



Remote River Expeditions

~ Madagascar ~



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Tsingy de Bemaraha, Kirindy Forest Reserve & Avenue of the Baobabs



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.



'Typical' 4-Day Excursion Schedule

Day 1: Morondava – Bekopaka.

Early morning departure north for the town of **Belo Tsiribihina**. After crossing the *Tsiribihina River* by ferryboat and stop for lunch in **Belo Tsiribihina**. Continue north to **Bekopaka** on the banks of the *Manambolo River*. Overnight in Bekopaka. (D) [see accommodation options below]

Day 2: Bekopaka.

After early breakfast drive to the park entrance and explore the wonders of the *Grand Tsingy*. Afternoon visit to the *Petit Tsingy* at **sunset**. Overnight in Bekopaka. (B,D)

Day 3: Bekopaka – Kirindy.

Early morning paddle to the *Gorges of the Manambolo River*. Return overland south *Kirindy Forest Reserve*. Late afternoon and evening walks in the forest. Overnight in simple bungalows in the forest or nearby lodge / hotel. (B,D)

Day 4: Kirindy – Morondava.

Early morning walk in the forest, (especially good for birds). Return to **Morondava** with stops at the *Baobabs in Love* and the *Avenue of the Baobabs*. Afternoon excursion the *Avenue of the Baobabs* at **sunset**. Overnight *Chez Maggie Hotel*. (B, D)

Bekopaka Lodging Options: Soleil des Tsingy; Olympe Hotel; Grand Hotel & Tanankoay Lodge

Inclusions: ~ For the most part all programs are fully inclusive on Half Board.

Full details and quote provided upon approval of final schedule and accommodation choice.

Customize ~ Remote River Style!

We welcome special requests and will be happy to make arrangements according your schedule and budget. We can customize for all special interests: e.g. birds, reptiles, lemurs... And arrange longer (or shorter) tours; include more adventurous circuits; camping on the Manambolo River...

[Luxury Fly-In](#) program with private charter flights also available.





[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.

Morondava is a wonderfully friendly, safe, and relaxed town. The Chez Maggie Hotel is located at **Nosikely** where the 'mora mora' ('slowly slowly') spirit is alive and well.

[Chez Maggie Hotel & Restaurant](#) is a romantic hide-away in a comfortable setting directly on the beach; on the Mozambique Channel.

The hotel features:

- 2-Story Chalets and large spacious bungalows
- Air-conditioning
- Superb cuisine
- Wi-Fi
- Swimming pool
- Full service Bar
- Wondrous sunsets



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