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27 June - 11 July 2015 (15 days) Wonder Madagascar Cost Rm10800 (per pax for 8 pax group), Rm9880 (10 pax), Rm9580 (12 pax) Rm8990 (15 pax and above)

Update 15 Sept 2014 - Trip costs is based on today's flight fare at Rm2820 and will be updated if there is any changes. If fares are higher, group tops up. If lower, overall cost will be lowered. Email rachelheng123@gmail.com to register.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is meant to be a "free and easy" adventure trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the <u>right attitude</u> for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it wasn't pleasant for us or them. Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!



Sunset Alley of Baobabs

If you are looking for adventure, animals, beautiful landscape and unique flora and fauna, Madagascar is the place for you! Madagascar has both African & Asian influences. Visiting Madagascar (Fourth largest Island in the world) is a great experience. Country is a fascinating place for nature lovers as it is home to some of the weirdest and rarest animal species in existence, Baobab, spiny forest & tropical forest etc!!









Difference species of Lemurs

<u>Day 1 KLIA-Bangkok-Antananarivo:</u> Meet at KLIA for flight TG416 to Bangkok at 1320PM arriving 1430PM. Connect flight MD011 to Antananarivo at 1730pm, arriving 2205PM. Check in hotel. Overnight (ON) Antananarivo.

<u>Day 2 Tananarive-Miandrivazo</u>: After breakfast, we drive to Antsirabe with several short stops along RN7. After lunch, continue to Miandrivazo along the Tsiribihina river with a different scenery. Estimate 8-9 hours drive. O/N Miandrivazo.

<u>Day 3 River trip (Miandrivazo)</u>: Car transfer to the village of Masiakampy, where we start the river trip with motor boat. In the afternoon, we visit the cascade of Anosinampela. Overnight camping on the riverbank inside the gorge of Bemaraha. O/N Camping (Note: Meals and tent provided during camping. Members only need to bring own sleeping beg)



<u>Day 4 River Trip-Bekopaka</u> (4 HOURS BOAT + 5 HOURS DRIVE): Half Day on the river by watching several water birds, lemurs and bats before reaching Belo Tsiribihina. After lunch on board, drive off road to Bekopaka in the afternoon. O/N Bekopaka



Bekopaka/ Grand Tsingy / Ferry crossing

<u>Day 5 Bekopaka:</u> Full day at Bekopaka. Start morning with river trip on dugout piroque along the Manambolo river to see caves of stalactites and fascinating tombs of the Vazimba people (first inhabitants of the Island). We then drive to Grand Tsingy for a 4-5 hours hike inside this unique site with local guide. O/N Bekopaka.

<u>Day 6 Bekopaka- Morondava</u>: Morning drive to Belo Tsiribihina. After lunch, we cross the river on a ferry boat. Continuation of the driving until Morondava, with a stop at the Alley of Baobabs. The site features 3 species of the Menabe region, including the famous lovers baobab tree. O/N Morondava.





Beautiful Wild Baobab Trees

<u>Day 7 Morondava - Manja</u>: Full day off road drive from Morondava to the Mangoky River on the RN9. We will pass through the dry savanah with giant baobab trees before reaching the town of Manja. Arrival in the afternoon. Dinner and camping on the sandy beach.

Day 8 Manja - Ifaty: Another morning drive towards Ifaty with a river crossing in between. Several villages of the south can be seen along the trip. Arrival at the begining of the afternoon. After check-in, rest of afternoon free & easy for late lunch and leisure. O/N Ifaty.







Various species of Chameleons

<u>Day 9 Ifaty-Ranohira</u>: Morning free & easy on the beach. We start drive to Tuléar around late morning. After lunch in town, drive towards Isalo National Park for the rest of the afternoon along the RN7. O/N Ranohira.

<u>Day 10 Ranohira:</u> Full day hike into the Isalo National Park. Start by visiting the Cascade de Nymphe and into the canyon of Namazà. We then walk up to the plateau towards the "piscine naturelle" where we can enjoy a cool dip. Members advised to bring own picnic lunch and snacks during the hike. Back to the hotel in the afternoon. O/N Ranohira.

<u>Day 11 Ranohira-Ranomafana:</u> Drive to Anjà park (4 hours). After lunch, we hike the local reserve to see some ring-tailed lemur and more chameleons. Continuation by car towards Ranomafana park in the afternoon. O/N Ranomafana.



<u>Day 12 Ranomafana</u>: Full day hike at Ranomafana park with a local guide. Start by car until the entry of the park. We then hike 6-7 hours into the park to discover its wildlife such as lemurs, birds and reptiles. Own picnic lunch inside the park. Evening walk to see nocturnal lemurs and different species of chameleon. O/N Ranomafana.

<u>Day 13 Ranomafana-Antisirabe</u>: Full day on the RN7 until Antsirab. Along the way, we stop at Ambositra to visit the Zafimaniry wood carvings and many other handicrafts. After check-in, we explore the city during the late afternon. O/N Antisarabe



Happy Malagasy

<u>Day 14 Antisirabe-Tananarive</u>: Drive to Tananarive in the morning. After lunch, city tour in the capital by visiting some historical monuments and markets. Transfer to airport for flight MD010 at 1655PM.

Day 15 Bangkok- Home: Arrive Bangkok 0540AM. We then connect on flight TG415 at 0905, reaching KLIA at 1215PM on 11 July 2015

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Cost covers international flight, accommodation, transportation (4WD), entrance fees, camping meals.
- 2. Accommodation will be in budget hotels and 2 days of camping.
- 3. Not covered are airport taxes, meals (Rm30-50 p/day) except breakfast, in-town taxis.
- 4. A deposit of Rm1300 is payable to confirm your place.
- 5. Cost is subject to change if there's significant changes in foreign exchange rates and airfares.

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