

Remote River Expeditions ~ Madagascar~



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~ The Amazing West! - Madagascar's Menabe Region © ~ Tsingy de Bemaraha National Park, Kirindy Forest Reserve, Avenue of the Baobabs & Belo sur Mer



Many of the Madagascar's greatest treasures are found in 'The Amazing West!' of the island.

A wide of ecosystems and unique locations beyond the imagination found nowhere else in the world with a vast array of unique dry forest species and endemic flora and fauna.

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See sample itinerary here

<u>Tsingy de Bemaraha National Park</u>

A UNESCO World Heritage Site | For Good Reason!

This is Madagascar's largest reserve (152,000 hectares.) and classified as one of the world wonders by UNESCO. The fascinating raised limestone plateau is decorated with a frail, chaotic razor-sharp collection of pinnacles, the "Tsingy".

The deciduous forest is home to over 50 species of birds; 11 species of lemurs (including the all-white Deckens sifaka) and the rare stump-tailed chameleon (Brookesia perarmata).

The great variety of flora includes: aloes, orchids, numerous pachypodium and baobabs.







Avenue of the Baobabs

The world famous <u>Avenue of the Baobabs</u> is an extraordinary stand of huge baobab trees, **Adansonia grandidieri**. Located 30 minutes north of the town of **Morondava** on the west coast, it is one of the most visited sites in Madagascar.

Several of the trees reach a height of 30+ meters and are over 800 years old.

A photographers paradise and especially beautiful at sunset and sunrise.

Baobab Quest - Beyond the Avenue of the Baobabs ©

For those with a special interest in baobabs (succulents, orchids and other fauna) we offer extended tours to seldom visited / hidden groves of trees throughout Madagascar. We take in depth look at these strange and wonderful sentinels in the western and southern regions of the island.





Kirindy Forest Reserve

The 12,500 ha Kirindy Forest Reserve has the greatest density and diversity of primates in the world. It is also the best western-reserve for seeing Madagascar's endemic dry forest species. The forest is a very rich reserve and home to the Fosa and Giant Jumping Rat.

Dominated by majestic baobab trees, (Adansonia rubrostipa et za), Adansonia Grandidieri are found just next to village of Kirindy.

The forest is home to the world's smallest known primate as well as dozens of amphibian and reptile species (and no poisonous snakes).





Kirindy boasts more than 60 species of birds. Possible endemic sighting include white-headed Vanga, Rufous Vanga, White-breasted Mesite, Coquerel's Coua, Crested Coua, Sickle-billed Vanga, Chabert's Vanga, Cuckoo Roller, Grey-headed Lovebird, Madagascar Nightjar, and Banded Kestrel.

Along with a stunning variety of unique flora, the Kirindy Forest is home to 8 lemur species as well as a variety of tenrecs species and the narrow-striped mongoose.





Belo sur Mer & Kirindy Mite National ParkSeldom Visited ~ Truly Amazing ~ Something for Everyone!





Approximately 90 km south of Morondava, this picturesque village is home to the Vezo boat builders. Here craftsmen construct traditional 'botry' the large gaff rigged cargo and passenger sailboats which ply the waters of the west coast of Madagascar.

Belo sur Mer offers a wide variety of activities for all interests and energy levels.



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Belo Sur Mer, Madagascar - Madagascar's unique wildlife seems to have earned it a spot in our collective imagination, and there's no better or more romantic introduction to the island than Belo Sur Mer, a quiet fishing village on Madagascar's western coast.





Peace and quiet are the order of the day in isolated Belo Sur Mer, so you'll have to plan daytrips to get out and explore the island's parks, but there's no better way to end the day than a long solitary stroll on one of Madagascar's gorgeous beaches and a dinner of fresh local seafood.

Kirindy Mite National Park is a new and seldom visited national park which encompasses a wide variety of ecosystems: beaches; inland lakes and 7 offshore islands.



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