



Madagascar

Luxury Honeymoon

PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



Itinerary

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15 Days • 14 Nights

Antananarivo – Masoala – Tampo Point – Nosy Mangabe – Nosy Be – Tsarabanjina --Antananarivo

Itinerary

A perfect trip combining two of Madagascar's most stunning areas.

First you will head up to Masoala National Park - Madagascars largest protected area preserving a unique ecosystem comprising coastal rainforest, flooded forests, marsh and mangroves. The Masoala peninsula is truly exceptional: two percent of all of planet earth's animal and plant species resides here. Some species like aye-aye, red-ruffed lemur, Madagascar red owl and the extremely rare serpent eagle are endemic to the peninsula and thus found nowhere else.

Your home here will be at the luxurious Masoala Forest Eco-Lodge, accessible only by foot or by sea and with a maximum capacity of just 12 guests, the lodge is a haven of tranquillity. A luxurious outpost lost in time and nature. The palm thatched tree-houses are on elevated platforms to provide you with uninterrupted views of the forest canopy and sea.

After 6 days here spent kayaking, trekking and relaxing, we head to the azure blue waters and the powder soft beaches of Tsarabanjina. With its laid back atmosphere, barefoot chic, this unspoil Madagascan island offers a chic Robinson Crusoe style experience. Your home here are private beach villas enclosed by tropical plants and your time can be spent relaxing on the beach, in your hammock or exploring the underwater environment – this being one of the top dive (& snorkel) destinations in Madagascar

A perfect mix of jungle and desert await you on this unique Honeymoon experience.

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DAY 1 (6 Sept) : ANTANANARIVO

After arriving in Antananarivo (or Tana, as it is known by the locals), you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight Hotel



DAY 2 : ANTANANARIVO – MASOALA (B,D)

You will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight to Maroantsetra early morning.

You are met on arrival at Maroantsetra airport and transfer to the boat for the voyage across Antongil Bay to the Masoala Forest Lodge. The journey takes around two hours, with the possibility of dolphin and whale sightings in season and the forested mountains of the Masoala Peninsula as a dramatic backdrop to the destination.

On arrival at the lodge beach, you are welcomed ashore and settle into camp. After freshening up in the accommodation, lunch is served in the beach house.

The afternoon activities include exploring the beaches and coastal forest in the lodge area and maybe enjoying a swim in the sea, before taking a guided walk along the coast past Tampolo Point, with the possibility of spotting white fronted brown lemurs in the coastal forest.

Return to camp for sundowners around the fire on the beach and dinner in the lodge. Upon arrival you will transfer to the Masoala Forest Lodge.

You can spend your time kayaking, trekking, snorkeling, whale watching, and swimming.

Overnight Lodge

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DAY 3 : MASOALA (B,L,D)

A relaxed start to the day and breakfast buffet on the sea deck.

Depart on a guided walk through the coastal forest, in search of more birds and mammals. After a couple of hours walk, take a welcome swim in the crystal clear water of the cascades of the Tampolo River at the foot of the forested mountains. Return to camp on a traditional dugout canoe paddled down the shady river.

After lunch, enjoy a relaxed afternoon swimming on the private beaches or snorkeling on the coral reefs. A guided nocturnal walk with the intriguing possibility of seeing some of the secretive nocturnal wildlife such as Leaf-tailed Gecko, Dwarf and Mouse lemurs and maybe even the elusive Aye-Aye.

Dinner in the lodge.

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DAY 4 : MASOALA (B,L,D)

Breakfast on the sea deck.



An exploration by sea kayak or boat of the calm water and fantastic rock formations of Tampolo point. Stop for a swim on the beach at the "Sacred Island" and then kayak into a pristine mangrove and forested river, with the chance of spotting blue-spotted stingrays in the shallow water or perhaps the lesser bamboo lemurs crossing the river.

After a picnic lunch on the beach, return to camp by kayak or boat, for an evening of entertainment and high spirits with the visit of the

traditional Malagasy music and dance group from the local village.

Sundowners around the fire on the beach and dinner in the lodge.

Overnight Lodge

DAY 5 : MASOALA (B,L,D)

Breakfast on the sea deck.

A short guided walk through the coastal forest trails to the rice fields and farm land of the nearby village of Ambodiforaha. This is an opportunity to experience the local Betsimisaraka culture and sustainable way of life in the rainforest. You can visit their traditional houses and kitchens and perhaps see baskets, mats or hats being woven, vanilla, cloves, coffee or rice being prepared and pop in for a quick visit to the village school, co-funded by the lodge.

After lunch at the lodge, you have the option of a stroll down the beach to the Tampolo River and a peaceful pirogue trip on the cool shady river to observe the birdlife.

Sun downers around the fire on the beach and dinner in the lodge.

Overnight Lodge



DAY 6 : MASOALA (B,L,D)

An early breakfast on the sea deck.

Board the boat for the voyage to the island of Nosy Mangabe.

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Overnight Hotel

Once ashore on the densely forested island, explore the network of trails with your guide with a chance of spotting black and white-ruffed and white-fronted brown lemurs, leaf-tailed geckos and perhaps a Madagascar tree boa. You can view the traditional Malagasy tombs in a cave and the engraved rocks on the "Plage des Hollandais".

After a picnic lunch on the beach, you board the boat once more for the voyage to Maroantsetra.

DAY 7 : MASOALA – TANA (B,D)

Morning at leisure before transferring back to Maroansatra airport in time for your flight back to Tana.

Upon arrival at the airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight Hotel

DAY 8 : TANA – NOSY BE – TSARABANJINA (B, L, D)

This morning you will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight to Tsarabanjina. Upon arrival you will be met by a hotel representative and transferred to Tsarabanjina.

Overnight Villa



DAY 9-13 : TSARABANJINA (B, L, D)

Days at leisure



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There are a number of gifts you will receive as honeymooners, including

- One sarong.
- One T-shirt.
- One soubik for the beach.
- One candlelight diner on the beach.
- One 30 mins massage per person per stay

Overnight Villa

DAY 14 : NOSY BE – TANA (B,D)

Ferry back to Nosy Be and Transfer to the airport in time for your flight back to Tana. Upon arrival to Tana you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight Hotel

DAY 15 : TANA (B)

Day at leisure. Transfer to the airport in time for your flight home If you would like we can arrange for a day use room &/or driver guide . Transfer to the airport around 10pm.

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Important Information

INCLUDED

- 🌍 Meet and Greet on arrival to Tana airport
- 🌍 All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- 🌍 Accommodation as described
- 🌍 All inclusive at Masoala
- 🌍 All Inclusive at Tsarabanjina Constance Resort
- 🌍 All transfers in air conditioned vehicles with an English speaking driver / guide
- 🌍 Domestic flight ticket
- 🌍 National Park entrance fees

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals other than mentioned
- International flights
- Tips
- Personal expenses
- Alcoholic and soft drinks when not in all inclusive
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours/activities
- Insurance