

Remote River Expeditions ~ Madagascar



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Avenue of the Baobabs / Options: sailing, paddle in the mangroves... Ranked #1 Tripadvisor for hotels in Morondava - beach, swimming pool...

Escape to Western Madagascar with the Manambolo River

Eastern Rainforest reserve

Calm water float

Snorkeling

A World Heritage Site

Western Dry Forest

Highlights Include:

- Andasibe (Perinet) National Park:
- Manambolo River Journey:
- Tsingy de Bemaraha:
- Kirindy Forest:
- Belo sur Mer:
- Morondava:
- Chez Maggie Hotel:
- And of course, lemurs, lemurs, lemurs...

14 Day Itinerary



Manambolo River

A truly remote flat water canoeing journey into the heart of of the west!

After visiting the eastern rainforest at Andasibe N.P. and a challenging three-day 4x4 drive to Ankavandra we begin our 4 day float tranquil Manambolo River. On the river we enjoy superb scenery; sandy beach camps; dramatic gorges; a variety of endemic floral & fauna...We end our river trip at Bekopaka where the next adventure begins...the Tsingy de Bemaraha.

Fly In Option

If your time is limited (and your budget allows) a 1 hour charter flight to Ankavandra to start the river trip is also an option.

Manambolo River Photos





Tsingy de Bemaraha

A World Heritage Site

This is Madagascar's largest reserve (152,000 hectares.) and classified as one of the world wonders by UNESCO. The fascinating raised limestone plateau is decorated with a frail, chaotic razor-sharp collection of pinnacles, the "Tsingy".

The great variety of flora includes: aloes, orchids, numerous pachypodium and baobabs. The deciduous forest is home to over 50 species of birds; 11 species of lemurs (including the all-white Deckens sifaka) and the rare stump-tailed chameleon (Brookesia perarmata).

See: http://whc.unesco.org/pg.cfm?cid=31&id_site=494









Kirindy Forest Reserve







Kirindy Forest Reserve

The 25,000-acre Kirindy Forest Reserve has the greatest density and diversity of primates in the world. It is also the best western-reserve for seeing Madagascar's endemic dry forest species. The forest is a very rich reserve and home to the Fosa and Giant Jumping Rat.

Dominated by majestic baobab trees, (*Adansonia rubrostipa et za*), andasiona Grandidieri are found just next to village of kirindy .the forest is home to the world's smallest known primate as well as dozens of amphibian and reptile species (and no poisonous snakes).

The Kirindy boasts more than 60 species of birds. Possible endemic sighting include: White-headed Vanga, Rufous Vanga, White-breasted Mesite, Coquerel's Coua, Crested Coua, Sickle-billed Vanga, Chabert's Vanga, Cuckoo Roller, Grey-headed Lovebird, Madagascar Nightjar, and Banded Kestrel.

Along with a stunning variety of unique flora the Kirindy Forest is home to 8 lemur species; a variety of tenrecs species; the narrow-striped mongoose; giant jumping rat and fosa.

See: http://taniko.free.fr/parks/kirindy.htm



Morondava

Morondava: is a wonderfully friendly, safe, and relaxed town. 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
- swimming pool
- full service bar
- wondrous sunsets.
- Free WiFi for guests

Ranked N°1 on TRIPADVISOR for hotels in Morondava

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The world famous **Avenue of the Baobabs** is an extraordinary stand of huge baobab trees. Some of the trees (Adansonia grandidieri) are over 800 years old and reach a height of 30+ meters. The Avenue of the Baobabs is a photographers paradise and especially beautiful at sunset.

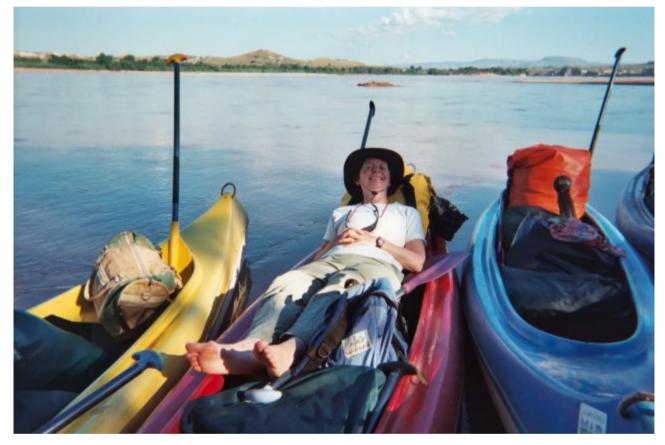














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