

*Discover one of the
Seven Wonders of the Natural World*
MADAGASCAR
October 4-21, 2019



We invite you to join us as we explore the natural heritage and unique wildlife of Madagascar! This 18-day expedition offers travel enthusiasts an exceptional opportunity to become acquainted with the fauna and flora of Madagascar.

Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world, isolated from the African continent for 30 million years. It is home to at least 12,000 plants—a high percentage that are unique to the country. Ninety-five percent of the lemurs and reptiles, 80 percent of the flowering plants, 98 percent of the palms, and more than 100 birds are found nowhere else.

*Leading this tour will be **Herilala Jonah**, a superb Madagascar naturalist, who has led many Madagascar expeditions for Betchart Expeditions.*

We hope you will join us for this adventure, and discover the magnificence of Madagascar!



Itinerary

Days 1/3 USA to Paris & Madagascar

Fly to Paris overnight on October 4. Depart October 5 on Air Madagascar for Antananarivo; arrive the next morning. A short drive will bring us into "Tana," a captivating city of hills. Enjoy a city tour today, and welcome dinner. *Royal Palissandre Hotel*. B,L,D

Day 4 Tana - Lemur Park

Today we will explore the private Lemur Park, just west of Tana, which was established in 2001 as a conservation project. We will then drive outside of Tana to the Queen's summer palace. B,L,D

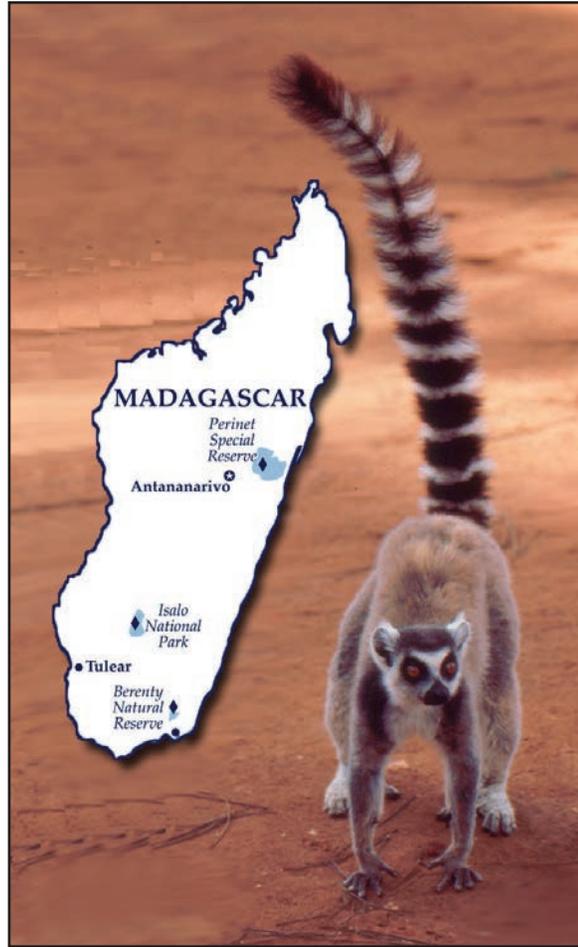
Day 5 Tana to Fort Dauphin

Today we will fly to picturesque Fort Dauphin in the southeast of Madagascar. We will have the afternoon at leisure to explore things of interest in this seaside town. *Croix du Sud Hotel*. B,L,D

Day 6/7 Berenty Reserve

Today, we will drive to Berenty past a reserve which protects the world's only three-cornered palm. The bizarre woody and thorny plants of the spiny desert are reminiscent of the Sonoran Desert on the American Southwest, but are mainly species unique to Madagascar. The forest is home to crested coas, hoopoes, cisticolas, and many other species.

Berenty is a superb wildlife reserve which has attracted considerable international attention. It was established to protect the woods and their charming inhabitants, the lemurs. Dawn will bring a chorus of bird song and the antics of the lemurs will begin. Ring-tailed lemurs will stroll down the trails in front of us, while sifakas are cavorting in the



trees. Grey lepilemurs may peek at us from their daytime roosts while flying foxes cling just under the forest canopy.

Nearby spiny forests are filled with plants unique to the south of Madagascar. *Berenty Lodge (2 nights)*. B,L,D

Day 8 Berenty to Nahampoana Park & Fort Dauphin

We'll drive back to Fort Dauphin this morning, and then explore the excellent Nahampoana Reserve. Many endemic species from the south of Madagascar are found here, including the triangle palm, three types of bamboos, and many lemurs. *Croix du Sud*. B,L,D

Day 9 Fort Dauphin to Tana

Fly back to Tana today for time at leisure. *Royal Palissandre Hotel*. (B,L,D)

Days 10/11 Tulear and Ifaty

We will fly to Tulear today and travel a short distance up the coast to Ifaty where we will stay at *Hotel Dunes Ifaty (2 nights)*. The hotel is on the beach with snorkeling. We will explore the Reniaia Forest Reserve with spiny forest and a 1,200 year old baobab tree with a diameter of 12.5 meters. B,L,D

Day 12/13 Isalo National Park

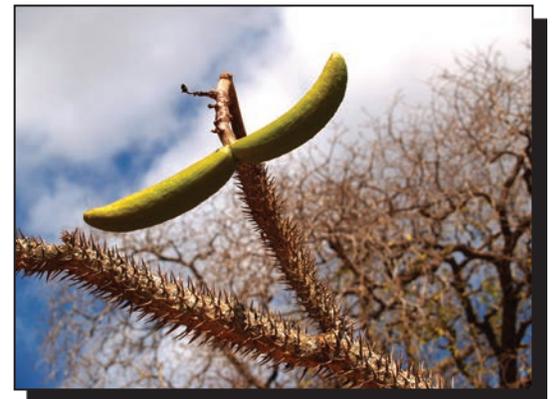
Today, we will drive 200 km inland to Parc National de L'Isalo, situated on a sandstone massif which is heavily eroded into fascinating formations. The park is famous for its canyons and sclerophyllous woodland. We can look for lemurs along the stream. We will see the elephant's foot with a beautiful yellow flower and many rare endemic plants. *Jardin du Roy Hotel (2 nights)*. B,L,D

Day 14 Isalo to Zombitse National Park & Tana

We will depart for Zombitse National Park this morning and picnic there. Then fly to Tana for overnight. *Royal Palissandre Hotel*. B,L,D.

Day 15 Andasibe (Perinet) & VOIMMA Community Reserve

Today, we will drive to Andasibe, 150 km east of Tana in the eastern rainforest of Madagascar. We will descend from the central plateau at an elevation of 4,500 feet down the eastern escarpment to the moist montane rain forest and farms near Perinet. This afternoon we'll visit the



VOIMMA Community Reserve right by the Perinet train station, to look for brown lemurs, indri, chameleons, and more! *Feon'ny ale Bungalows*. B,L,D

Days 16 Mantadia National Park

This morning we will go to Mantadia National Park, home to the most colorful lemur in Madagascar, the diademed sifaka, as well as the black and white ruffed lemur. The park is also rich with plants found nowhere else. We will look for the Tambourissa tree that local people use for house construction.

Days 17 Analamazotra National Park

We'll enjoy a morning expedition to Analamazotra National Park today. Rare orchids grow here and tree frogs hide in the large leaves of the Pandanus. We will also look for some of the unique birds of Madagascar, including vangas and cuckoo-rollers, and the world's largest lemur, the indri, known for its loud haunting call! After lunch, drive back to Tana and prepare for our flight to Paris this evening.

Days 18 Paris to Home

Arrive Paris and take connecting flights home.



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This could shorten the amount of time at parks or reserves and change our departure times or activity schedules.

We ask you to please understand and accept that Air Madagascar is doing the best for us that they can.

Reservations

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Yes! I/We want to join the **Madagascar Expedition, October 4-21, 2019** offered by the **AAAS Travels, Sigma Xi & ACS Expeditions**. Please reserve _____ space(s). As a deposit, I/we have enclosed a check for \$ _____ (\$500 per person) payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account.

Name(s) _____ Age _____ Sex _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Accommodations Preference: _____

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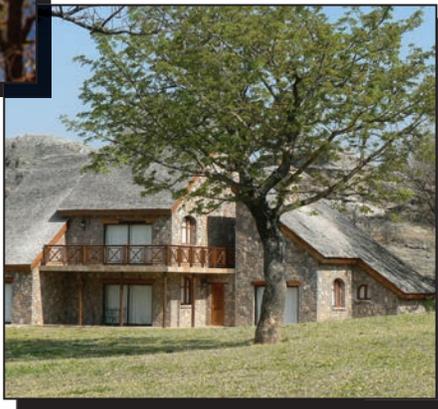
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Costs & Conditions

Expedition Fee: \$3,995 pp twin share for 18 days plus \$1,295 round trip air fare Paris to Madagascar plus \$1,295 air fare for in-country flights. Single supplement is \$995.

What to Expect: An exceptional exploration of superb nature reserves of Madagascar and its cultural heritage, led by an excellent naturalist. Travel by coach and vans, with daily outings of one to two miles on foot at a leisurely pace suitable for observation and discovery. Typically, temperatures are in the 70's to 80's in Madagascar with moderate humidity. Most of our time is near sea level in Madagascar, though Antananarivo is at 4,500 feet and it can be in the 50's. If you have any questions, please consult your physician. This expedition will be an extraordinary experience for adventurous travelers in good health who can enjoy some modest accommodations and bumpy dirt roads for the chance to explore outstanding environments in remote areas of the country. (No smoking in vehicles, during lectures, or meals.)

Expedition Fee Includes: Land transportation as described; group airport transfers; accommodations twin share; meals in Madagascar; tips

to local guides; entrance fees; baggage handling; leadership, coordination, administration.

Expedition Fee Does Not Include: International or in-tour air fare (quoted separately); gratuity to expedition leader; personal items such as laundry, phone calls, alcoholic beverages, snacks, bottled water, passport, excess baggage charges, personal insurance; or foreign airport departure tax.

Accommodations: Are in a first class hotel in Antananarivo. At Berenty, Isalo, Ifaty, and Perinet, we will stay in country-style lodges with private facilities. A couple are simple but "best available" and certainly part of the adventure of travel in Madagascar. All singles may have to be paired with a roommate in remote areas. If you do not have a roommate, you must pay the single supplement of \$995.



Air Fare & Airline Ticketing: Air fare quoted is based on a group fare from Paris to Madagascar, round trip, plus in-tour flights. All air bookings, ticketing, and invoicing will be handled by Betchart Expeditions Inc.

Flight schedule & itinerary changes may occur over which there is no control. AIR FARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND FUEL SURCHARGE.

Reservations, Deposits, and Payments: To reserve a place on this expedition, please mail the completed reservation form with a deposit of \$500 per person to:

**Madagascar 2019
Betchart Expeditions Inc.
17050 Montebello Road
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The balance is due 60 days before departure (August 1, 2019).

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Cancellations & Refunds:
The initial deposit for the expedition is refundable up to 60 days before departure less a handling fee of \$100 per person. There will be no refund for any cancellation after the 60-day period unless your place can be resold, then only the \$100 handling fee will be withheld. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other expedition features.