



BAREFOOT LUXURY SOUTHERN EXPLORER

8 DAYS TO THE SOUTHEAST OF MADAGASCAR

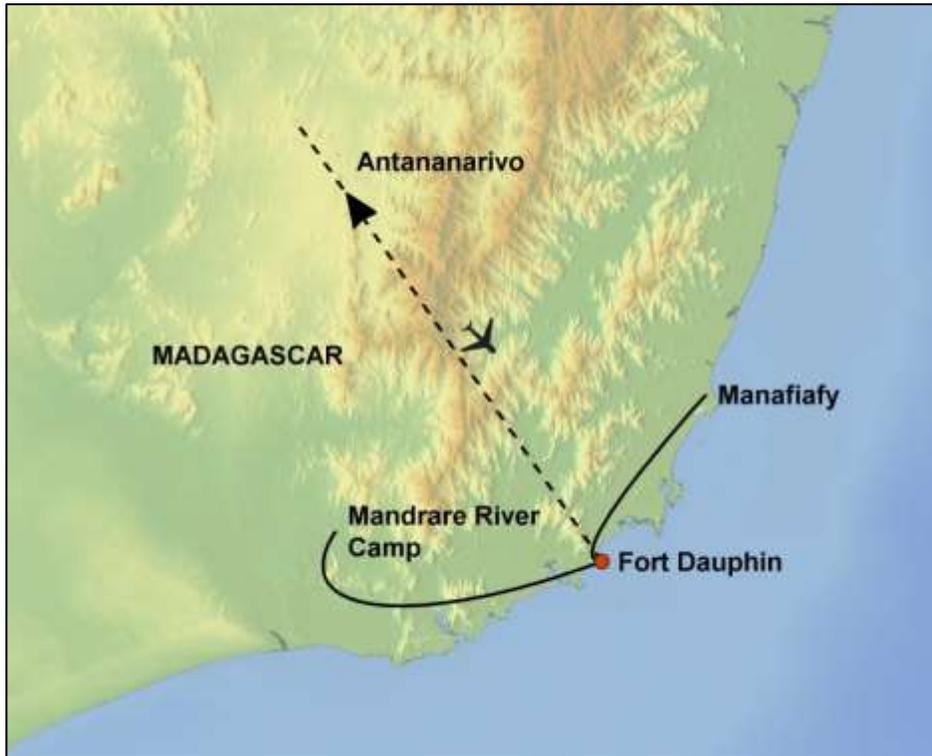
Looking for something very real, very true and very rare?

At Mandrare River Camp, luxury secluded en-suite tents afford intimate access and insight to the spiny forest, home to an abundance of unique wildlife and the fascinating Antandroy tribe. Sparkling blue seas, verdant rainforests and abundant wildlife offer a taste of serenity at Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge, where you'll spend the last four days of this intimate and up-market safari experience in the south of Madagascar.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Mandraire River:	Enjoy fantastic views over the river,	Baobab forests:	Optional activities include going to the giant sand dunes of Lake Anony and viewing the baobabs this place has to offer.
Sacred forests & Ifotaka tombs:	Visit the sacred forest with spiny forest, the Antandroy culture and sacred tombs will keep you fascinated.	Manafiafy beach:	Visit the beach at manafiafy, relax and kick your sloffs off
Orchid Garden:	Visit the Orchid Garden which houses an orchid known as the Darwin Orchid and was first examined by him it is a wax-like flower with a diameter of about 12 cm and scientist are baffled as to which animal pollinates it	Others include:	Authentic tribal displays, local village and market, walks in the rainforest, exploring deserted beaches, whale viewing (June - December), snorkelling, canoeing in the mangroves.
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QUICK FACTS

Tour type:	Private lodge tour	Meals:	7 x Breakfast 6 x Lunch 6 x Dinner
Duration:	8 days	Vehicle:	-Antananarivo: Air conditioned vehicle -Rest of tour: 4x4 vehicle
Start & End:	Antananarivo, Madagascar	Group Size:	Min. 1 / Max. 10
Country visited:	Madagascar		

DEPARTURE DATES

Departure is possible every day of the week from 1st April – 5th January, subject to flight schedules and lodge availability. Mandrare River Camp is closed from 5th January to 1 April each year, due to the rains.

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B – Breakfast **L** – Lunch **D** – Dinner

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ANTANANARIVO

Upon arrival in Antananarivo (Madagascar's capital), you will be met and welcomed by an English speaking guide, before transferring to your hotel in the city centre.

Accommodation: Grand Urban Hotel or similar (double room with en-suite bathroom)

Dinner: For your own account.

DAY 2: ANTANANARIVO – FORT DAUPHIN

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After breakfast at your hotel, you will be transferred back to Ivato airport for your two-hour flight to Fort Dauphin, on the south-eastern coast of Madagascar.

Upon arrival you will be met by your guide and will take lunch in Fort Dauphin, before driving west towards Antandroy Spiny Forest. The three-hour journey offers a contrast of landscapes ranging from the rice paddies of the eastern seaboard over the lush tropical plateau to the drier arid region of sisal plantations and "spiny forest". You will arrive at your luxury tented camp in the late afternoon, allowing you to settle into your accommodation and enjoy the breath-taking views across the Mandrare River.

Accommodation: Mandrare River Camp or similar (Private luxury tents with en-suite bathroom, hot water)

Breakfast: Grand Urban Hotel or similar

Lunch: Lunch in Fort Dauphin

Dinner: Mandrare River Camp or similar

DAY 3: MANDRARE RIVER CAMP – MORNING AND AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

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Enjoy a relaxed breakfast on the banks of the river, before embarking on a trip to the sacred Antandroy forest, crossing the river on foot to observe lemurs and many bird species. You will also be able to see the tombs of the Antandroy ancestors, and your guide will explain in detail about the culture of ancestor worship.

Lunch will be served at your camp, and there will be time to relax before you depart on an afternoon activity, unless you would prefer to rest at camp and enjoy the serenity of the river.

Some of the activity options include a trip to the giant sand dunes of Lake Anony, watching the sun set at the Baobabs, night walks (gallery and spiny forest), watching various species of lemurs and birds, watching traditional dancers, and a visit to the village or local school.

Accommodation: Mandrare River Camp or similar (Private luxury tents with en-suite bathroom, hot water)

Breakfast: Mandrare River Camp or similar

Lunch: Mandrare River Camp or similar

Dinner: Mandrare River Camp or similar

DAY 4: MANDRARE RIVER CAMP – MORNING AND AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES	BLD
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Today will be spent enjoying the various activities located at and around your luxury tented accommodation. These will be on suggestion of your guide, tailored to your interests.

Activities from the camp take place in the early mornings and late afternoons and evenings to avoid the heat of the day. There are a number of designated forest areas in close proximity to the camp, where, with permission from and being accompanied by one of the local village chiefs it is possible to explore, together with your guide, this unique and fascinating natural paradise.

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Breakfast: Mandrare River Camp or similar

Lunch: Mandrare River Camp or similar

Dinner: Mandrare River Camp or similar

DAY 5: TO MANAFIAFY	BLD
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After our last breakfast by the river, we transfer by road to Fort Dauphin, arriving in time for a relaxing lunch. We then continue onwards through plantations of mango, citrus, pineapples and bananas to the ocean coast and Manafiafy.

Situated on a beautiful white sandy bay, fringed with forest covered mountains, your lodge offers barefoot luxury with wildlife and water on your doorstep. Enjoy the location of your lodge in the afternoon, as the sunsets over the bay.

- Please note it is possible to fly between Mandrare River Camp and Fort Dauphin, which reduces the long road transfer. The flight requires a minimum of 2 people to operate, takes approximately 30 minutes, requires reservation in advance and costs from EUR 200 per person. Maximum 3 people per plane.

Accommodation: Manafiafy Beach and Rainforest Lodge or similar (Private bungalows with en-suite bathroom, sundeck and separate access to the magnificent unspoilt beach)

Breakfast: Mandrare River Camp or similar

Lunch: Lunch in Fort Dauphin

Dinner: Manafiafy Beach and Rainforest Lodge or similar

DAY 6 & 7: MANAFIAFY – MORNING AND AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES	BLD
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After breakfast you will embark on your choice of a wide range of wildlife and sporting activities, which are included in your stay.

SOME OF THE OPTIONS INCLUDE:

Canoeing in the mangroves, early morning boat trips for wetland birding, day and night walks in the rainforest to see five species of lemur, snorkelling in the bay and nearby cove, whale watching from the 15ft observation tower (June to December). Boat trips to the nearby islands for a secluded picnic lunch, walks along long empty beaches, visits to the local village and school.

Optional activities, payable locally at the lodge include: massage treatments, whale watching boat trips (June to December), deep sea fishing trips.

Forest walks are the main reason for visiting this part of the island and those accessible from Manafiafy are "Littoral" rain forests – shady dense vegetation with a high degree of humidity and home to several Lemurs (collared brown, woolly, brown mouse, dwarf and sportive) as well as reptiles, spiders, birds, insects and orchids. Walks can be done at any time of the day and early evening, and are always accompanied by a Manafiafy guide.

The rocks, islands and bays surrounding Manafiafy provide endless opportunities for exploring and within a short boat ride it is possible to find deserted beaches, scout for whales, or snorkel in the crystal clear water viewing corals and tropical 'aquarium' fish. There is always something to do at Manafiafy and each excursion provides its own reward of new experiences – most of them unique to the island of Madagascar.

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Day 6 & 7

Breakfast: Manafiafy Beach and Rainforest Lodge or similar

Lunch: Manafiafy Beach and Rainforest Lodge or similar

Dinner: Manafiafy Beach and Rainforest Lodge or similar

DAY 8: RETURN TO ANTANANARIVO (VIA FORT DAUPHIN)

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You will drive back to Fort Dauphin and continue to the airport for your scheduled flight to Antananarivo, where you will connect with your departure flight.

Breakfast: Manafiafy Beach and Rainforest Lodge or similar

End of Tour

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

DEPARTURE:

When arriving in Antananarivo in the morning of Day 1 of the tour you will be picked up from the airport and embark on your tour. Should you arrive prior to day 1, pre tour accommodation can be arranged and you will be picked up from your hotel on the morning of day 1 (Pick up time will be confirmed on arrival).

TRANSPORT:

In Antananarivo we use an air-conditioned vehicle, and for the rest of the tour, we use 4x4 vehicles.

ACCOMMODATION:

The accommodation on this tour has been selected for its barefoot luxury offering, quite unique to Madagascar.

The Grand Urban Hotel has 45 rooms located in Antananarivo, with the mix of elegance and charm, no wonder it is open throughout the whole year. The rooms can be described as opulent and clean and is sophisticated in its decor. The Grand Urban Hotel has a restaurant and Skybar which boasts spectacular views overlooking the city.

Mandrare River Camp has just six private tents situated on the riverbank, each enjoying spectacular views of the river and the surrounding landscape. The camp has many natural wonders nearby, allowing you to explore this unique part of the world. Each double or twin-bedded tent has en-suite facilities with solar water heating and solar power for night time lighting.

Manafiay Beach and Rainforest Lodge contains only five private bungalows and offers an intriguing combination of rain forest lodge and barefoot luxury beach property all rolled into one. Each spacious en-suite bungalow is constructed out of local stone and mangrove poles under a palm-thatched roof having its own sundeck and separate access to the magnificent unspoilt beach and ocean.

VISAS:

A visa is required to enter the territory of Madagascar and can easily be obtained upon arrival at the airport of Antananarivo with a validity of up to 90 days. Tourists staying for less than one month, can purchase a visa for 80'000 Ariary (around 23-27 €). Paying with the exact amounts or small currency is advised. No photographs are required, however please ensure that passports are valid for at least 6 months after return date. In addition to the entry visa, the Malagasy government is proposing the introduction of a frontier levy of 10 € in the near future, still to be confirmed and variable at short notice.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest travelling with Jenman Madagascar Safaris. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

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