



EXPEDITION BLUE LAGOON

11-NIGHT ITINERARY (WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY)

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
- 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

Wednesday

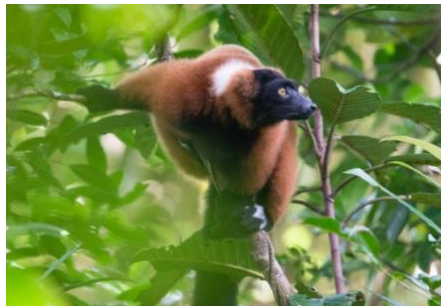
Scheduled charter from Antananarivo to the small coastal trading town of Maroantsetra. Meet our team, road transfer to our harbour and boat across Antongil Bay to Masoala Forest Lodge. Meet your guide and the lodge managers and settle into camp. Enjoy the sunset with a drink at the beach fire followed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



Day
02

Thursday

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 after dinner the adventure of a forest night walk.



Day
03

Friday

Kayak or boat south along the coast to the sacred island of Nosy Ndraindra, and continue to the nearby beach of Ampamoavana where a picnic lunch is set up for you. Kayak or boat back and enjoy the stunning views of the forest from the ocean. Join us back at the lodge for a traditional Malagasy night.



Day
04

Saturday

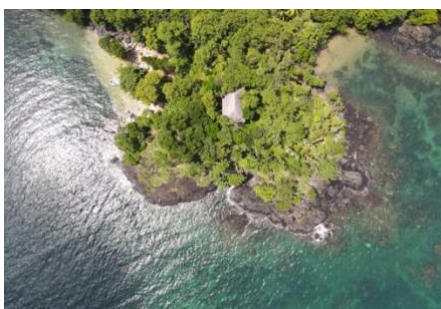
Snorkel the reefs at Tooth Rock near the lodge in the morning. In the afternoon enjoy a coastal walk to the Tampolo River and take the traditional dugout canoe up the river. Here you have a good chance of spotting Northern Bamboo Lemur, Nelicourvi Weaver and various kingfishers. You will also encounter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



Day
05

Sunday

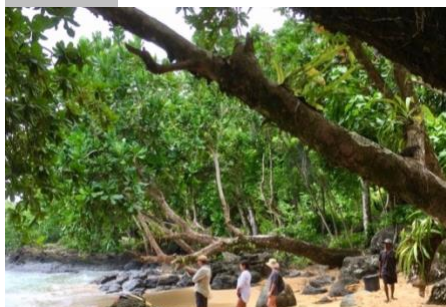
This morning we load our expedition boat and travel 40km south to Cap Masoala, the very tip of the Peninsula. After lunch and settling into Crusoe's Cabin we explore the "Blue Lagoon" of the Ambodilaitry Masoala Marine Reserve. Expect bright white beaches, waving Coconut Palms and impossibly azure waters.



Day
06

Monday

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
07

Tuesday

Today we enjoy a full day outing on the Blue Lagoon; snorkelling, swimming, 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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

Spend your final morning either relaxing on the beach or in the ocean or, instead, combing the forest for any species not yet seen. In the afternoon take the sailing boat out for a sunset cruise and on return to camp join the bonfire before dinner. Enjoy your last night walk in this magical forest.



Day
12

Sunday

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.

