

MADAGASCAR

Dancing Lemurs of Berenty



6

DAYS



TRIP EXTENSION

This tour combines seamlessly with Madagascar Discovery or Looking for Lemurs journeys.

TRIP DETAILS

Price:
From AU \$1795pp
Solo Traveller
Supplement AU
\$125

Inclusions

All transfers, transport, activities, accommodation, water with activities, meals (as per itinerary), tips except your RAW Africa leader, 1 x domestic flight.

This trip is designed to be an extension of Looking for Lemurs or Madagascar Discovery. It can also be booked as an independent experience. Contact us for more details.

Accommodation

5 nights guest house.

Group Size Maximum 8.



The Wild South Coast

If you are looking for a journey that can only be described as epic, then our safari along the remote south coast of Madagascar is the one for you. Travel from Tulear to Anakao by boat and continue by 4WD along sandy roads and river beds. Be marvelled by the colourful tombs of the Mahafaly people, visit the caves, flamingo lakes and baobabs of Tsimanampetsotse National Park and finish your journey at Berenty Reserve, home to the famous dancing lemurs!

Day 1: Tsimanampetsotse National Park

BLD

After breakfast we will head to Tulear and catch a speed boat to the beach town of Anakao. If you are feeling adventurous, we can organise a local cart to take you out to the boat! We will travel across sandy roads to Tsimanampetsotse National Park (whose name means "the lake of no dolphins"). This park is full of surprises from the lake, the flamingos and Mitoho cave full of blind fish, to some of the oldest

baobabs in the world. In fact Tsimanampetsotse is listed as one of the most important ecological regions in the world, with 95% of its species being completely endemic. Tsimanampetsotse is also rich in fossils, with the remains of giant tortoises, crocodiles and the elephant bird being discovered in one of its many caves. After spending the afternoon in the park we will continue on to the coastal town of Itampolo.

Day 2: Discovering the Mahafaly people

BLD

Today we will travel along dry river beds and coastal beach roads to the town of Lavanono. This journey will take us through the lands of the Mahafaly tribe. The Mahafaly believe that your tomb is your final resting place and should tell a story of your life, hopes and dreams. The tombs are covered in bright paintings and totems called alo alo, and can be seen scattered throughout the landscape of the south.



Day 3: Travelling to Berenty

BLD

Lavanono is located below the dramatic cliffs of the Karimbola Plateau. After a relaxing morning we will drive onto the plateau and start our journey to Berenty Reserve. As we pass through the Mandrare Valley, we will begin to see a landscape dominated by sisal plants. The valley forests have exceptionally high species endemism and diversity with spiny forests meeting rainforests on the slopes of the

Day 4: Berenty Reserve

BLD

Berenty is a small private reserve about 90kms west of Taolagnaro. The reserve is famous for its Verrreaux sifaka lemur or dancing lemurs, which can be seen leaping along the various trails of the reserve. The forest surrounding the lodge is a haven for ring tailed lemurs, mouse lemurs and various nocturnal species. We will spend the day and the evening exploring the reserve on foot. We will also visit the Androy cultural museum, located in the reserve.

Day 5: Taolagnaro

BLD

This morning we will make our way through the rugged green mountains of the south west, to Taolagnaro (Fort Dauphin). Taolagnaro is the historical site of the oldest buildings on Madagascar with Portugese forts dating from 1504 and 1643. This southern town is beautifully located on a peninsula surrounded by beaches, spiny forests and towering mountains. We will spend the afternoon exploring the

town and historical sites before finishing our day with a beach sunset.

Day 6: Return to Tana

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After breakfast we head to the Taolagnaro Airport for our flight to Antananarivo.

Depart Tana anytime after 2pm for home, with memories of this truly unique island - its wildlife, culture and people.



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