



Remote River Expeditions

Madagascar: Sailing, SCUBA, Snorkeling Charters

Aboard the 42' "Nyota Ya Kosini" ("Southern Star")

Exploring the Remote Coast and Forests of the Vezo (Southwest) Coast

Available for charter April through January
Duration and Activities are up to you

Highlights of the Region

- **Sailing, SCUBA diving, snorkeling & exploring Madagascar's Southwest coast**
- **Extensive island and reef exploration**
- **Walks and exploration of the vast baobab forest with a variety of lemurs & endemic birds**
- **Excellent birding in the estuaries and mangroves**
- **Wildlife in the extensive forests**
- **Exploring the sea, estuaries and mangroves of**
- **Sleep aboard and picturesque island & beach camping**
- **Protected areas on shore: Andranomena Special Reserve & Kirindy-Mitea National Park**
- **Wonderful meals and of course fresh seafood**
- **SCUBA instruction option**
- **Lodge & Hotel option in several ports of call including the Chez Maggie, www.chezmaggie**

The words 'remote' and 'unexplored' are often used these days to describe certain parts of the world. In the case of the Mozambique Channel along the southwest coast of Madagascar they truly apply. From Anakao in the south north to Morondava this seldom visited region is truly a wonderland. We find pristine waters for diving and snorkeling; vast beaches and mangroves; extremely remote villages; extensive baobab forests and a great variety of endemic flora and fauna – this is the Vezo Coast!

Our Vessel: the "Nyota Ya Kosini" ("Southern Star")

- Polynesian design Catamaran built by James Wharrem
- Length: 42'
- Width: 20'
- Berths: 4 doubles
- Kitchen Facilities
- Simple toilet
- Fitted with snorkeling & camping equipment
- Safety & Communications: First aid supplies; Iridium Sat phone; fire extinguishers; emergency raft

Island Visits & Ports of Call May Include:

Nosy Ve, Andraimitaroka, Mahelohalo, Andravova, Angorahoka., Andriangory and several smaller islands off the coastal village of Belo sur Mer (including Andriangory)

Towns: Anakao sur Mer, Toliara, Ifaty, Morombe, St Augustine's Bay, Ankidranoka, Ampislava, Belo Sur Mer and Morondava.

Belo sur Mer: The picturesque village is home the Vezo boat builders where the craftsmen construct traditional 'boutry' the large masted cargo and passenger sailboats which ply the waters of the west coast. . Here boats in all phases of completion are found under the coconut trees which dot the harbor.

Manay: Along with visits to the nearby lakes of exploring the lakes near Ambondro and Sireve (22 species of waterfowl – 3 locally endemic!) with their extensive mangroves and dunes of the area.

Costs: Costs vary according to length of program, services requested and number of travelers. Please contact us for details.

* **Domestic Air:** Antananarivo / Morondava / Antananarivo approximately: \$ 240.00 USD

