



EXPEDITION BLUE LAGOON

10 NIGHT ITINERARY (SUNDAY TO WEDNESDAY)

SEASONALITY – SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER

PACKAGE OVERVIEW

The following itinerary description gives insight into a generalised pattern of how your days in Masoala could be spent. There are a wide range of daily activities to choose from and guests are welcome to tailor the program to their interests once at the lodge. Each booking has a private guide which allows for complete flexibility. The camp managers and guides will assist in designing the best activity schedule based on guest interests, the weather, and the latest wildlife sightings.

ACTIVITIES

- Guided walks in the primary and coastal forests
- Birding, mammal and reptile spotting in the lodge area and surrounding forests
- Whale-watching by boat or by kayak (seasonal: mid-June to mid-September)
- Guided river trip in a traditional dugout canoe
- Guided walks to nearby cascades
- Guided nocturnal walks
- Cultural visit to the local village and rice fields
- One complimentary massage per person
- A Malagasy traditional evening sharing insides to the culture and tasting local foods.
- Sunset sail in a dugout outrigger canoe
- Self-guided or guided sea kayaking
- Self-guided or guided snorkelling at and around the lodge
- Self-guided or guided exploration of the lodge's private forest reserve
- Private candlelit dinner on the sea deck
- Complimentary tastings of Malagasy rums infused with local fruits and spices

Day
01

Sunday

Scheduled charter from Antananarivo to the small coastal trading town of Maroantsetra. Meet our team, road transfer to our harbour and boat across Antongil Bay to Masoala Forest Lodge. Meet your guide and the lodge managers and settle into camp. Enjoy the sunset with a drink at the beach fire followed by dinner.



Day
02

Monday

After a leisurely breakfast head to the primary forest in search of Red Ruffed Lemurs, Helmet Vangas and an array of other rainforest wildlife. After lunch enjoy snorkelling and swimming in front of the camp, and then later the adventure of a forest night walk.



Day
03

Tuesday

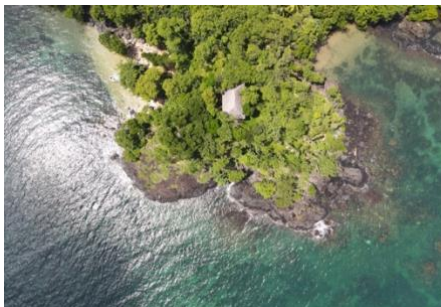
Snorkel the reefs at Tooth Rock near the lodge in the morning. In the afternoon enjoy a coastal walk to the Tampolo River and take the traditional dugout canoe up the river. Here you have a good chance of spotting Northern Bamboo Lemur, Nelicourvi Weaver and various kingfishers. You will also encounter the unique scenery of mangroves and volcanic rock formations and enjoy the magical silence on the river.



Day
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Wednesday

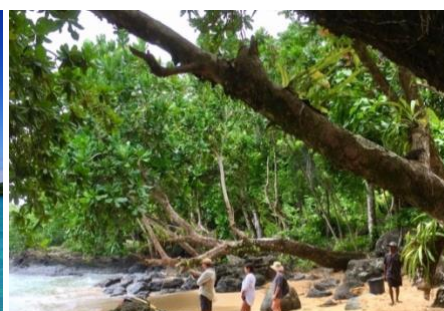
This morning we load our expedition boat and travel 40km south to Cap Masoala, the very tip of the Peninsula. After lunch and settling into Crusoe's Cabin we explore the "Blue Lagoon" of the Ambodilaitry Masoala Marine Reserve. Expect bright white beaches, waving Coconut Palms and impossibly azure waters.



Day
05

Thursday

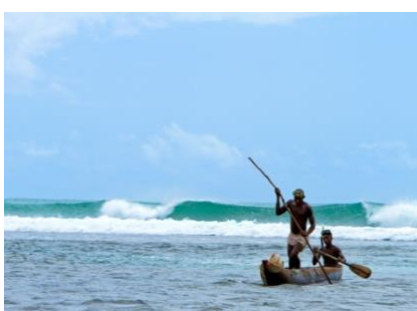
Paddle the kayaks offshore to the nearby island of Nosy Behento. Here we visit our secret snorkelling spot and take a short walk through the tropical vegetation to an abandoned old light house. Picnic lunch on a hidden beach before kayaking back the mainland.



Day
06

Friday

Today we suggest visiting Ville Masoala which has a lively port where the fisherman the catch of the day and prepare their nets. If you see a fish you would like feel free to bring it and your chef will prepare it for you at Crusoe's Cabin. Spend the afternoon either kayaking, snorkelling, on the beach, in the reserve in search of wildlife or simply reading a book. After dinner, we recommend doing a night walk, which may reveal new lemur species for the trip.



Day
07

Saturday

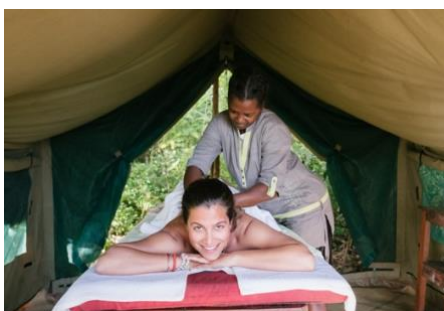
Today we enjoy a full-day outing on the Blue Lagoon; snorkelling, swimming, and exploring the Sacred Point and the island of Nosy Nepato with likely interactions with the small population of Malagasy fishermen living in this remote location. A night walk after dinner may reveal new lemur species for the trip.



Day
08

Sunday

After breakfast and a swim, we return north along the coast. Back in the comfort of Masoala Forest Lodge enjoy a walk in the private reserve and a massage in the afternoon. Meet the new guests at the campfire.



Day
09

Monday

The primary forest beckons again today, with another chance to see Red Ruffed Lemur, White-fronted Brown Lemur, Short-legged Ground Roller and a number of Vanga species in amongst the giant hardwoods of the rainforest.



Day
10

Tuesday

Take a short walk to visit the Betsimisaraka people. We will stop by the Masoala preschool before continuing to the local village of Ambodiforaha. Here we interact with the villagers, learn about their lifestyle and culture and enjoy a performance by the local dance group. A spice market with local crafts completes the experience.



Day
11

Wednesday

Today after a leisurely breakfast we head back by boat to Maroantsetra to catch your scheduled charter flight to Antananarivo and your onward travel arrangements.

