



BEACH & LEMUR EXQUISITE PACKAGE

**COMBINE THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS WITH BREATH-TAKING
BEACHES AND AN ABUNDANCE OF UNIQUE WILDLIFE.**

Be enchanted by the turquoise waters of Nosy Komba and meet lemurs up close at Andasibe National Park. The secluded Mandrare River Camp, surrounded by the spiny forest and the fascinating Antandroy tribe, offers barefoot luxury and provides you an imperative insight into local culture.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

Nosy Be Archipelago:	Discover paradise on the idyllic islands off the north-western coast	Orchid Garden:	Visit this remarkable garden near the entrance to the Andasibe Reserve
Nosy Komba:	Boat transfer to the picturesque volcanic island of Nosy Komba, a serene and discreet tropical abode	Exotic Wildlife:	Explore Lemur Island for up close photo opportunities with these fascinating animals Visit an exotic reptile and butterfly reserve at Marozevo
Relax & Rejuvenate:	Partake in optional activities on Nosy Komba such as scuba-diving, snorkelling excursions, guided forest hikes, visits to local villages, canoeing and beach activities	Mandrare River:	Stay in an intimate and bespoke tented camp overlooking the Mandrare River in the arid south
Natural Reserve of Andasibe:	Visit this distinctive park in the fertile east discovering lemurs and creatures on guided walks Enjoy a night walk to spot nocturnal animals	Antandroy:	Visit the sacred ancestral forest of the Antandroy tribe, discover their traditions & ceremonies and the ornate tombs of Ifotaka
		Forests & Creatures:	Become acquainted with the gallery and spiny forests of the arid south as well as diversity of baobabs. Search for amphibians, reptiles, birdlife and five species of resident lemurs

QUICK FACTS

Tour type:	Private Lodge Package	Meals:	9 x Breakfast 5 x Lunch 6 x Dinner
Duration:	10 days*	Vehicle:	Airport transfers: Air-conditioned vehicle 4x4 Vehicle in Mandrare
Start:	Nosy Be, Madagascar	Group Size:	Min. 1 / Max. 10
End:	Antananarivo, Madagascar		
Country visited:	Madagascar		

DEPARTURE DATES 2018

Daily departures, subject to flight arrival times on the Nosy Be – Antananarivo flight (day 4) and Antananarivo – Fort Dauphin (day 7).

Please note this tour is not recommended from mid-January through to mid-March due to a risk of cyclones. Mandrare River Camp will be closed during this time.

*Kindly note that during peak season, there is a minimum 4 night stay requirement at Tsara Komba. The Beach & Lemur Exquisite Package is therefore an 11-day tour from 10 July – 31 August 2018 which includes a 4th night on Nosy Komba.

ITINERARY

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

DAY 1 - 3: NOSY KOMBA, MADAGASCAR

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Welcome to the Nosy Be Archipelago! On arrival at the airport in Nosy Be you will be met and transferred by car to Hell-Ville where you will continue to Tsara Komba Lodge by boat. You will be spending the next 3 nights on Nosy Komba, the most beautiful island of the Nosy Be archipelago and also known as 'Lemur Island'.

The beauty of Nosy Komba and the luxury of the 4-star Tsara Komba Luxury Beach and Forest Lodge will enchant you. Tucked away in a tropical botanical garden, the lodge offers direct access to white sandy beaches and crystal clear waters of the ocean. This eco-paradise describes its own atmosphere as 'the life in the slow lane' giving you the perfect opportunity to simply unwind and relax. The more active traveller can choose from a myriad of activities such scuba-diving, snorkelling, guided hikes as well as visits to the local villages (*all activities are optional and for clients own account*). Equipment for snorkelling, beach volleyball, beach racket ball, badminton, frisbees or canoe trips, reading or parlour games is available free of charge in the main lodge or at the beach.

Accommodation: Tsara Komba Luxury Beach and Forest Lodge (Standard ocean view room with ensuite bathroom)

Day 1

Dinner: Tsara Komba or similar

Day 2

Breakfast: Tsara Komba or similar

Lunch: Tsara Komba or similar

Dinner: Tsara Komba or similar

Day 3

Breakfast: Tsara Komba or similar

Lunch: Tsara Komba or similar

Dinner: Tsara Komba or similar

DAY 4: NOSY KOMBA – ANTANANARIVO – ANDASIBE RESERVE

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After a leisurely breakfast, check out of Tsara Komba hotel and transfer to the airport for your departing flight to Antananarivo (*not included in package price*). Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport & will head to Andasibe through the green and luxuriant vegetation of the east. This first step brings us to the humid part of the country with many primary forests and lakes, and the landscape consists of rice fields, waterfalls, and scarce forest stations. Along the way we will see Merina villages in the rocky mountains.

On arrival check-in to the hotel, and then after 19h00 enjoy a night walk in the area of Andasibe to observe night active lemurs and other nocturnal animals. Return to the hotel where we overnight. (If your flight means you arrive too late to partake in the night walk, it will be done on the next evening).

Accommodation: Andasibe Hotel, Vakona Forest Lodge, or similar (Bungalows surrounded by the forest, with en-suite bathrooms, and veranda)

Breakfast: Tsara Komba or similar

Lunch: For your own account

Dinner: For your own account

DAY 5: NATURAL RESERVE OF ANDASIBE

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After breakfast, we take a morning visit to the Special Reserve of Andasibe, where you will discover the many species dwelling in the forest. In particular, your guide will search for the Indri Indri, the largest lemurs on the island. This 810 ha reserve is unique with its endemic fauna and flora. It contains a wide variety of orchids, canopy, and endemic animals like chameleons, tenrecs, and many birds. We also visit the Orchid garden, after which we return to our hotel for lunch.

In the afternoon, you will visit Lemur Island at Vakona Forest Lodge to meet the resident Lemurs up close! The rest of your afternoon is at leisure – why not take some time to relax by the pool, enjoy a horse ride, or visit the Private Park of Vakona (horse-riding and visit to private park are optional extras).

Accommodation: Andasibe Hotel, Vakona Forest Lodge or similar (Bungalows surrounded by the forest, with en-suite bathrooms, and veranda)

Breakfast: Andasibe Hotel, Vakona Forest Lodge or similar

Lunch: For your own account

Dinner: For your own account

DAY 6: ANDASIBE – ANTANANARIVO

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After breakfast, we head back to Tana, stopping for lunch at the Reptile & Butterfly farm (lunch at own expense). The capital of Madagascar is also called the 'City of Thousands' and it is where the first King started to unify the different kingdoms of the island. Embark on a short city orientation tour. Arrive at your hotel in the late afternoon.

Accommodation: Palissandre Hotel & Spa or similar (Rooms with en-suite bathrooms, air-conditioning, TV)

Breakfast: Andasibe Hotel, Vakona Forest Lodge or similar

Lunch: For your own account

Dinner: For your own account

DAY 7: ANTANANARIVO – FORT DAUPHIN – MANDRARE RIVER CAMP

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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 (Charter flight from Fort Dauphin is available at an additional cost). 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: Palissandre Hotel & Spa or similar

Lunch: Lunch in Fort Dauphin

Dinner: Mandrare River Camp or similar

DAY 8: 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 the culture of ancestor worship in detail.

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 9: 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.

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

Breakfast: Mandrare River Camp or similar

Lunch: Mandrare River Camp or similar

Dinner: Mandrare River Camp or similar

DAY 10: RETURN TO ANTANANARIVO (VIA FORT DAUPHIN)	B
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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: Mandrare River Camp or similar

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

DEPARTURE:

When arriving in Nosy Be on Day 1 of the tour you will be picked up from the airport and will proceed with your tour. Should you arrive prior to day 1, we can arrange pre tour accommodation for you if required.

ACCOMMODATION:

Please note that Madagascar is a country which is in its infancy when it comes to tourism. Accommodation is limited so all the above mentioned accommodation are subject to availability, and we reserve the right to change these using similar accommodation of the same standards.

TRANSPORT:

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

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 Southern Routes 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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