



Remote River Expeditions



Madagascar 2008

Mangoky River, Rainforest & The West

14 Day Program

May 23 – Jun 04, 2008

Detailed Itinerary

- Day 1** **Arrive Antananarivo.** Meet at Ivato Airport upon arrival and transfer to hotel for overnight. Trip orientation and welcome dinner. Overnight at the Mahavelo Hotel or similar. (D)
- Day 2** Early morning departure for our full day excursion to **Andasibe (Perinet) Reserve.** Crossing the famous cliff of La Mandraka with a panoramic view of the Anjiro plain. This is the domain of the Indri Indri, the tallest living lemur, smaller Fulvus, and Rubriventer lemurs can also be seen. Along with bamboo lemurs, many endemic birds, and the reserve's rich flora includes orchids, fern trees, pandanus and a great variety of palms.
- In the late afternoon we return to Antananarivo and overnight at the Mahavelo Hotel. (B,L,D)
- Day 3** Early transfer to Ivato Airport (where we meet up with the rest of the team) for our flight from **Antananarivo to Toliara** (MD 740, 08:00 – 10:30). In Toliara we met by 4x4 vehicles and begin our overland journey to the Mangoky River. Traveling northeast to the town of Sakara we leave the tarmac and follow a sandy track north crossing the Fiherenena River. 4x4 Camp. (B,L,D)
- Day 4** After a quick breakfast we continue north as the road follows the plateau dotted with huge Mahafaly tombs. After a full day traveling overland we stop briefly in the quiet village of **Beroroaha** for last minute shopping and a cool drink before camping at or near put-in for the Mangoky River. Camping. (B,L,D)
- Day 5 - 10** We begin our calm water river journey on the majestic **Mangoky River.** On the river we meander between several ranges of wooded hills on our way west toward the Mozambique Channel. This section of the Mangoky from Beroroaha to Bevoay is a very remote area of Madagascar and passes through perhaps the world's largest baobab forest. We'll travel approximately 160 kms paddling the calm river at times with the steady current.
- Paddling is not strenuous and the moderately paced exercise provides a real sense of accomplishment. Along with enhancing fitness paddling stimulates the appetite for tasty meals prepared on the open fire. We also take along a small outboard motor to use in the event of low water and to speed our progress downstream as needed.
- We enjoy incredibly vast sandy campsites, superb views of the surrounding mountains and a soothing hot spring toward the end of our float. On our frequent side hikes we spot a variety of wildlife along the way including exciting birds and lemurs. Camping. (B,L,D)
- Day 11** After our last full day on the river we arrive at **Paradise Camp.** We'll take a late afternoon walk to a nearby village passing a small baobab forest and local rice local fields. This will be our last night camping on the river. (B,L,D).

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- Day 12** **Bevoay / Ifaty**. We spend a short time on the river before we meet the 4-WD vehicles at near the village of Bevoay. After packing up we begin our long drive south to the coastal town of Ifaty. After a brief stopover in Ifaty for a welcome shower and a lovely seafood dinner we continue south to Toilara. Hotel overnight. (B,L,D)
- Day 13** Early morning transfer to the airport for our flight from **Toliara to Antananarivo**, (MD 5705, 07:30 – 11:10). Along with an optional city tour and time for shopping, a day room will be available for relaxing and showering before transferring to Ivato Airport for out bound flights. *

End of Services

** If you have just a little more time we strongly suggest spending a couple of extra days on the coast in Ifaty. It's always a good idea to relax after the river trip and 'recharge the batteries' before homeward flight. Optional activities in and around Ifaty: exploring the 'spiny forest, sailing on the Mozambique Channel; visiting nearby coral reefs for snorkeling and SCUBA diving; and just plain relaxing on the beach.*

Notes

Includes: Expert leadership and naturalist guides, all hotels and meals outside Tana (except some lunches as noted above), park fees, river trip, camp and cook staff, camping (except sleeping bag) and commissary equipment, National Park entrance fees, room occupancy taxes, and all ground transportation noted in the itinerary.

Excludes: International flights, domestic flights*; visas, airport taxes, lunches and dinners in Tana, insurance of any kind, tips, laundry, excess baggage, cost of immunizations, diving and beach activities in Ifaty and item of a personal nature (sodas, alcoholic drinks, etc).

* **Domestic Air:** Antananarivo / Toilara / Antananarivo approximately: \$ 210.00 USD

ITINERARY: *Although we will do our very best to adhere to the itinerary schedule as listed, it is subject to change for numerous reasons beyond our control. If the trip is delayed because of bad weather, cancelled or delayed flights or delays on other modern transportation, sickness, or other situation for which Remote River Expeditions or its agents cannot make provisions, the cost of delays is not included. Please read the Limitations of Liability paragraph in our Booking Information.*

Related Weblinks

Madagascar General & Travel Info:

www.remoterivers.com

Andasibe (Perinet) Reserve:

<http://taniko.free.fr/parks/andasibe.htm>

<http://homepage2.nifty.com/wwgkanda/MAD/birdperi.html>

<http://homepage2.nifty.com/wwgkanda/MAD/mamlperi.html>

Kirindy Forest:

<http://taniko.free.fr/parks/kirindy.htm>

Morondava:

<http://www.madagascar-vision.com/salon800/page2d.asp?CAT=1&STAND=1075&PROC=3&PAGE=6822>

Chez Maggie Hotel:

www.chezmaggie.com

Madagascar Map:

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/africa/madagascar_pol_2003.jpg