

Birds Heaven - Birding Tour

The best season for bird watching is from October through December, when birds, through their songs, can be more easily spotted in the forests. Madagascar is a promised destination for ornithologist or twitchers with its 107 endemic bird species, 198 nesting birds and 5 ENDEMIC FAMILIES. During this tour, you do not need a luck to discover at least the members of the 5 ENDEMIC species of groundrollers, the unique assitys, the diverse Vangas, the terrestrial mesites and the couas. You will also have the opportunity to discover other animal in their natural habitat: lemurs, chameleons, weird leaf tiled geckos.....the fascinating landscape of the Big Island, meeting with its local population and discovering their culture. With the teamwork run with our professional birding guide, the driver and the local guides in the national parks, it is a real pleasure to make your trip unique and unforgettable.

Day - 10-11 Andasibe

ANDASIBE (B, D)

First day you will explore this spectacular wilderness. The protected area consists of the larger Mantadia National Park. These protect one of Madagascar's most important primary rainforest areas. We have ample time to explore the area thoroughly, on various trails and with local guides. The list of birds we can see is very long, but some highlights may include White-throated Rail, Madagascar Flufftail, Madagascar Blue-pigeon, Lesser Vasa Parrot, Red-breasted, Blue and Red-fronted Couas, Madagascar Long-eared Owl, Madagascar Spine-tailed Swift, Madagascar Kingfisher, Cuckoo-roller, Sunbird Asity, Ward's Flycatcher, Dark Newtonia, Rand's Warbler, Madagascar Blue, Nuthatch and Pollen's Vangas, Madagascar Starling, Forest Fody and Nelicourvi Weaver. We may also be fortunate enough to encounter Collared Nightjar roosting almost imperceptibly on the forest floor. Mantadia is also the very best place in the world for Ground-rollers. We'll need some luck and perseverance, but we've seen all four rainforest species in a single morning: Pitta-like, Scaly, Rufous-headed and Short-legged Ground-roller. Despite this long list of bird endemics, there are few natural history experiences that can compare to the Indri's morning calls echoing through the misty forests. More than anything else, these echoing calls from the world's largest lemur sound like whales! The park also forms the ideal habitat for the iconic Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur and Diademed Sifaka.

On the 02nd day, you will have a full days to explore this spectacular wilderness. The protected area consists of the Anamalazaotra Special Reserve (also named Andasibe or the colonial name Perinet). These protect one of Madagascar's most important primary rainforest

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Overnight: Andasibe

Inclusions

- 16 nights in your chosen accommodation
- Meal as specified in itinerary (B = Breakfast, BR = Brunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary
- All transfers from/to the airport where needed.
- The car from Toliara until Antananarivo.
- The car from Antananarivo to Majunga and back
- The car from Antananarivo to Andasibe and back (3persons per car)
- The excursion by boat in Ankarafantsika
- The visit of Tsarasaotra on last day
- Admission fees according to itinerary
- One small bottle of mineral water per day per person
- A small gift at the end of the trip

Exclusions

- International flights
- Domestic flight (to be added on the land arrangement rates)
- Meals other than mentioned in itinerary
- Tours and Excursions other than mentioned in itinerary
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips for driver/guides
- Visa fees
- Long haul air ticket and taxes