this evening on the Air France flight that leaves shortly after midnight, or you can plan your departure for the next day.

Saturday, June 20

Depart Madagascar/Arrive U.S.A.



More on what to expect at lemur.duke.edu/2026tour

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MORE THAN 1000
peer-reviewed publications produced

35 years the DLC has managed and supported community-based conservation in Madagascar

39 SPECIES of lemurs, lorises, bush babies and tarsiers have lived at the Duke Lemur Center

3261 threatened PROSIMIAN PRIMATES BORN at the DLC over the past 50 years

400+ STUDENTS trained in research, husbandry and conservation in the last 4 years alone



Founded in 1966 on the campus of Duke University in Durham, NC, the Duke Lemur Center is a world leader in the study, care, and protection of lemurs—Earth’s most threatened group of mammals. With more than 200 animals across 13 species, the DLC houses the world’s most diverse population of lemurs outside their native Madagascar.

Our Mission
To advance science, scholarship, and biological conservation through non-invasive research, community-based conservation, and public outreach and education.

Learn more at lemur.duke.edu



Terms and Conditions

Program Rate: \$12,250 per person, double occupancy.

Single Supplement: \$2,500 (limited availability).

Rate Includes:

- lodging and meals as per itinerary
- domestic flights within Madagascar
- airport transfers 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
- gratuities to local guide

Insurance: Duke Travels will provide travel insurance information upon confirmation of your reservation.

Cancellation/refunds: A \$2,000 deposit is required upon application. The balance of the trip cost is due 90 days before departure (March 26, 2026). 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: \$1,000
- 90 days or fewer 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 and climbing stairs without handrails. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation.

Travelers should be comfortable with the following:

- Winding, rough, and bumpy roads
- Limited options for dietary restrictions
- The itinerary is subject to change

Changes in itinerary and costs: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of TIE and Duke Travels. 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 by the traveler from the scheduled itinerary are not permitted.

Disclaimer: Terra Incognita Ecotours and Duke Travels have no responsibility in whole or in part for any delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death, damage or injury to person or property or accident, mechanical, defect, failure or negligence of any nature howsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, transportation, or other services. Baggage is at the owner's risk entirely. The right is retained to decline to accept or retain any person as a trip member should such person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity, or attitude jeopardize the operation of the trip or the rights, welfare, or enjoyment of other participants. We reserve the right to revise the program itinerary as needed.

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.