

Duke TRAVELS

MAGICAL MADAGASCAR



JUNE 25-JULY 8, 2023 | OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO ANJAVY JULY 8-12

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



TRAVEL THROUGH MAGIAL MADAGASCAR WITH CHARLIE WELCH

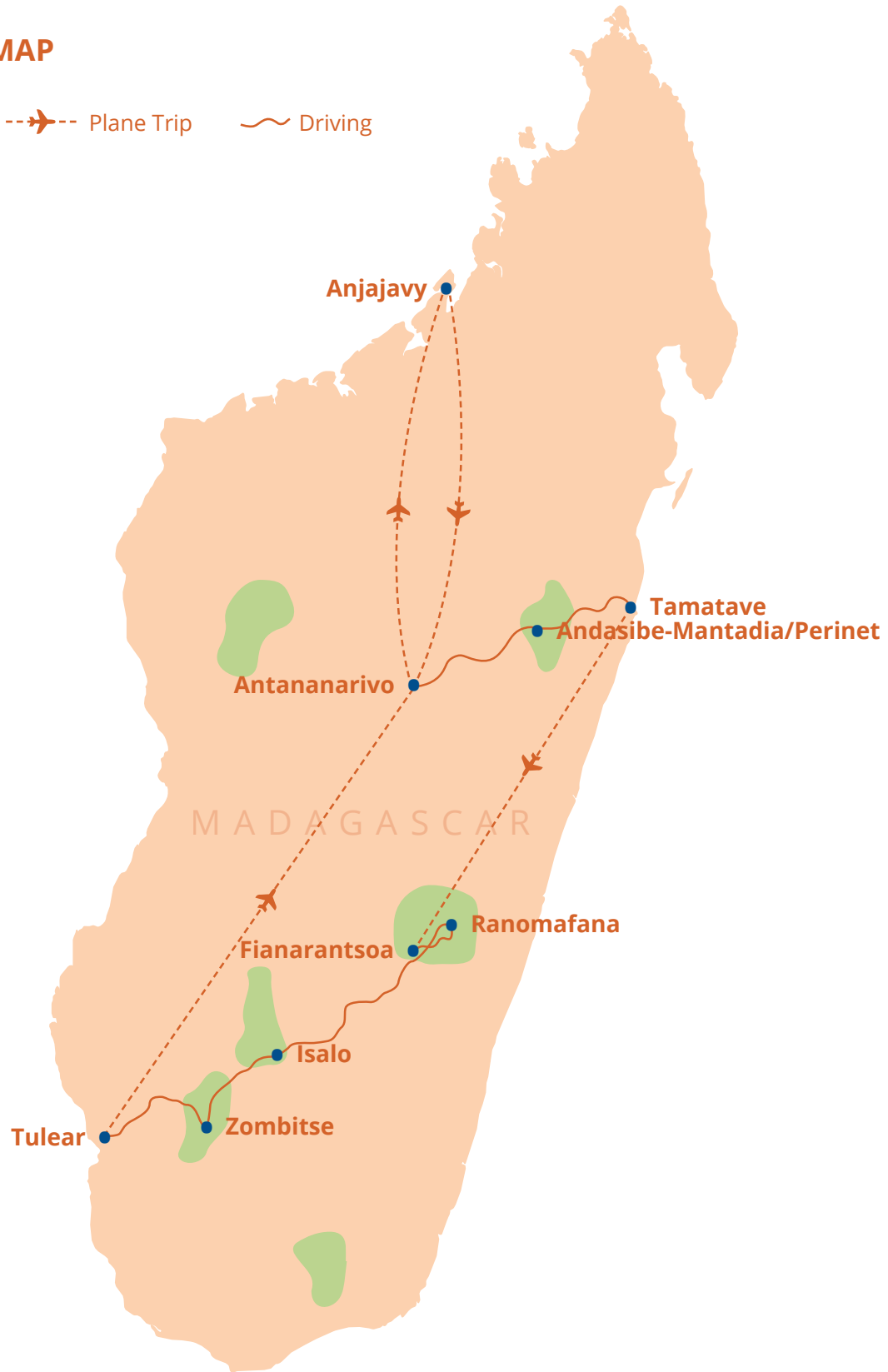
The Duke Lemur Center's Conservation Coordinator, Charlie Welch, brings 30 years of experience in Madagascar conservation, including 15 years of living and working in-country. On behalf of the Duke Lemur Center and the Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group (MFG), Charlie and his wife, Andrea Katz, established 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.

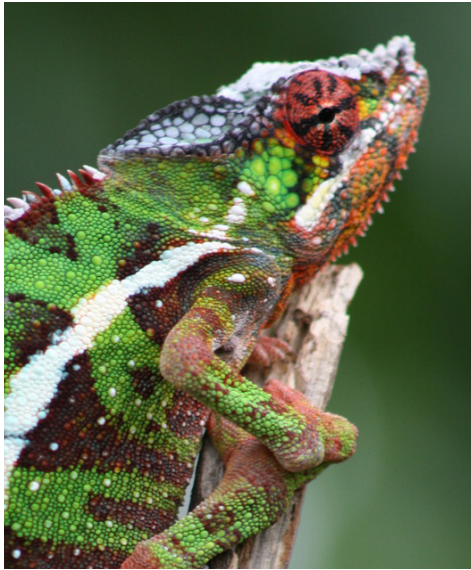
A trip to Madagascar with Charlie will give you a unique view into a truly remarkable country, from both natural and cultural perspectives.

ITINERARY MAP

● Destination ---✈--- Plane Trip ~~~~~ Driving



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Sunday, June 25

Depart U.S.A.

Monday, June 26

Arrival in Antananarivo | 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.

Tuesday, June 27

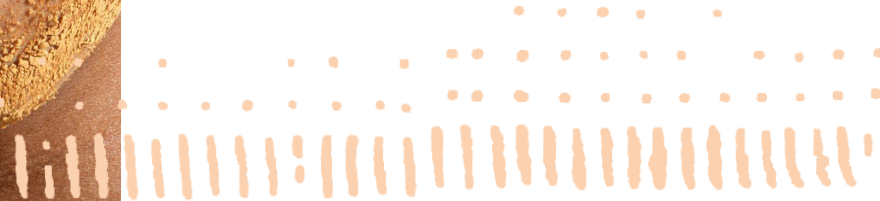
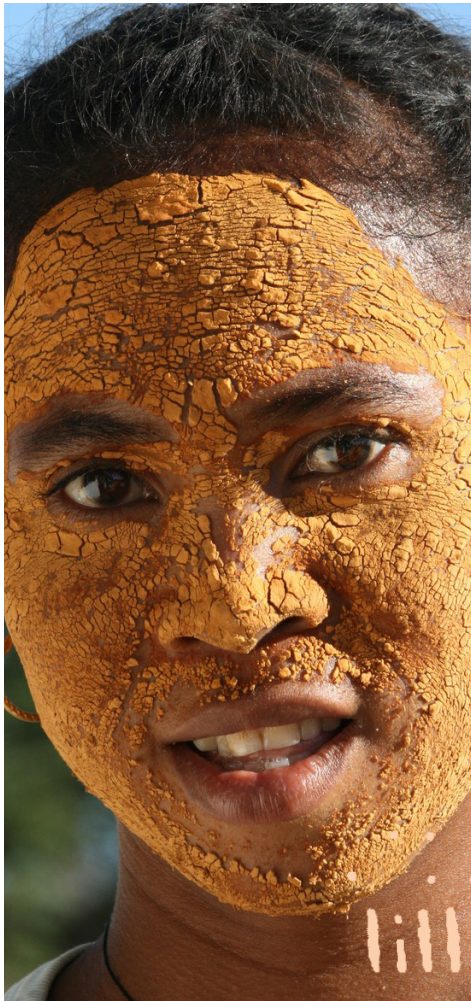
Antananarivo | Overnight at Hotel Colbert

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 with Charlie Welch.

Wednesday, June 28

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.



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Thursday, June 29

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).

Friday, June 30

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 Ivoloïna the next day.

Saturday, July 1

Ivoloïna | Overnight at the Calypso Hotel

Today we visit scenic Parc Ivoloïna where Charlie and Andrea started a conservation project in 1987. The conservation work continues at Ivoloïna under the Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group, a conservation consortium of which the Duke Lemur Center is a founding and managing member. Activities at Ivoloïna 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.

Sunday, July 2

Tamatave to Ranomafana | Overnight at Hotel Thermal

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 established by scientist Dr. Patricia Wright. Our destination is the comfortable Hotel Thermal adjacent to the forest.

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Monday, July 3

Ranomafana | Overnight at Hotel Thermal

Today we have the whole day to explore the park. We may visit some of the less traveled terrain in the morning in search of Milne-Edward's sifaka, and then in the afternoon perhaps visit another set of trails renowned for two species of bamboo lemurs.

Tuesday, July 4

Ranomafana to Isalo | Overnight at Jardin du Roy

The scenery is spectacular as we drive from the rain forest of Ranomafana 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 two nights in the stunning Isalo area in the luxurious Jardin du Roy.

Wednesday, July 5

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.

Thursday, July 6

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 7

Tulear to Antananarivo | Overnight at Relais des Plateaux

In the morning, if time allows, we will 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 the next day.

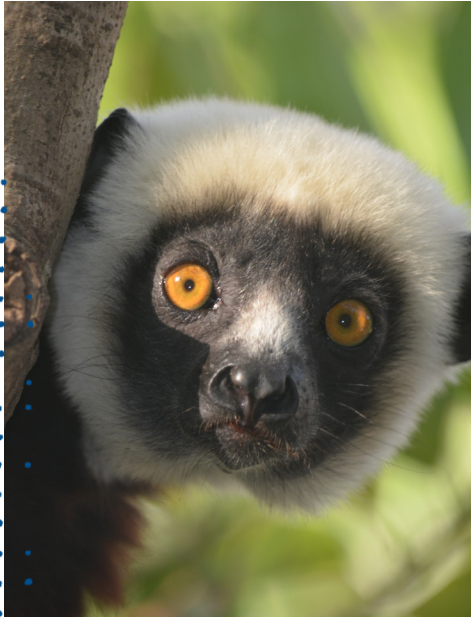
Saturday, July 8

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Anjajavy

The wildlife viewing in Anjajavy is stunning! Accessible only by charter plane, it is a remote private nature reserve by the sea. It is home to several species of lemurs as well as remarkable reptiles and dozens of bird species. This luxurious eco-resort is an exceptional place from which to explore the ecosystem of this unique region of Madagascar. We highly recommend including this extension in your Madagascar experience!



Saturday, July 8

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 9

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 10

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 11

Anjajavy to Antananarivo

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, July 12

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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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, 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 Travels tour!

Learn more about the Duke Lemur Center at lemur.duke.edu

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

PROGRAM RATE: \$7,659 per person, double occupancy.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$2,500 (limited availability).

OPTIONAL EXTENSION: additional \$2,999 per person, double occupancy.

EXTENSION SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,500.

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
- excursion, local guides, and gratuities 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 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 26, 2023).

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 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.

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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

NAME IN FULL AS ON PASSPORT _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (HOME) _____

E-MAIL _____

PASSPORT NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____

CITIZENSHIP _____

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Hotel Room Preference

Double Twin Single (at a supplement of \$2,500) 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 \$1,500 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.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED _____

DATE _____

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