

RIVER TRIP and TSINGY



This tour requires a minimum of flexibility and is right for those who are looking for some adventure :travel with a local dugout canoe,camping on the river bank ,interaction with the local people,some basic accomodations.

Beside all of that it is very rewarding in term of experience.

The journey will take you to the Tsingy of BEMARAHA, this sharp limestone pinacles that may reach 150 feet in height.This site becomes a UNESCO world heritage.

Day 1: Paris –Tana:

Arrival at Tana internationnal airport then transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Tana –Antsirabe.

3 hours drive to Antsirabe this Malagasy agricultural center, noticeable by thousands of colourfull rickshaws which enliven the street.A city tour and visit of gemstone workshop will be done to this old spa station.

Overnight at HASINA HOTEL.

Day 3: Antsirabe-Miandrivazo.

Leave ANTSIRABE and drive to the most beautifull Malagasy countyside to MIANDRIVAZO.

This town serves for the preparation of the 4 days expedition to the Tsiribihina river.

Here we get the food supply and all we need for the organisation of the expedition.

Overnight at Hotel RASALIMO.

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Day 4: **Miandrivazo and start of the river trip from Mahajilo river.**

Here begin the adventure. Paddling through the Mahajilo river until we reach the big open water of the TSIRIBIHINA. This is a very scenic ride with a slow and peaceful pace.

Picnic lunch under the shade of trees.

Late afternoon to set the tents for the night and while your guide and pirogueman prepare the food you can relax and appreciate the sunset and the natural attraction.

Overnight camping by the riverbank.

Day 5: **Descent of the Tsiribihina River.**

After breakfast, follow the river downstream. This second is the day you will have a chance to see wildlife such as chameleons, lemurs, birds by the riverside.

Midday we can take a natural bath by a waterfall while the guide prepares the lunch.

Carry on until mid-afternoon when we stop waiting for the night to come by the campfire.

Overnight camping by the riverbank.

Day 6: **Tsiribihina river.**

More day on the river through a breathtaking scenery noted by the gorge of Tsiribihina. Here you start to see BAOBAB those trees which are known to be one of Madagascar's speciality.

During the ride you will encounter local villagers passing their everyday chores with songs.

Overnight camping by the sandbank.

Day 7: **Tsiribihina River – Kirindy:**

Tsiribihina river then get off at Tsaraotana where a car will take us to KIRINDY forest.

Kirindy is a privately run area of forest. This is the place where you have a good chance of seeing FOSSA as many researches have been done at this station to study this famous mammal.

Red-fronted brown lemur, verreaux sifaka can be seen at day time and fork-marked lemur at night.

Overnight at the park lodge.

Day 8: **Kirindy-Bekopaka-Tsingy of Bemaraha.**

Leave KIRINDY on time to get into the ferry crossing the Tsiribihina River.

Lunch may be taken at BELO sur TSIRIBIHINA before carrying on till BEKOPAKA through the dry open SAKALAVA country.

Late afternoon crossing the MANAMBOLO River on the boundary of the park by ferry.

Overnight at TANANANKOAY.

Day 9: **Tsingy of Bemaraha.**

After breakfast you will explore the "small tsingy". This walk takes you through the rocks without being a professional rock climber.

Afternoon down to the Manambolo river to enjoy the astonishing rock formation through this river canyon.

Overnight at TANANANKOAY.

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Day 10: Tsingy of Bemaraha.

Day to visit the big Tsingy. The first time you walk through the rocks, this time you climb up to the top and walk over it with some hanging bridge to enjoy the view of the good scenery.

Visitors can look for Decken's sifaka this beautiful white lemur.

Afternoon at leisure.

Day 11: Tsingy of Bemaraha - Morondava.

After breakfast long drive back to MORONDAVA with stop by the photogenic baobab alley.

Overnight at BAOBAB café.

Day 12: Morondava-Tana

Fly to TANA.

Afternoon at leisure.

Stay at SAKAMANGA.

Day 13: Tana out

City tour and shopping before the home flight.

NB: This tour is only possible between May and November.

TANA-ANTSIRABE	3 hours drive on a good road.
ANTSIRABE- MIANDRIVAZO	4 hours drive on a good road.
RIVER SIDE TO KIRINDY	2 hours drive on a dirt road.
KIRINDY-TSINGY	7 hours drive on a dirt road.
TSINGY-MORONDAVA	10 hours drive on a dirt road.
MORONDAVA-TANA	1 hour flight