

Remote River Expeditions - Madagascar



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Escape to Western Madagascar with the Manambolo River © 11-Day Program (9 – 15 day options also available)

Highlights Include:

- Manambolo River
- Ampefy
- Tsingy de Bemaraha National Park
- Kirindy Forest Reserve
- Avenue of the Baobabs
- Multi-lingual naturalists/guides
- Small group size & excellent food
- And of course lemurs, lemurs!

3 to 4 Day calm water float
Lake Itasy, Geysers & Les Chutes de la Lily (waterfall)
UNESCO World Heritage Site

<u>Very rich dry western forest</u> World famous grove of baobabs

Manambolo River

A truly remote flatwater canoeing journey into the heart of the Menabe (Western) Region.

After visiting Ampefy and a challenging 4x4 drive we reach Ankavandra we begin our journey on the tranquil Manambolo River. Superb scenery; sandy beach camps; dramatic gorges; a wide variety of endemic floral & fauna... We end our river trip at Bekopaka where the next adventure begins...the Tsingy de Bemaraha.

Fly In Option

If your time is limited and your budget allows we can also use a charter flight reach Ankavandra (the starting point for the river).

The 1-hour scenic flight from Antananarivo gives us a great view the highlands and surrounding area as we approach the river.







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Day	Location / Activity
01	Arrive Antananarivo. Meet and transfer. Overnight Gassy Country House (or similar). (D)
02	Meet RRE Guide and morning drive west to Ampefy Visit Geysers, Chute de la Lily and Lake Itasy (as time allows). Overnight Hotel Kavitaha. (B,L,D)
03	Morning drive from AMPEFY to BEAMBIATY. Overnight simple hotel. (B,L,D)
04	BEAMBIATY - AKAVANDRA. Begin Manambolo River. Camping. (B,L,D)





05	Manambolo River. Camping. (B,L,D)
06	Gorge Camp. Final night on the river. Camping. (B,L,D)
07	Morning continue downstream to Andadonay (near Bekopaka). Afternoon visit the ' Petite' Tsingy de Bemaraha . Overnight Tanakoay Lodge. (B,L,D)
08	Full day exploring - <i>Grande Tsingy de Bemaraha</i> . Overnight Tanakoay Lodge. (B,L,D)
09	Overland south to the <i>Kirindy Forest Reserve</i> . Afternoon and evening forest walks. Overnight simple bungalow in the forest. (B,L,D)
10	Early morning walk (especially good for birds) and continue south to Morondava with stops at the visit to the <i>Baobabs in Love</i> and <i>Avenue of the Baobabs</i> . Afternoon option excursion to the <i>Ave of the Baobabs</i> at sunset. Overnight at the Chez Maggie Hotel. (B,L,D)
11	Morondava . Beach, relax, visit to the mangroves and <i>Betania Vezo</i> village. Transfer and return flight to Antananarivo or on to other areas. <i>Day rooms</i> and transfer to Ivato Airport for outbound flights. (B)

~ Meals: B= Continental Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner



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Note: Exact program will vary according to international and domestic flight schedules.

Services

- ~ Based on 2 traveling with double or twin accommodations
- ~ Meals: Full board
- Subject to change and availability

Recommended Extension Options: Belo sur Mer, Andasibe National Park & Nosy Be



Customize

Itinerary options range from 9 to 14 for our **Escape to West with the Manambolo River** ©

We're more than happy to customize for all special interests.

One excellent option is quality 'beach time' and snorkeling in picturesque

seaside village of **Belo sur Mer.**







