



# *Remote River Expeditions*

## *~ Madagascar ~*



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### *~ Mangoky River & Contrasts of the Great Red Island © ~*

**Discover the wonders of the 'Island Continent' and the joys of river camping.**

**Featured in the book: [1,000 Places to Visit Before You Die](#) by Patricia Schultz**



### **A Remote River Expeditions Original!**

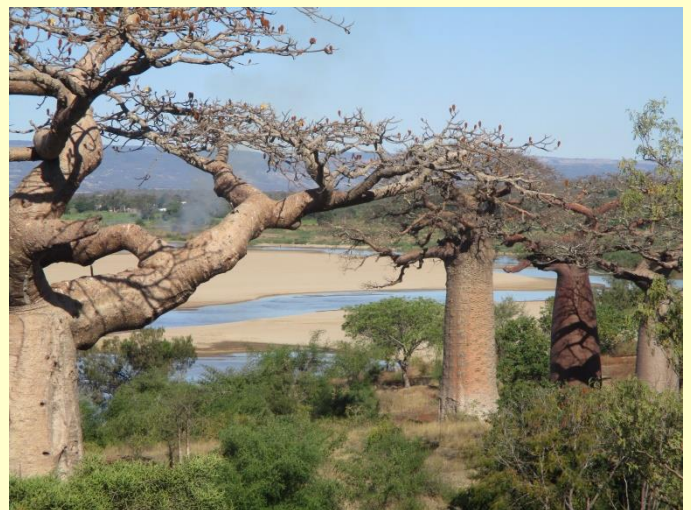
**First explored in 1987 by Conrad Hirsh, the founder of RRE**

**A truly 'REMOTE RIVER' journey and world class adventure.**

Our unique island tour provides a comprehensive look at many of the wonders of Madagascar and it's unique (often surprising) ecosystems, flora, fauna, and cultures.

The dry deciduous forests along the Mangoky River are vast and for the most part unexploited.

On the river we float past (most probably) the [largest baobab forest in the world!](#)





Our journey to the river begins in the southwest of the island in **Toilara**. From there we travel west to **Ranohira** then head north on 4x4 track crossing the *Fiherenena River*.

En route to the river we camp one night on the plateau dotted with *Mahafaly tombs* and continue north to the village of **Beroroha** on the banks of the Mangoky.



Our campsites are usually vast expanses of pure white sand, bordered by forest, with grand panoramas of river, hills and sky. The numerous side streams invite exploration with fellow team members or individual wanderings for nocturnal lemur-spotting.



Along with the spectacular scenery we enjoy a wide variety of endemic flora and fauna. Lemurs include Verreaux's sifaka, red-fronted brown lemur, several nocturnal species and at times we see ring-tails (*Lemur catta*) peering down from sandstone cliffs. Along with innumerable baobabs we find a wide range of birdlife; several chameleons species and a great variety of other endemic flora and fauna.

Our visits to remote villages give us time to meet and share stories the endearing Malagasy people.





## Customize ~ Remote River Style!

Our multi-activity itineraries range from 11 to 21 days. We often include several national parks, beach time & **spiny forest** near **Ifaty**. And optional visits to several National Parks including: **Andasibe, Ifaty & Tsingy de Bemaraha**.

As well at the picturesque seaside village of **Belo sur Mer** and visits to the **Kirindy Forest Reserve** and **Avenue of the Baobabs** just north **Morondava**.

We're more than happy to customize for all special interests.  
Please see sample itinerary here: [Mangoky River](#)



## Comfort, Cuisine & Canoes

- We always do our best to make time on the river and camping as comfortable as possible.
- Quality camping gear is provided including: tents, sleeping bags and Thermarest sleeping pads.
- We use local wooden pirogues (local canoes) outfitted with cushions, backrests and umbrellas (for sun protection).
- We take great pride in providing superb meals and know you will be duly impressed! We're happy to cater to all dietary needs and restrictions as well.
- Water level: Depending on the water level we may need to push the pirogues over the occasional sand bar. Also, we often use an outboard motor on the final days to speed progress downstream.



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