



Remote River Expeditions - Madagascar



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~ *Contrasts of the Great Red Island* © ~

~ A combination of Rainforest, River, Sea and the West ~

18-Day Custom Program (7 – 13 Day Options Available)

Highlights Include:

- *Masoala National Park*
 - *Tsiribihina River*
 - *Tsingy de Bemaraha*
 - *Kirindy Forest Reserve*
 - *Avenue of the Baobabs*
 - *Cities and towns:*
 - *Morondava*
 - *Expert Naturalist Guides*
 - *Varied and excellent cuisine*
 - *And of course, lemurs, lemurs, lemurs...*
- ~ Eastern rainforest & coastal reserve ~ Sea Kayaking
 - ~ Calm water canoeing (*optional*)
 - ~ A World Heritage Site
 - ~ Western deciduous forest
 - ~ Baobabs in Love
 - ~ Antananarivo, Maroantsetra, Antsirabe, Morondava
 - ~ Mozambique Channel & the Chez Maggie Hotel
 - ~ English-speaking and multi-lingual staff

Outside Magazine Trip of the Year - Designed by Remote River Expeditions





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Itinerary

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Day	Date	Location / Activity
Day 1		En route to Madagascar.
DAY 2		Arrive Antananarivo . Remote River Expeditions representative will meet you at Ivato Airport for the transfer to our hotel. Orientation and welcome dinner. Overnight Au Bois Vert Hotel (or similar). (D)
Day 3		Early transfer to Ivato Airport for our flight from Antananarivo to Maroantsetra , the gateway to the Masoala National Park . Transfer by boat to Masoala Forest Lodge (or Chez Arol Lodge) our home base for exploring Masoala National Park. (B,L,D)
Day 4 – 5		Paddling and trekking in Masoala National Park . We explore by boat and sea kayak (optional) the Masoala Peninsula . We'll visit various spots around the peninsula, including deserted islands, up the Fampotobe River and into the heart of the Masoala Peninsula. Here we pass stunning coastlines of sandy coves separated by rocky, forested headlands. We will also take time to snorkel the amazing waters and discover the littoral rain-forest on nature walks. Overnight Masoala Forest Lodge (or Chez Arol Lodge). (B,L,D)



Day 4 – 5 One stop, **Antalavia**, (about 50 km from Maroantsetra), in a protected bay at the end of 10 km long beach.
A cool fresh water stream flows through the beach into the sea and great cascades leads steeply into the heart of the highland rain forest.

This area offers a great rain forest experience with many lemur species and endemic birds along with geckos, chameleons and other forest inhabitants. If time allows we may make a journey to **Nosy Behento**. A small remote tropical island located at the southern-most tip of the Masoala Peninsula at the end of the long barrier reef. Overnight **Masoala Forest Lodge** (or Chez Arol Lodge). **(B,L,D)**

Nosy Mangabe Excursion

Day 6 After breakfast we return by boat to **Maroansetra**.
Return flights from **Maronantsetra** to **Antananarivo**.
Overnight **Au Bois Vert Hotel** (or similar). **(B,D)**

Day 7 Early morning overland south from **Antananarivo** through the highlands to **Antsirabe**. This is a volcanic region of rocky hills and grassland of zebu herds, and kasana and rice plantations. Leaving the highlands we travel west and descend into the Menabe (western) Region to the town of **Miandrivazo**
Overnight **Princess Tsiribihina Hotel**. **(B,D)**

Day 8 After Breakfast a short visit in the village and final shopping we board our pirogues (local canoes) and begin our trip on the **Tsiribihina River**. No previous experience is needed as there are no rapids and the river remains calm throughout the journey. Local Malagasy paddlers propel pirogues as we travel downstream and we enjoy sandy camps along the river at night. **(B,L,D)**

Day 9 **Tsiribihina River**. Camping on the river. **(B,L,D)**

Day 10 Our final day on the river, we complete our journey at **Antsiraraka**.
We travel by 4X4 west and then north crossing the Tsiribihina River by ferryboat. Passing through the town of **Belo sur Tsiribihina** we continue north to **Bekopaka** at the entrance of the **Tsingy de Bemaraha**.
Overnight **Soleil de Tsingy** (or similar). **(B,D)**

Day 12 Early morning paddle on the **Manambolo River** to visit the **Gorges of the Manambolo**. Afternoon visit the **Petite Tsingy** at **sunset**
Overnight **Soleil de Tsingy** (or similar). **(B,L,D)**

Day 13 Early morning travel north to the entrance of the park.
Full day exploring the **Grande Tsingy de Bemaraha**.
Overnight **Soleil de Tsingy** (or similar). **(B,L,D)**



Day 14 Return overland south to the **Kirindy Forest Reserve**.
A rich reserve for endemic Malagasy flora and fauna. We explore the forest in the late afternoon and after dinner enjoy take an evening walk for nocturnal species. long with a stunning variety of unique flora the Kirindy Forest is home to 8 lemur species; a variety of tenrecs species; the narrow-striped mongoose; the giant jumping rat and the fossa.
Overnight **Relais du Kirindy**. (B,D)

Day 15 Early morning walking in the **Kirindy Forest** (especially good for birds). Continue south to **Morondava** with stops at various baobab sites including the **Sacred Baobab**, **Baobabs in Love** and the world famous **Ave of the Baobabs**. Overnight **Chez Maggie Hotel**. (B,D) www.chezmaggie.com



Day 16 Largely an undiscovered gem we enjoy a relaxing day in the tranquil coastal town of **Morondava**. Our home base is the Chez Maggie Hotel, a romantic hide-away in a comfortable garden setting. The hotel features: air-conditioned 2-story chalets, bungalows; superb cuisine; swimming pool and a full service bar.

The choice is yours: stroll along the beach, swim in the warm water of the Mozambique Channel, lounge by the pool, or take a walk through town for local flavor and shopping. After enjoying the setting sun over the channel we sample the excellent cuisine of **Le Masoandro Restaurant**.

** Evening campfire on the beach with traditional music and dance. **

Overnight **Chez Maggie Hotel**. (B,D)

Day 17 Following breakfast we transfer to the airport for return flight to **Antananarivo**. Sightseeing and shopping as time allows.
Overnight **Au Bois Vert Hotel** (or similar). (B,D)

Day 18 Morning free and transfer to Ivato Airport for outbound flights. (B,D)

End of services.

B = Continental Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner

** Exact program may vary according to international flight arrival and departure times and domestic flight schedule.*



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Cost: Cost will vary according to the length of the tour and standard of accommodations.

Inclusions

- **English speaking & Multilingual speaking naturalist guide**
- **Ground Transportation:**
 - As outlined above
 - **Included:** vehicles; drivers; fuel; driver accommodations & food; and vehicle insurance.
- **Masoala Forest Lodge or Chez Arol Lodge:** On Full Board with activities included.
- **Masoala & Tsingy de Bemaraha National Parks:** entry and local guide fees
- **Tsiribihina River Journey:** Full board (including drinking water on the river); camp and cook staff; quality camping gear and all commissary equipment.
- **Kirindy Forest Reserve:** entry and local guide fees
- **Accommodations:** As above.
- **Meals:** As above. Half Board / Full Board in Masoala, on the river and in Bekopaka.
- **General Inclusions:** airport transfers; room occupancy taxes...

Exclusions

- International or domestic flights
- Visas
- Drinks (except on the river)
- Cost of immunizations
- Airport taxes
- Insurance of any kind
- Drinks (as noted in inclusions)
- Tips (customary)
- Excess baggage
- Items of a personal nature (laundry, drinks, etc...)
- Any services not specifically listed as included.

Note on the Itinerary

The itinerary is subject to change with schedule and availability of domestic flights. Accommodations are subject to change due to availability. 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 situations for which Remote River Expeditions or its agents cannot make provisions, the cost of delays is not included. We strongly recommend travel insurance.