



## Madagascar | 1 – 15 August 2019

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Join us on our inaugural tour to this fascinating & diverse island of around 25 million people in 18 ethnic groups. The Island is 600 kms wide and 1600 kms long. This huge island boasts unique flora & fauna, 90% of it only found here. Our eco journey will take us to see unique & surreal landscapes, incredible wildlife, chaotic Antananarivo & pristine waters.

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## 1 August | Depart South-Africa – Antananarivo | D (2 nights)

On arrival we will be transferred to our hotel. The capital city, **Antananarivo** is a crowded city full of life and colour! On our way we will see rice paddies, houses that are all different from each other, and the daily life in this city of about 2 million inhabitants. Tananarivians mostly live from day to day jobs; they call it “Ady Gasy” which can be anything from repairing tires, selling Chinese-made products in the streets, selling scrap and the list goes on. **Dinner and overnight at hotel.**

## 2 August | Antananarivo | B D

After breakfast we will venture to the Royal hill of **Ambohimanga** also known as “**the blue city**”, one of the 12 sacred hills surrounding Antananarivo. We will also visit the ruins of the palace of **King Andrianampoinimerina**, a site of cultural and historical significance. In the afternoon we will visit the **Queen’s Palace** in the upper town which will give us a birds eye view of Antananarivo. **Dinner and overnight at hotel.**

## 3 August | Antananarivo – Morondava | B D (1 night)

After breakfast we will be transferred to the airport for our 1 hour 30 flight to Morondava. **Fly Antananarivo – Morondava.** On arrival we will be transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to discover this special town, take a walk to the **colourful market** or visit one of the many carpentry workshop. **Dinner and overnight at hotel.**

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## 4 August | Morondava – Kirindy Forest | B D (1 night)

After breakfast we will leave for **Kirindy**, a privately managed forest in one of Madagascar's most threatened environments. Bush fires are very common in this region and we might see plenty of them on our way. This reserve protects the dry deciduous forests, home of the famous **giant jumping rat**. That's not all, there are also 7 species of **lemurs**, the **fosa** (the only predator of lemurs), and **endemic reptiles**. In the evening we will have a nocturnal walk to spot nocturnal animals. **Dinner and overnight at hotel.**

## 5 August | Kirindy Forest – Morondava via Baobabs Alley | B D (1 night)

In the morning we will have a day visit the Kirindy forest. We will then drive back to Morondava with a stop at the world famous **"Baobab Alley"**. At sunset these huge trees, several hundred of years old, will reveal their beauty and size with the **red colours of dusk**. This is one of the most popular and visited places in Madagascar. These Baobabs can be up to **800 years old** and be 30 m. The diameter of the largest trees can reach up to 11 m. **Dinner and overnight at hotel.**

## 6 August | Morondava – Antananarivo | B D (1 night)

After breakfast we will be transferred to the Morondava airport for our 1h30 min flight to Antananarivo. **Fly Morondava – Antananarivo**. On arrival we will be transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. **Dinner and overnight at hotel.**

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## 7 August | Antananarivo – Andasibe | B D (2 nights)

After breakfast we will drive approximately 3 hours to **Andasibe**, enroute visiting the **Peyrieras private reserve**, 75 km east of Tana. It's a small privately run reserve where one can see **lemurs, chameleons and butterflies**. We continue to Andasibe and check-in to our hotel. Visit the **Vakona private reserve**. **Dinner and overnight at hotel.**

## 8 August | Andasibe | B D

Today is spend in the Andasibe National Park, also known as **Andasibe-Mantadia National Park**. It is 12 810 ha and split into two parts, the small special reserve of **Analamazaotra** ("Perinet") and the large National park of **Mantadia**. Both parks will be explored on foot and we can choose which one to visit. Perinet is a easy walk with a high chance to see **lemurs**. Mantadia is slightly more challenging with less chance to see lemurs, but more wild. During the longer walk we will see a variety of different species of fauna and flora as well as **orchids** growing in the forest or the **Indri Indri** (the biggest existing lemur, the size of a Koala). We will also enjoy small & beautiful **waterfalls** and learn more about **cultural rituals** of the surrounding inhabitants. In the late afternoon we will enjoy a nocturnal walk to spot animals. **Dinner and overnight at hotel.**

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### 9 August | Andasibe – Manambato – Ankanin'nynofy | B D (2 nights)

After breakfast we will start our 3.30 hour drive to the charming village of **Manambato**, passing over the old metal bridge of Brickaville. We then continue on a 1 hour boat ride on the **Pangalanes Canal** to reach **Ankanin'nynofy**, the so called “**nest of dreams**”. Pangalanes Canal is a chain of **fresh water lakes** (400km long) linked by canals and following the Indian Ocean coast. The canal and ocean are separated by a narrow stretch of land. Historically, these lakes were put together by the French Colonists to allow the transportation of species from the South to the North. The cargo trip ended in Tamatave, the main exporting port of Madagascar. The Indian Ocean is too rough to sail along the eastern coast of Madagascar, hence the reason for the canals. Today, a unique life-style has settled along the canals, most of the villages on the canal are not linked by road to the rest of the Island. The Canal is the only way to get to our next lodge, located on **Lake Ampitabe**, the third largest lake of the Canal des Pangalanes. **Dinner and overnight at the Bush House.**

### 10 August | Ankanin'nynofy | B D

Today we will explore the Ampitabe Lake area. We will visit the private reserve called **Palmarium**, home to a dozen species of lemurs. You will also find a large variety of **tropical plants endemic** to Madagascar. Afternoon at leisure, or for those who are interested, we can arrange a boat trip to visit a typical **Betsimisaraka village** (School and nursery), a **walk on the beach**, or a stroll along the Pangalanes canal to see the **endemic carnivorous plants nepenthes Madagascariensis**. **Dinner and overnight at the Bush House.**

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### 11 August | Ankanin'nynofy – Mahambo via Tamatave | B D (1 night)

After breakfast we will depart on a 3.30 hour long **boat trip** along the Pangalanes Canal to **Tamatave**. Tamatave is the largest entrance for imported goods and a busy place ! We will then drive 3 hours to **Mahambo**, 90 Km north of Tamatave. Mahambo is a small village well shaded by coconut trees. It is famous for **surfing** and resort holidays, although it remains very authentic and old fashioned. **Dinner and overnight at hotel.**

### 12 August | Mahambo – Sainte Marie Island | B D (2 nights)

Today we will take the 3 hour **ferry to Sainte Marie Island**. A lot of Sainte Marie inhabitants go shopping in Tamatave and use the ferry to bring back their goods. Sainte Marie Malagasy name is "Nosy Boraha". This is a friendly and small Island (60km long, 20km wide). It is an Island in an Island, isolated in many ways but always open to welcome travellers! It is very peaceful and in a corner of a lagoon where you can do a wide range of sea activities. Inland, the Island is a real **tropical garden** with a rain forest in the north. Historically, Sainte Marie used to be a shelter for famous pirates of the 17th and 18th centuries. We will have the opportunity to a visit a **pirate cemetery and museum**. **Dinner and overnight at hotel.**



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## 13 August | Sainte Marie Island | B D

Today is simply to relax on Sainte Marie. Suggested activities: Sainte Marie is a worldwide hotspot for humpback whales. During the season, they give birth & mate just in front of the Island! You can easily see them from the shore, but also during a boat tour with the local Ngocetamada. You are free to cycle or hike as the Island is very small, with only one main road and with limited traffic. There is also diving & fishing. **Dinner and overnight at hotel.**

## 14 August | Sainte Marie Island – Antananarivo | H B (1 night)

We will have a morning at leisure before flying 1,30 hours to Antananarivo. **Fly Sainte Marie – Antananarivo**  
Upon arrival we will be transferred to town for our last night. **Farewell dinner and overnight at hotel.**

## 15 August | Antananarivo – South-Africa | B

After a leisurely breakfast & check out, we will be transferred to the airport for our flight home.

# Madagascar Map



## Meet your Titch Tour Leader

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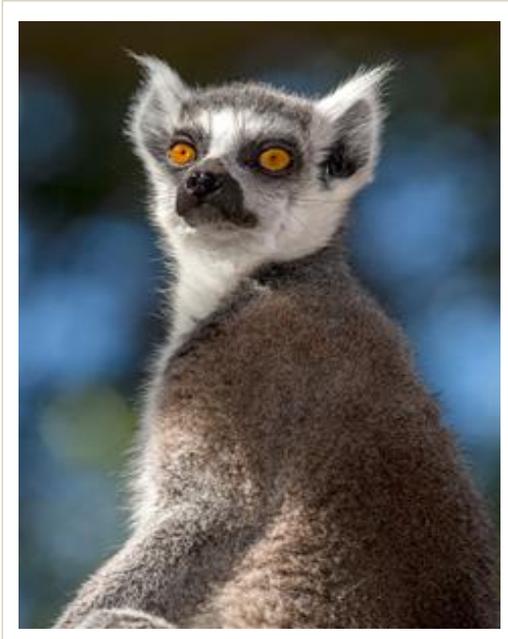


During Dave's 16 visits to Madagascar he has had the opportunity to travel extensively around the island, from Toloanaro in the south to Antsirananana in the north. He has visited Mahajanga, Morondava with its Baobab forests, the Tsingy de Bemaraha with its spectacular rock formations & the remote village of Ananalava in the west, to Toamasina, Madagascars main port, in the east, & to the island of Nosy Boraha ( Ile Ste Marie ) off the east coast, with its genuine pirate grave yard & palm fringed tropical beaches.

In his travels he has traded gem stones on the back streets of Antsirabe, spent the night in a leaking boat lost in the Loza Estuary, traded timber & black pepper, essential oils & curios, roof sheeting & prefabricated buildings & has seen much of Madagascars unique wildlife, including the Fossa, Madagascars largest predator. Dave has taken numerous groups to the island, making many local friends in the country.

# Information & Costs : Madagascar

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## Madagascar Tour :

Per person sharing R49 500

Single Supplement R8 500

### Includes:

All accommodation, guided touring , Coach rental & 4 WD cars where needed, entrance fees in reserves and parks, all needed transfers road and boat, domestic airfares : Antananarivo–Morondava–Antananarivo & Sainte Marie Island-Antananarivo, Meals as indicated with Breakfast **(B)**, Lunch **(L)**, Dinner **(D)**

### Excludes:

Airfare estimate on South African Airways :

Cape Town-Johannesburg-Antananarivo return.

From Johannesburg R 9 500 / From Cape Town R15 000

Based on 15 passengers

You will visit all the places included in the itinerary. However Titch Global Tours reserves the right to amend the itinerary according to conditions before, or at the time of, travel.

Estimated costings & Itinerary as at **June 2018**.

# Travel Information:

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## VISA & IMMIGRATION

- Visas are required for South African and all other foreign passport holders to travel to Madagascar.
- Available on arrival for EUR35.

## PACKING ESSENTIALS

- Light cotton shirts & shorts
- Long trousers/slacks
- Lightweight but warm jacket for cool evenings
- Sun hat with wide brim
- Comfortable shoes / hiking boots
- Long cotton socks
- Basic medical kit
- Binoculars

## WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT MADAGASCAR

- The unusual & endemic animals.
- The incredible fauna & the very special baobabs.
- The beautiful coastline & islands.
- The mayhem of Antananarivo .
- The island is still unspoilt from tourism & authentic.

## WEATHER IN AUGUST

- The climate of Madagascar is subtropical, with a hot and rainy season between November and April (summer), and a cooler dry season from May to October (winter).
- Along the coast temperatures are much higher than in the capital and range from 27° C to 32° C in the wet season and 18° C to 22° C in the dry season

## CURRENCY

- The Malagasy Ariary is the currency of Madagascar
- 1 ZAR = 255 MGA

# Titch Global Tours Booking Form | Madagascar | August 2019

Please complete this booking form and return it with your deposit of R 10,000 and photo-copy of your passport to Travel Concepts.

Name as per passport:				Title:	
Name you wish to be called:		Maiden name (if applicable):			
Address:					
Telephone:		Work -		Cell -	
Home -					
Fax:		Email:			
Nationality:		Id no:			
Passport no		Date of birth:			
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:			
Alt passport no:		Nationality:			
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:			
If you have two passports, which one will you be travelling on:					
Smoking:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Special meal requests:		
Seating request (on flight):					
Please note that we can only request your choice of seating and cannot confirm it.					
Accommodation - I would like to share with:				Single <input type="checkbox"/>	
In the case of passengers travelling alone who wish to share twin accommodation, we endeavour to fulfil these requests. However, should this not be possible, a single room supplement will be payable.					
Name of next of kin /friend:		Relationship:			
Address:		Tel:		Email:	
<p>I enclose my cheque for the deposit of R 10,000 (or will do so, or have done so by eft) to secure a place on the tour. Furthermore I confirm I have read, understood and accept the terms &amp; conditions (as overleaf) of travelling on tour with Titch Global Tours, a division of Travel Concepts. I also note that the balance of the cost of the tour is payable 6 weeks before departure; costed May 2018, based on 15 full paying passengers. <b>Please contact us if you are 85 years or older at time of travel before booking.</b></p> <p>Signed this.....day of.....2018                      Signature .....</p> <p>Method of payment: tick applicable one</p> <p>Air ticket: Bank transfer                      <input type="checkbox"/>                      Credit Card                      <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> No. _____ Expiry date: _____ 3 digit code: _____</p> <p>Card type: _____ Bank name: _____</p> <p>Land &amp; Deposit (no credit card): bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/>                      cheque <input type="checkbox"/></p>					
<b>Bank details:</b>		Name: Distinctive Travel Concepts Bank: Standard Bank Cape Town Branch Code: 051001		Account no.: 0624830802 Swift Code: SBZAJJ	
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# Terms & Conditions | Titch Global Tours

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**Accommodation** | A mix of comfort & basic hotels.

**Airline Clause** | The carrier(s) concerned will not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not aboard the aircraft or conveyance. The passenger ticket in use by the airline concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline(s) concerned and the purchaser of this tour and/or the passengers.

**Baggage** | On the airline, one piece of luggage per person not exceeding 20 kilograms (on an exceptional basis this may be increased to 23 kilograms) plus one piece of cabin luggage/carry-on, not exceeding a total length of 115cm.

**Cancellation** | All cancellations must be made in writing. Titch Global Tours reserves the right to claim all or a portion of the fares paid by passenger(s) who cancel(s) reservations. In accordance with standard procedures adopted by tour operators worldwide, Titch Global Tours reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure without any further liability to Titch Global Tours, other than making an appropriate refund, at the discretion of Titch Global Tours, of amounts paid to Titch Global Tours in respect of the tour.

**Fares/Flights** | The tours are generally costed excluding international airfares. Accordingly Titch Global Tours recommends the air carrier, according to the destination of the tour, based on convenience of the flights/connections recommended and competitive pricing.

**Gratuities** | Tips for personal services are not included. Tips for the guides and drivers are not obligatory, but are customary and are left to the discretion of the travellers; ideally these are collected by the tour leader at the beginning of the tour.

**Insurance** | Comprehensive insurance cover is strongly recommended and is obtainable through Titch Global Tours, which constitutes an additional expense. Please note if you are 85 years or older at the time of travel to contact us regarding your insurance.

**Itinerary** | The itinerary is subject to alteration, without notice, where necessary, according to the conditions en route.

**Meals** | Breakfast, Lunch and/or Dinner daily shall be supplied, as specified in terms of the itinerary and subject to clause 8 above, by the symbol B, L or D.

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**Not included in tour price** | The tour specifically excludes all entertainment not shown in the itinerary, insurance cover, flights/fares, gratuities, meals or food purchased over and above the tour menus, morning and afternoon teas, beverages, wines, spirits, laundry, optional tours, additional portorage, telephone calls or any other incidental expense etc.

**Passport and Visas** | Travellers will be advised of visa requirements, if any, in relation to the destination(s) of the tour. Travellers are furthermore requested to ensure that their passports are valid for at least 6 months after the end of the tour, and that there are a minimum of 2 (two) blank and consecutive pages in the passport still unused for the purpose of applying for a visa, if required.

**Payment** | A deposit of R 10 000 is required at the time of booking. The cost of the tour in question will be based on the advertised minimum full-paying passengers. In the event that less than the minimum number of full-paying passengers are on the tour, the tour cost may change, in which event the traveller will be entitled to withdraw from the tour if desired, and will be refunded any monies paid for the tour, provided the payment for the tour has not already been remitted to the destination country/countries in question.

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