



Remote River Expeditions - Madagascar



“Baobab Quest ~ Beyond the Avenue of the Baobabs” ©

Antimena Forests & Wildlife of the Menabe Region

12 - Day Program

Lemurs - found nowhere else in the world - are most probably the greatest attraction for visitors to Madagascar.
Second on the list for many travelers are baobabs trees – the ‘upside down tree’.

The destination for most to view these most unique of trees is the world famous [Avenue of the Baobabs](#) just north of the town of Morondava. ‘The Avenue’ is a very impressive stand of trees and celebrated in photos and film (including an upcoming [IMAX© documentary](#) on Madagascar).



On our ‘Baobab Quest’ we go ‘Beyond the Avenue of the Baobabs’ © for a closer look at these strange and wonderful sentinels in the south-western region.

We experience a full range of amazing baobabs: towering giants to stunted miniatures to seemingly psychedelically painted trees straight out of the San Francisco and the 1960’s.

Get “B-Facts” below...



Highlights:

- Expert, multi-lingual naturalists guides
- Southwest & West Island Tour
- Adventurous 4x4 Journey
- Stunning Beaches on the Mozambique Channel: Ifaty, Salary Bay & Andavadoaka
- Options Include: Snorkeling, SCUBA, sailing...
- Spiny Forest: with 90% endemic flora
- Kirindy Forest Reserve
- Morondava & Chez Maggie Hotel
- Small group – personalized attention
- Meals on Full Board – with the freshest seafood...
- And of course, lemurs, lemurs, lemurs...

Baobab Quest & The Amazing West

Day 1 TOLIARA – IFATY



Arrive **Toliara** meet Remote River Expd guide and 4x4 vehicles.

Visit the [Arboretum d'Antsokay](#) (Botanical Garden)

Overland to **Ifaty** for sunset on the beach.

Orientation Dinner

Overnight **Ikotel Hotel**.

Day 2 IFATY



Activities: Visit Spiny Forest; turtle farm; Zebu cart excursion to [Reniala Reserve](#) (Baobab forest);

Options: Snorkeling, SCUBA; fishing, sailing...

Overnight **Ikotel Hotel**.

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B-Facts:

The oldest living Baobab is at least 1,270 years old!

Day 3 IFATY to SALARY BAY



Salary Bay Lodge (B,L,D)

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B-Facts:

Adansonias (Baobabs) reach heights of 5 to 30 m (16 to 98 ft) and have trunk diameters of 7 to 11 m (23 to 36 ft)!

Day 4 SALARY BAY to ANDAVADOAKA



Circa – San Francisco 1967

Home of the 'stunted' baobabs

Salary Bay: Pristine water – beautiful beaches

Options: Snorkeling & SCUBA

Overnight **Laguna Blue.** (B,L,D)

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B-Facts:

Common name 'Baobab' (Adansonia):

Named in honor of Michel Adanson, a French naturalist and explorer who first described Adansonia digitata.

Day 5 ANDAVADOAKA



Overnight **Laguna Blue.** (B,L,D)



Day 6 ANDAVADOAKA to MOROMBE



Variety of baobabs including *Andasonia Grandidierie* at Ampanihy Village.

Overnight in Morombe (B,L,D)

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B-Facts:

In true Malagasy fashion and in keeping with its reputation for bio-diversity: Madagascar is home to 6 species of baobab trees while the entire continent of Africa has just two!

Day 7 MOROMBE to MANJA



**Majestic baobabs along the Mangoky River.
(Near Morombe)**

Picnic lunch en route to Manja.

Ferry boat crossing of the Mangoky River.

Overnight **Manja Guest House**

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B-Facts:

***Adansonia grandidieri* Baill. – Grandidier's baobab, giant baobab (Madagascar)**

***Adansonia rubrostipa* Jum. & H.Perrier (syn. *A. fony*) – fony baobab (Madagascar)**

***Adansonia za* Baill. – za baobab (Madagascar)**

Day 8 MANJA to BELO SUR MER



Manja to Belo Sur Mer (3+ hrs) with stop at Andronopasy to see baobabs.

Afternoon visit village boat builders, mangroves...

Overnight **Eco Lodge** (B,L,D)

Day 9 BELO SUR MER

Optional: Snorkeling at offshore islands...



Morning mangroves, relax, beach...

Visit [Kirindy Mitea National Park](#).
Overnight [Eco Lodge](#) (B,L,D)



Day 10 BELO SUR MER to MORONDAVA



En route to Morondava one of our stops is at the village of **Ankevo** to see one of the largest baobabs in the Menabe (Western) Region.

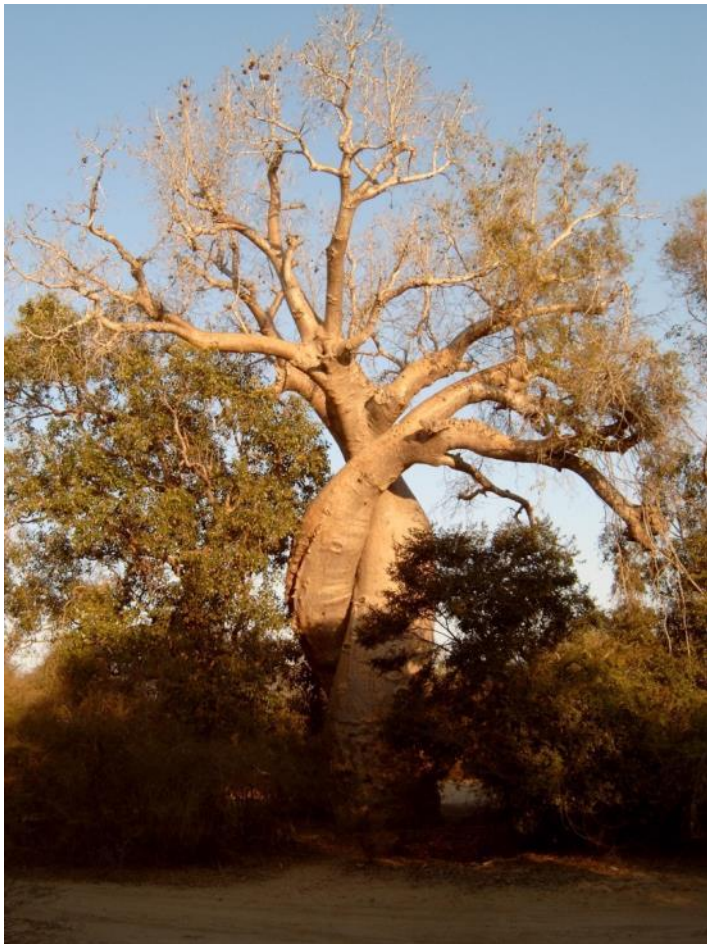
Beach, walk to the town and market

Sunset on the beach.

Overnight [Chez Maggie Hotel](#). (B,L,D)



Day 11 MORONDAVA



Excursion to the [Kirindy Forest Reserve.](#)

~ Baobabs in Love ~
~ Sacred Baobab ~
~ Valley of Baobabs ~

~ [Avenue of the Baobabs](#) ~
At sunset

Farewell dinner with live music.
Overnight Chez Maggie Hotel. (B,L,D)



The Chez Maggie Hotel is located on Nosy Kely where the 'mora mora' ('slowly slowly') spirit is alive and well.

*The **Chez Maggie Hotel** is a romantic hide-away in a comfortable garden setting. Located directly on the on the beach on the Mozambique Channel, the hotel features:*

- 2-story chalets and large spacious bungalows
- air conditioning
- superb cuisine
- WiFi
- Swimming pool
- Full service bar
- Wondrous sunsets.

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Day 12 MORONDAVA

End of Services

Morning free.

Transfer to the airport for return flight to Antananarivo;
extra nights at the Chez Maggie Hotel or on to other
destinations. (See options below)



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INCLUSIONS:

- English speaking naturalist guide
- Domestic airfare in Madagascar
- All transfers: airport / hotel / airport
- Accommodations as above
- Meals: Full Board throughout
- All government taxes, hotels, and tips
- All park fees and local guides
- Room occupancy taxes

EXCLUSIONS:

- International Flights
- Airport taxes
- Visas
- Immunizations
- Insurance of any kind
- Excess baggage
- Diving and beach activities at Ifaty, Salary Bay...
- All items of a personal nature (laundry, sodas, water, alcoholic drinks, etc)

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

[Tsingy de Bemaraha National Park](#)

– A World Heritage Site -

Madagascar's largest national park and one of the most visited.

Morondava to Morondava / 3 - 5 Days

[Andasibe National Park](#)

Eastern Rainforest

Experience the great contrast from the western dry forest and the rainforest of the east at Andasibe.

Home of the Indri-Indri the largest living lemur!

[Isalo National Park](#)

Isalo's landscape consists of eroded ruiniform sandstone formations dating to the Jurassic period, deep canyons with riparian forests, palm-lined oases, fire-resistant tapia forests, and open grasslands.

Overview

Fauna: Birds: 82 / Reptiles: 33 / Frogs: 15
 Mammals: 14 / Lemur species 14 including:
 Eulemur rufus - Red-fronted Lemur
 Lemur catta - Ring-tailed Lemur
 Propithecus verreauxi - Verreaux's Sifaka

Flora: Families: 99 / Species: 340
 238 of the plant species in Isalo are endemic (!)

Isalo is known for its great variety of pachypodes (Pachypodium), aloe and euphorbiums.