

An aerial photograph of a tropical island. The island is covered in dense green forest and has a white sandy beach along the coast. Several small, rustic huts with thatched roofs are scattered across the island. The water is a vibrant blue, and there are other islands visible in the distance.

# Activities — book





“ Anjajavy le Lodge protects a 960 hectare Private Reserve and manages 10 000 hectare National Protected Area which contains seven types of natural habitats.

The Lodge works closely with the local population to maintain, and sometimes restore, the local Malagasy biodiversity and ecosystems as well as the cultural heritage of Anjajavy.

We would like to share with you our ideas, our plans and our current projects and we invite you to register for excursions with our guides. You will discover the particular attractions of this unique and fabulous far away world.

## Activities :

WALKING TOURS

ADVENTURES & EXPEDITIONS

NAUTICAL TOURS

VILLAGE VISITS

WATER & LAND ACTIVITIES

QUIET MOMENTS



# Walking Tours

The sign boards of trails from the Lodge take you to explore the forest, amazing coves, tsingy labyrinths and caves. You will probably have the opportunity to cross **diurnal or nocturnal lemurs** on the way, **reptiles** such as lizards or chameleons, some **birds**, **land crabs** and many other plant and animal discoveries.

Most of the walks are easy and accessible for all. You've got 3 possibilities :

- For practical reasons, some walks require **guides** and are usually **grouped**.
- Some excursions you can do **by yourselves**.
- If you wish, you can also benefit from the services of a **private guide**.

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SUMMARY



FROM COVE TO COVE

THE SALT WELLS PATH

THE CRAB PATH

THE KING'S ALLEY

THE SAKALAVA CAVE

THE TSINGYS ENCLOSURE

MAROBOZO

THE SAKALAVA PATH

THE GIANT'S WALK

NIGHT WALK



# From Cove to Cove

Walk along this path, over the cliffs and into the forest and discover the deserted and beautiful beaches to the south of the Lodge's private peninsula. If you are lucky you will be able to observe the majestic and extremely rare Madagascar fish eagle (*Haliaeetus vociferoides*) around the cove IV & V. Visit the wide beach of Cove V before returning by the loop of Cove III or, at low tide, by the mangrove Anaty-Honko. If the sea is clear, snorkeling can be interesting around the islets of cove III.



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**RECOMMENDED DEPARTURE TIME :**  
Early morning, or after 4:00 pm

**DISTANCE :** 5 km.

**DURATION :** 2,5 to 3 hours.

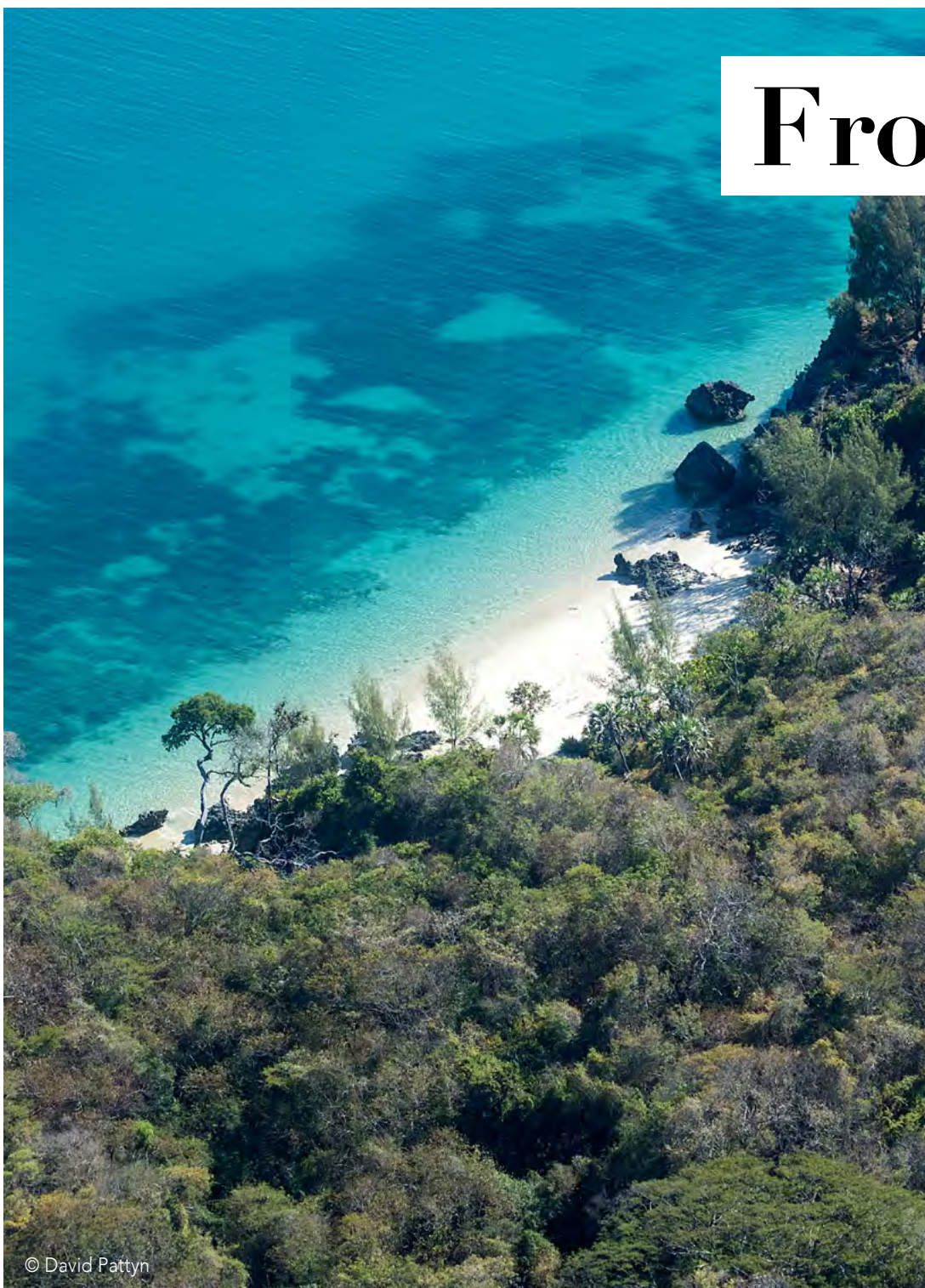
**DIFFICULTY :**   
Rocky paths, many rustic stairs.

**GUIDANCE :** The excursion can be done by yourselves, but a guide is mandatory if you plan to visit the village of Kinga.

**EQUIPMENT :** Sandals, swimsuit, towels and possibly snorkels and fins (*available from the swimming pool*). A flashlight if you leave in the late afternoon.



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# The Salt Wells Path

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On the way to the first salt well, you will walk through a sample of the dry deciduous forest of Anjajavy, with its lianas and tsingy complexity. You will be able to discover some of the deep karstic chasms which are dotted along the coastline. You will also visit sacred sites of ancient burials where you will learn a little more about local beliefs and traditions.

## RECOMMENDED DEPARTURE TIME :

Early morning, or after 4:00 pm if you want to avoid the heat.

DISTANCE : 1,5 km.

DURATION : 1 to 1,5 hours.

DIFFICULTY : 

Easy with alternating rocky paths and sand.

GUIDANCE : This excursion can be done by yourselves.





# The Crab Path

Follow the path lined with baobabs and tsingy walls through the mangrove swamps where the famous hairy crabs live.

Inside a chaos of rocks, at the foot of a tsingy wall, is the entrance shaft of the fossilcave. Descend a ladder 5 meters into the ground and, at the bottom of the chasm, you will find sub fossils of extinct giant lemurs (*Paleopropithecus kelyus*). An endemic bat species, the western sheath tailed bat (*Paremballonura tiavato*) is often observed.



**DISTANCE** : 1,5 km.

**DURATION** : 1,5 to 2 hours.

**DIFFICULTY** : 

5m ladder to climb down, slopes of slippery caves. Warm and humid inside the cave.

**GUIDANCE** : Compulsory.  
Maximum 4 people per group.

**EQUIPMENT** : Walking shoes, long pants, mosquito repellent and flashlight if you have one.

**CONDITIONS** : The cave is closed in the wet season.




# The King's Alley

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Explore one of the oldest parts of our Private Reserve with its baobabs and other giant trees growing on tsingy forests. During this excursion, you will discover different ecosystems and will appreciate their interactions and the importance of conservation.

**DISTANCE** : 2,5 km.

**DURATION** : 1,5 to 2 hours.

**DIFFICULTY** : 

Easy, with some stony slopes.

**GUIDANCE** : Guiding is not mandatory but you will have to book the tour if you want to do it by yourselves. Gates could be closed and you will need to ask for keys at the reception desk before going.





# The Sakalava Cave



Discover the underground microcosm of this small network of caves in a hill inside the Private Reserve.

With a little luck you will observe two species of bats: western sheath tailed bat (*Paremballonura tiavato*) and leaf-nosed bat (*Hipposideros commersoni*).



**DISTANCE** : 4 km by car / 700m walk.

**DURATION** : 1,5 hours.

**DIFFICULTY** : 

Easy with rocky paths and fairly steep slope of 300m.

**GUIDANCE** : Compulsory.

6 people maximum per group.

**EQUIPMENT** : Closed shoes, long pants, mosquito repellent and flashlight if you have one.

**CONDITIONS** : The cave is closed in the wet season.





# The Tsingys Enclosure

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Along a winding path, discover some examples of the characteristic flora of the dry deciduous forests of western Madagascar, such as pallisanders, tamarind trees, baobabs and many mangrove trees such as the Jajavy tree (*Salvadora angustifolia*), from which the Lodge is named. At the end, a clearing displays a landscape evocative of a gallery of modern art, composed of life size stone sculptures. Some of these natural formations are as thin as lace.

**DISTANCE** : 3 km walk  
and 2 km by car (or on foot).

**DURATION** : 45 min to 1 hour.

**DIFFICULTY** :   
Easy, steep slopes, rocky path.

**GUIDANCE** : Compulsory.  
8 people maximum per group.





# The Alley of Baobabs


## Marobozo

Take the main road through the forest where you could meet groups of lemurs, and a variety of birds, reptiles and an interesting flora between mangrove and forest. You will discover a forest of baobabs with two endemic species of these great multi-century trees, charismatic and emblematic to Madagascar.



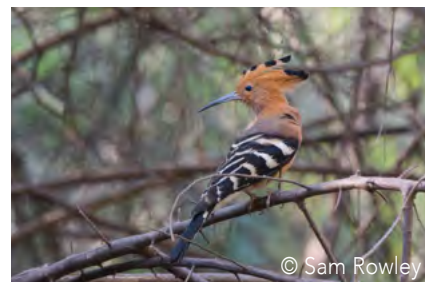
**DISTANCE** : 800m walk  
and 8 km by car.

**DURATION** : 1,5 hours.

**DIFFICULTY** :  Easy, rocky slopes.

**GUIDANCE** : Obligatory.  
8 people maximum per group.

**DEPARTURE TIME** : Preferably  
in the afternoon.



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# The Sakalava Path

Explore the different types of habitats in our Reserve (*primary forests on tsingy, secondary forests, wild orchards, mangroves, tannes, savannahs*) with their typical flora and fauna. Discover the oldest part of the mangrove Reserve, along the path that villagers traditionally take to cross the forest. You can drop off at the entrance of the path continue for 3km towards the airport. At the end of the path, a Fady (*traditional taboo*) of silence is to be respected.

DEPARTURE TIME : Early low tide.

DISTANCE : 3 km walk  
and 7 km by car (*or on foot*).

DURATION : 2 to 2,5 hours.

DIFFICULTY : 

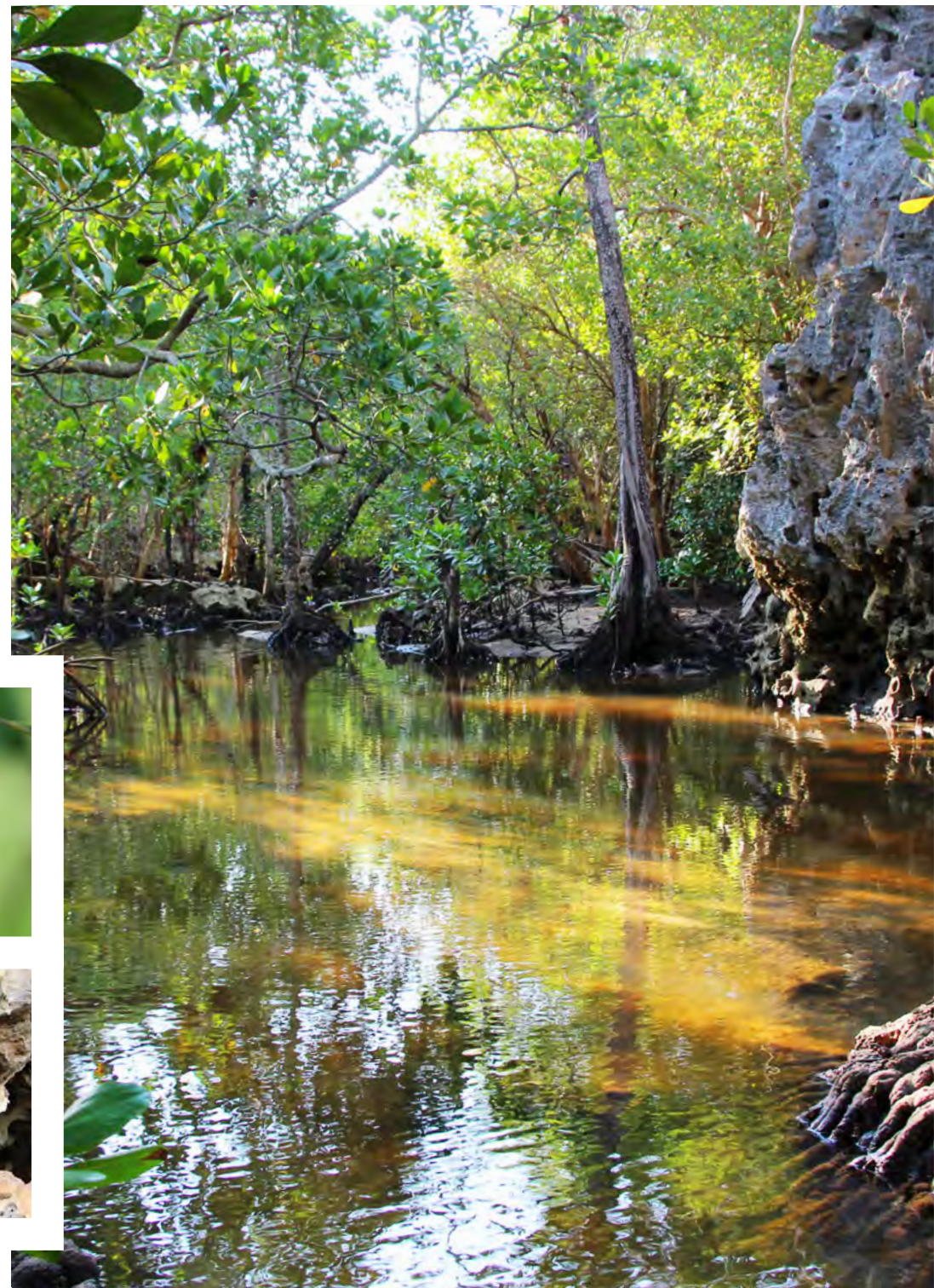
Quite easy with muddy paths  
and sometimes flooded.

GUIDANCE : Optional.

8 people maximum per group.

EQUIPMENT : Water, mosquito  
repellent, hat and water shoes  
if you have one.

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# The Giant's Walk

After a glimpse of high tsingy walls and their particular vegetation and then a crossing of a mangrove swamp with hairy crabs, you may see some endemic birds and lemurs, including the Common brown and Coquerel's sifaka lemur species.



**DISTANCE :** 1,5 km.

**DURATION :** 1 to 1,5 hours.

**DIFFICULTY :**  Easy, some roots.

**GUIDANCE :** Optional.  
In group.

**EQUIPMENT :** Mosquito repellent.





# Night Walk Around the Lodge

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Do not miss the opportunity to explore the hidden nighttime face of our Reserve and these nocturnal species: mouse lemurs, sportive lemurs, fat tailed dwarf lemurs, chameleons, scops owls and nightjars are typically and active at night in the forest.

**DEPARTURE TIME :** At dusk, around 7:15 or 7:30 pm depends on the season.

**DISTANCE :** About 1,5 km (*depending on the observation objectives*).

**DURATION :** From 45 minutes to 1,5 hours.

**DIFFICULTY :**   
Quite easy

**GUIDANCE :** 4 to 6 people maximum per group.

**EQUIPMENT :** Binoculars and torches (*if you have some*), closed shoes, mosquito spray, long pants and sleeves.





# Adventures & Expeditions

If you stay in the hotel for long enough, you will develop the soul of an explorer, you will have the opportunity to take part in short nature adventures.

Depending on the weathers and the logistics of vehicles and boats, guides can organize unique expeditions.

Be ready for unforgettable experiences.

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BIRDWATCHING

ANTAFIAMOARA  
THE PORT OF AMULETS

THE CAVE  
OF AMBOHIMENAMASO

THE TAHINA  
SECRET ENCLOSURE

THE ANDAPIBE RIVER

THE RESERVE  
OF SAHAMALAZA

NIGHT SAFARI

PRIVATE TOUR  
IN SSV POLARIS



# Birdwatching



Recognized as one of the best destinations in Madagascar for ornithology enthusiasts, the Anjajavy Reserve is home to 135 bird species, many of which are in danger of extinction. An early morning trip accompanied by a birding guide, on privileged sites, will undoubtedly allow you to enrich your observations of endemic species of the region.



**BEST SEASON :** September to November .

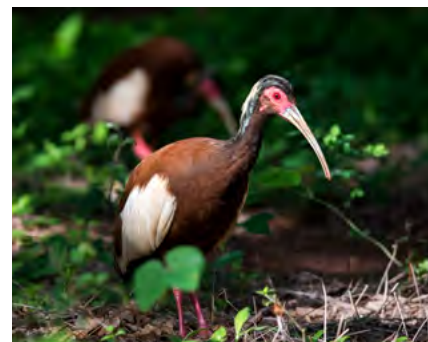
**DEPARTURE TIME :** Around 6:00 am depending on the season.

**DISTANCE :** The sites are approximately 20 minutes by car. The guide will be able to adapt the distance of the walk to your wishes.

**DURATION :** ≈ 1,5 hours.

**DIFFICULTY :**  Easy.

**EQUIPMENT :** Binoculars if you have them.





# Antafiamoara the Port of Amulets

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Experience an iconic adventure of the Anjajavy Reserve by kayak or vehicle to a village between tsingy, mangrove and forest. During this excursion, you will learn about the first project aimed at repatriating the Giant Tortoise back into Madagascar. You will visit a young coconut grove and small caves at the base of magnificent tsingy. One of the caves features an animist culturalite; another of these cavities holds open ancestral Sakalava burials.

**DURATION :** 3 to 4 hours excursion.

**DIFFICULTY :**

🚶 🚶 🚶 Easy by vehicle.

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*Kayak users will need to know how to swim and be physically fit (it is also possible to book a kayak in tandem or triple with our guides). Kayaking trips should be done with the tide, and/or in the direction of the current or wind.*

**EQUIPMENT :** We will bring water, towels. You can bring water shoes, shorts, mosquito spray, binoculars if you have some.

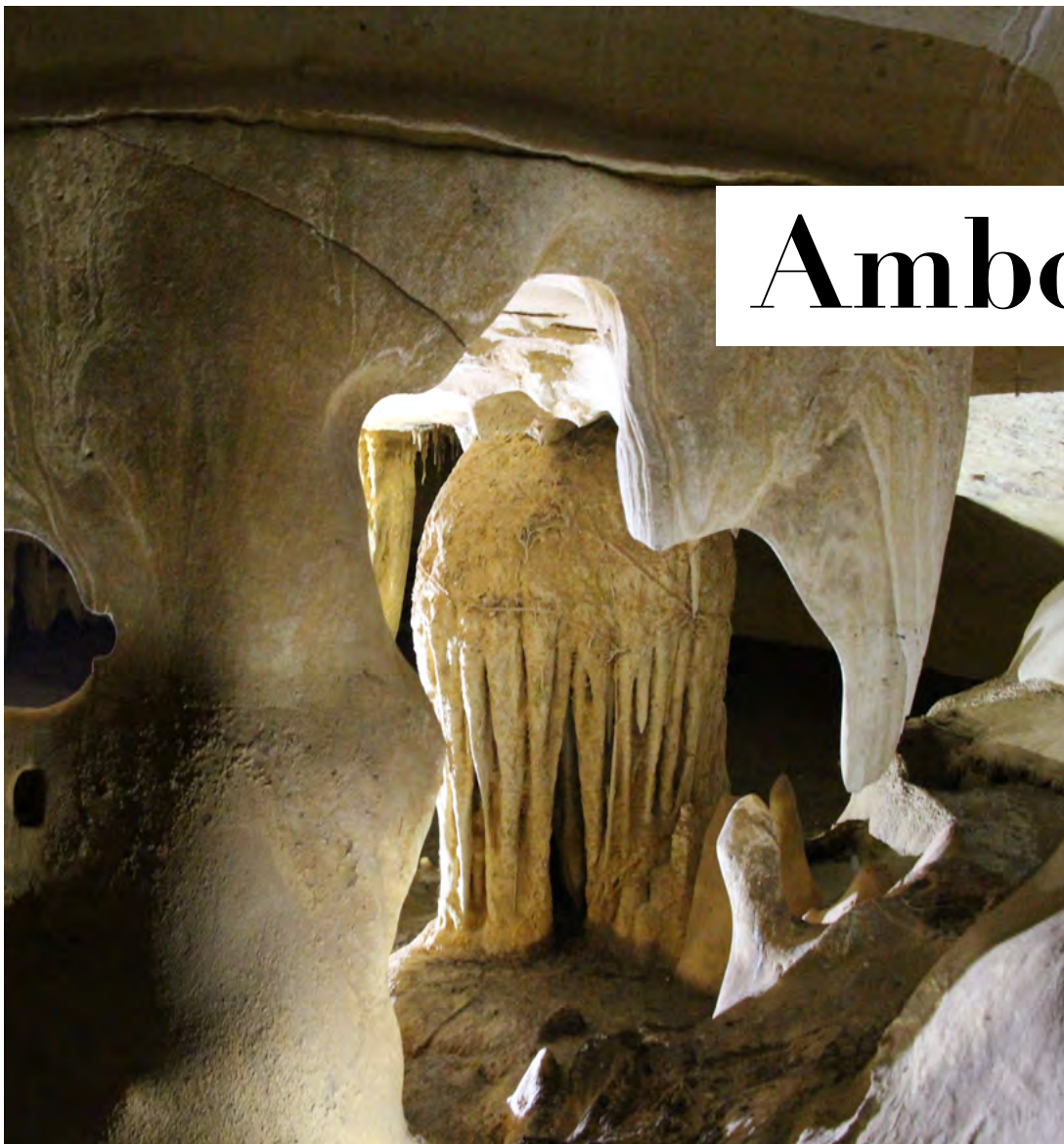
**GUIDANCE :** Mandatory guidance.  
6 people maximum.



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# The Cave of Ambohimenamaso



After an early breakfast, a vehicle will take you across dunes, savannas and forests. By a narrow and rugged secondary track you will cross small villages before reaching a pass between rock towers : the door of Ambohimenamaso. Located about 20km south of the Lodge, this cave is more than 1 km long. In recent expeditions, a dwarf hippopotamus jaw (*Hippopotamus lemerlei*) and subfossil mammal remains were found in one of the entrance galleries. These elements suggest to the paleontological teams that the cave of Ambohimenamaso might house a very old site of butchery.



**DEPARTURE TIME :** Before 7:30 am.

**DURATION :** ≈ 5 hours by SSV.  
*Depending on the state of the road  
and discoveries made along the way.*

**DIFFICULTY :** 

Medium, some crawling  
and rope climbing.

**EQUIPMENT :** Pack your walking shoes, extra socks, backpack, sunscreen, mosquito repellent and hat. Also take your binoculars if you have them.

**CONDITIONS :** The cave is closed in the wet season.





# The Tahina Secret Enclosure

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Ranked by Time magazine as the world's top 10 naturalist discovery of 2008, Tahina Spectabilis is a magnificent giant palm tree 15 to 20 m high. With a few dozen naturally occurring individuals that bloom only once in the twilight of their lives, this species of palm is considered one of the rarest in the world. Go to the spot where the Tahina palm tree was discovered, in its only known site in the world and discover the Moramba bay on the way back to the Lodge.

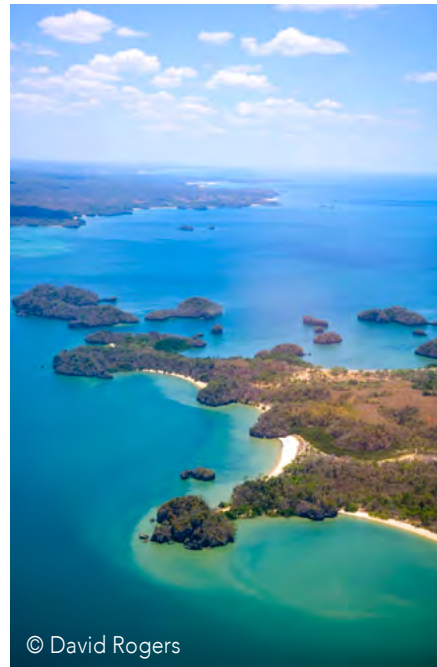
**DEPARTURE TIME :** 6:00 am.

**DURATION :** From 5 to 7 hours.  
*2 and half hours by boat and 2 to 3 hours of walking according to the walking pace.*

**DIFFICULTY :** 

Medium, stony paths, steep slopes.  
*Because of the duration of the walk, this expedition is not recommended for very young children or those sensitive to heat.*

**EQUIPMENT :** We will provide towels, water, food, first aid kit, and means of communication. Bring walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, swimsuit and camera.



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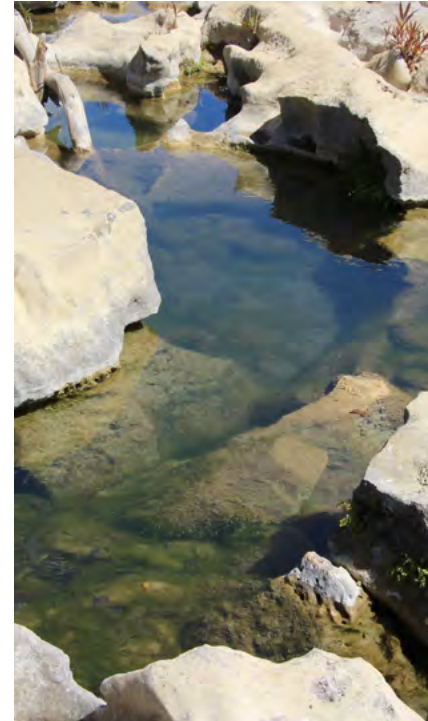


# The Andapibe River



Twenty kilometres long, the Andapibe River marks the eastern border of the Anjajavy Nature Reserve.

It is here, from the sacred pools, large rocky entablature traversed by networks of diaclases and basins, that the exploration on foot begins, along the banks of the river, with its natural beauty and wealth of specific flora and fauna. You may see traces of crocodiles (*Crocodylus niloticus*) or critically endangered Madagascar big headed turtles (*Erymnochelys madagascariensis*).





**DEPARTURE TIME :** Around 6:00 am.

**DISTANCE :** 14 km round trip from the airport.

**DURATION :** 1 hour by car, and 3 to 5 hours of mountain bike or about 3 to 4 hours of quad (*driven by a driver guide*).

**DIFFICULTY :**

 Easy by vehicle.  
 Rather difficult to bike (*sand, rocks, rocky slopes ...*)

**EQUIPMENT :** Pack your walking shoes, extra socks, backpack, sunscreen, mosquito repellent and hat. Also take your binoculars if you have them.



# The Reserve of Sahamalaza


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The Sahamalaza Forest is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Biosphere Reserve. This national park is located 100km by boat north-east of Anjajavy. The expedition is an adventure that will take you through the only place where the blue-eyed lemurs live (*Eulemur flavifrons*).

Depending on the walking speed and the state of the sea, a night in a bivouac might be necessary.

**DEPARTURE TIME :** 5:00 am.

**DURATION :** 8 to 12 hours.  
*Including 5 hours by boat and 6 to 7 hours of walking through sometimes difficult land.*

**DIFFICULTY :**  High  
*Because of the ruggedness of the expedition, the length of the steps and the bivouac, this expedition is not recommended people who suffer from seasickness or heat and those who do not have a taste for adventure.*

**EQUIPMENT :** The Lodge will provide towels, water, food, first aid kit, and emergency communication and bivouac equipment.

Wear walking shoes with spare socks, hat, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, flip-flops (for the shower), torches, bathing suit, camera and any personal equipment that you may need such as your medication.



*At an additional cost and subject to availability, you may have the opportunity to rent a plane and save 3 to 4 hours by boat while reducing the risk of bivouac. More informations at front desk.*



# Night Safari

Immerse yourself at night in the heart of the Protected Area and its interlocking ecosystems. The excursion area borders the core of conservation of the large reserve. Take the opportunity to enjoy the thrilling experience of a unique night safari in the natural territory of animals.

At night tour of Antafiamoara could reveal some wonderful naturalistic discoveries and observations such as mouse lemurs, sportive lemurs, sleeping birds and maybe fossa. In the light of the fire you will probably not forget the incredible history of the place and local legends.



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**DEPARTURE TIME :** Around 7:00 pm.

**DISTANCE :** 6 km drive (*return*) and approximately 2,5 km walk.

**DURATION :** From 2 to 3 hours depending on the observations.

**DIFFICULTY :**  Easy.

**EQUIPMENT :** Binoculars and torches (*if you have some*), closed shoes, mosquito spray, long pants and sleeves.

**GUIDANCE :** Private with up to 3 to 4 people per group.



# Private tour in SSV Polaris

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Go on an adventure aboard the Polaris. Our guide will help you discover the secrets of the Reserve and its surroundings.

A picnic trip to the natural pools or a sunset walk on the savannah, tell us your wishes and we will organize everything.

NUMBER OF SEATS : 3 seats and 1 driver (guide)





# Nautical Tours

Boat trips depend on the sea conditions, weathers, tides and logistics program.

There are **regular boat trips** scheduled but for your safety, we may have to postpone or cancel nautical excursions. The duration of the trip can vary according to the interest of the participants and the climatic conditions. Embarkations are at the Marina. You can enjoy **grouped trip** as a **private trip** if required.

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PRIVATE BOAT TRIP

THE MORAMBA BAY

SUNSET CRUISE  
AT THE MARINA

SUNSET CRUISE  
ON THE MANGROVE

CLIFFS OF STRAW-  
COLOURED FRUIT BATS

FISHING TRIPS



# Private Boat Trip

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Enjoy a private cruise on our boats, organized just for you, at your own pace and according to your wishes.

During this trip, you can discover the richness of the coastline of the region, take a private picnic on beautiful deserted beaches, or even fish for your lunch. Our skippers can take you to the best snorkeling spots. Choose the discovery of Moramba Bay to the north or the cliffs of sequined bats to the south.

**DEPARTURE TIME :** Usually around 9:30 am.

**DURATION :** From 3 to 6 hours.

**EQUIPMENT :** Sunscreen, hat, swimsuit, camera, binoculars and sunglasses if you have them. *You can also bring flip flops or water shoes. Embarkations may require your feet to be in the water.*

We will bring water, towels and snorkeling equipment.

## SAMBIRAVO BOAT

Length 9 meter. Engines 2 x 150 hp.  
Bathroom. Fishing equipment.  
GPS and sounder.  
Canopy for 10 people.

## TALIO BOAT

1st class boat. Length 9 meter.  
Engines 2 x 200 hp. Bathroom.  
Fishing equipment. GPS and sounder.  
Canopy for 5 people.



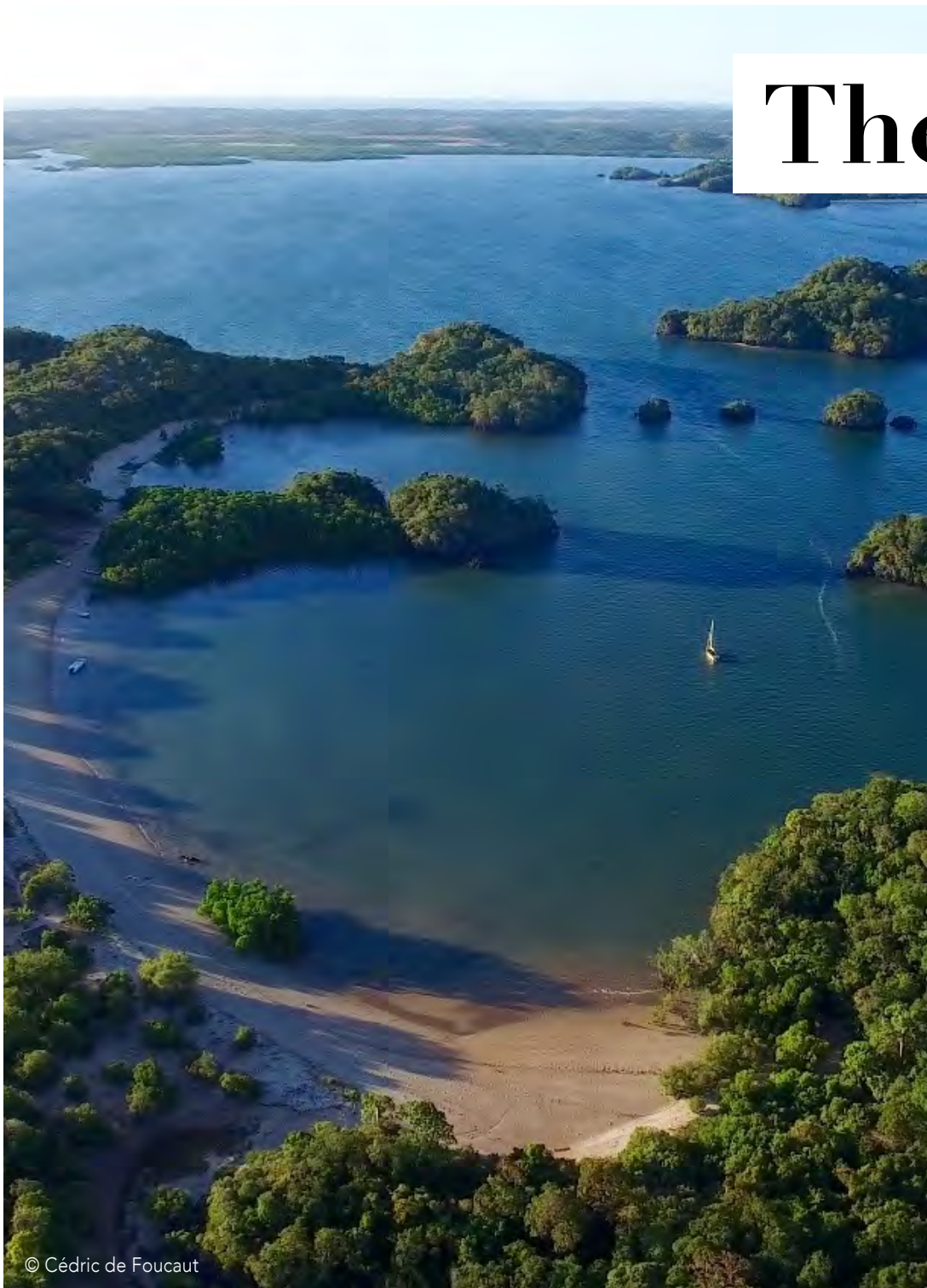
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# The Moramba Bay



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Let yourself be seduced by Moramba Bay and the beauty of the northwest coast of the island. Discover the centuries-old marine baobabs, the sandy beaches, and the small unusual islands shaped as mushrooms.

With the captain and a guide, search for one of the rarest raptors in the world: the critically endangered Madagascar fish eagle (*Haliaeetus vociferoides*). If the water is clear you can also enjoy some snorkeling for 30 minutes before returning to the Lodge for lunch.



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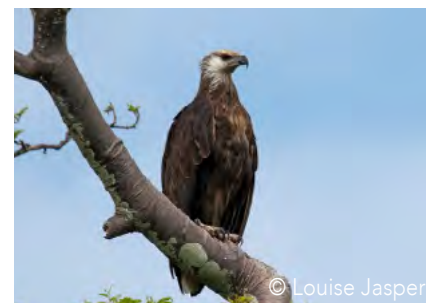
**DEPARTURE TIME :** Usually around 9:00 am.

**DEPARTURE DATES :** Determined by the Lodge Management team based on the logistics of the boats group the requests.

**DURATION :** From 3 to 3,5 hours.

**EQUIPMENT :** Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, swimsuit, camera and binoculars if you have them.

We will bring water, towels and snorkeling equipment. The boats have amenities.



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# Sunset Cruise on the Mangrove

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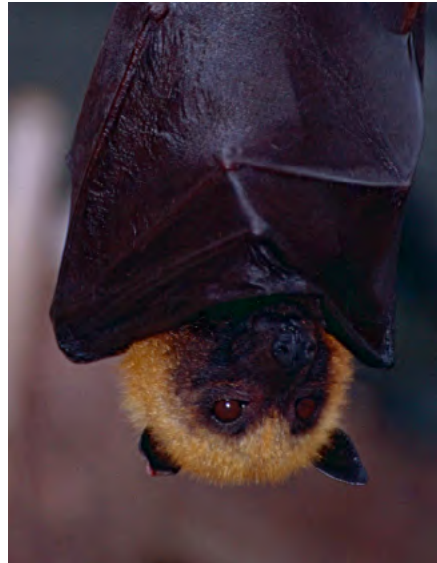
A late afternoon boating trip will take you through a calm meanders to the north of the mangroves. Enjoy a cocktail whilst watching the sunset in the serenity of twilight embracing untouched nature. During the cruise, you will observe tranquil natural habitats. You may be lucky enough to see some sea birds such as Madagascar sacred ibis (*Threskiornis bernieri*), specific to this ecosystem and the Madagascar flying fox (*Pteropus rufus*).

**DEPARTURE TIME** : 5:30 or 6:00 pm, slightly variable depending on the season.

*(This excursion is only possible four evenings every fortnight, following the tide table. For more information, please visit the reception desk.)*

**DURATION** : ≈ 1,5 hours.

**EQUIPMENT** : You should bring mosquito repellent, camera and binoculars if you have them.  
*(Embarkations may require your feet to be in the water.)*





# Sunset Cruise at the Marina

This cruise is the equivalent of the sunset cruise in the mangrove except that, during periods of low tide, the boat remains near the entrance of the mangrove river, on the estuary, between the marina of the mangroves, Lodge and the village of Ambondro-Ampasy.



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**DEPARTURE TIME** : 5:30 pm,  
slightly variable depending  
on the season.

**DURATION** : 1 to 1,5 hours.

**EQUIPMENT** : Mosquito repellent,  
your camera and binoculars  
if you have them.

*(Embarkations may require  
your feet to be in the water.)*



# Cliffs of Straw-Coloured Fruit Bats

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Navigate south along the steep coast to meet a large colony of Madagascar straw-coloured fruit bats (*Eidolon dupreanum*). They are active, perched on coastal cliffs just before the wide Mahajamba bay.

Depending on the tides, this excursion will allow you to enjoy the charms of the coast or the meandering mangrove swamps that host a variety of endemic birds.

**DEPARTURE TIME :** Better morning in the high tide.

**DURATION :** ≈ 3 hours.

**EQUIPMENT :** You should bring mosquito repellent, your camera and binoculars if you have them. You can also bring flip flops or water shoes.

(Embarkations may require your feet to be in the water.)





# Fishing Trips

Fishing in Anjajavy is a fruitful experience, as the waters in the Anjajavy region and Mozambique Channel are full of fish species. This is the result of creating a protected marine environment and wetlands around the peninsula.

*Fishing is a little more difficult between June to August because of strong trade winds.*

**EQUIPMENT :** You should bring a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses. You can also bring water shoes. (*Embarkations may require your feet to be in the water.*)

## 3 HOURS TROLLING FISHING

This fishing takes place within a radius of 20km from the Lodge Marina.

**DURATION :** Min. 3 hours.

**BEST SEASON :**  
March to May & August to December.

## 5 HOURS DEEP SEA FISHING

The target species are marlins and swordfish. During July to October, the fishing trips are regularly enlivened by sightings of humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) groups.

**DURATION :** Min. 5 hours.

**BEST SEASON :**  
August to October.

## POPPER FISHING (LURE FISHING)

A type of spinning which takes place within a 10km radius of the Lodge.

**DURATION :** Min. 3 hours.

**BEST SEASON :**  
August to October.



# Village Visits

The vocation of the Protected Area of Anjajavy also extends to the conservation of the cultural heritage and traditional way of life of the villages around the nature reserve.

Our visits accompanied by villagers allow you to soak up the ways of life of the peninsula, its landscapes, its architecture, its know-how and traditional events with sensitivity and without intrusion.

*The purchases you wish to make on site may be included in your Lodge bill and will be fully reimbursed to sellers, without any commission.*

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ANJAJAVY VILLAGE

KINGA VILLAGE

AMBONDRO-AMPASY  
VILLAGE



# Anjavy Village

Anjavy is the main village around the Protected Area of Anjavy. It is located on the side of the dunes, bordering a long sandy beach. It is the place of birth of the majority of the employees and suppliers of the Lodge and it shelters many infrastructures developed by Anjavy le Lodge (such as secondary school, library and market). Visiting the Anjavy village takes place mainly on Sundays. The traditional Sunday market is a social event where people from the surrounding villages meet to sell or exchange fresh products and socialize. We can organize visits the other days of the week




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**DEPARTURE TIME** : 8:30 am.

**DISTANCE** : 14 km round trip from the airport.

**DURATION** : 1,5 hours by car and 1,5 hours walk in the hot sand.

**DIFFICULTY** : 

Quite easy but hot because of the sun's reflection of the sand.

**GUIDANCE** : Required.






# Kinga Village

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Follow the coves in direction of the quiet hamlet of Kinga, which occupies an area of 400m across the estuary river and forms part of the Marine Protected Area of Anjajavy. A traditional boat or a kayak will be waiting for you at cove V to cross the river. You will meet the villagers and discover how the traditional boats are built.

**DEPARTURE TIME :** Early morning.

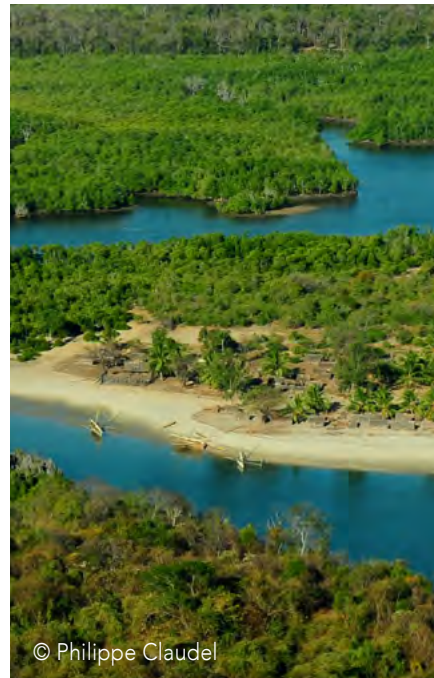
**DURATION :** 2,5 to 3 hours.

**DIFFICULTY :** 

Easy, rocky paths, many rustic stairs, significant heat in the middle of the day.

**GUIDANCE :** Mandatory.

**EQUIPMENT :** Bring hat, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, swimsuit, camera and water shoes if you have them.

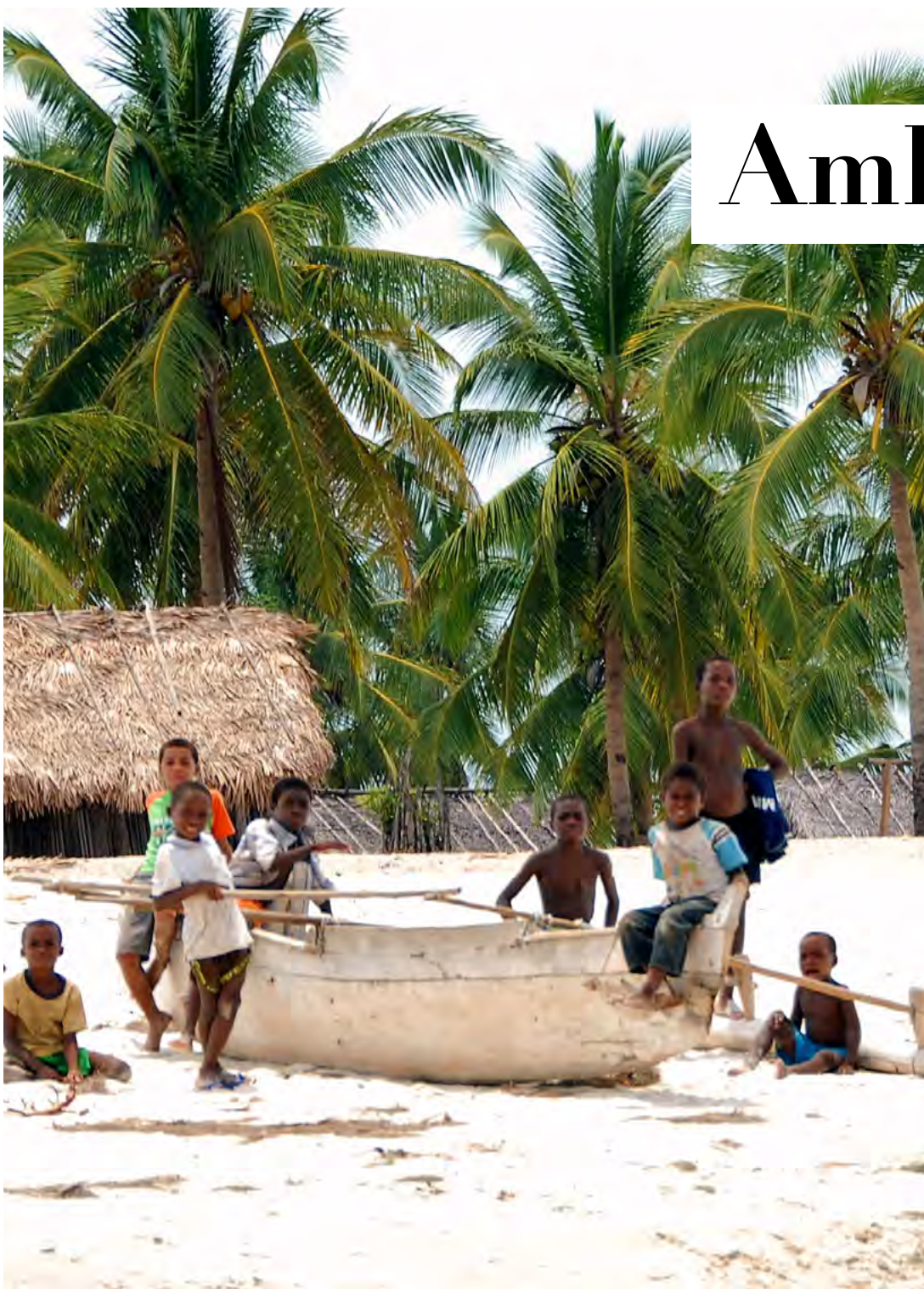




# Ambondro-Ampasy Village


The village of Ambondro-Ampasy, beyond the estuary of the marina, is accessible only after a short boat crossing.

You will meet the locals, visit the school developed by the French NGO *Écoles du Monde* which is dedicated to the development of health and education in dozens of villages in the region.



DEPARTURE TIME : 8:30 am.

DURATION : 20 minutes by boat and 1 to 2 hours of walking in the warm sand.

DIFFICULTY : 

Quite easy but hot because of the sun's reflection of the sand

GUIDANCE : Required.



# Water & Land Activities

Water sports, mountain bikes, badminton, beach volley, French bowl, football or yoga... Feel free to practice all sports you wish.

We recommend a **traditional sailing boat trip** accompanied by one of our local sailors, or a self-guided tour of the northwest coast by kayak or paddle.

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SUMMARY



KAYAK & PADDLES

TRADITIONAL SAILING

WINDSURFING

CATAMARAN

WATER-SKIING

SNORKELING

MOUNTAIN BIKES

BADMINTON

BEACH VOLLEY

FRENCH BOWL

FOOTBALL



# Kayak & Paddles

From the main beach, paddle south in singles, doubles or even triples along cliffs, islets, arches or canyons on the south coast of the Marine Reserve. The most experienced can venture into the North Mangrove Arms from the Marina and try to reach the pontoon port of Antafiamoara.

Pool staff will advise you on the proper wind, wave and tide conditions for each route. If you are not accompanied by one of our guides, it is important to plan to return before 4:30 pm.





# Windsurfing

# Traditional sailing

# Catamaran

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Starting at the Marina or the main beach, trips in catamaran Hobie 16, in outrigger canoe or in traditional boat will be accompanied by our skippers who know our coast well.

# Water-skiing

Enjoy the calm water of the North mangrove estuary, and practice water-skiing, classic, wake or mono, from the beautiful landscapes of the Marina.  
Reservation enquiries at the reception desk.

DEPARTURE TIME :

Preferably in the high tide.



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# Snorkeling

The main snorkeling spots are in front of the rocks that line the main beach and around islets of the cove III. The snorkeling equipment is available from the pool staff.

To increase your chances of observing marine wildlife you can check the clearness of the water before you go or ask the swimming pool team.

Please ask management for the ideal times for snorkeling.





# Mountain Bikes

Discover the forest by mountain bike. Some parts are very sandy or rocky. Please wear a helmet, take water with you and let the reception desk know of your planned itinerary.

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# Other Land Sports

Football, badminton, beach volley or French bowl. Matches can be organised with staff and / or villagers. To preserve the calm, please play only on the authorized grounds.

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# Quiet Moments

After a long day of adventure and exploration, take the opportunity to relax at The Oasis Garden, during a **massage** or a **romantic picnics and dinner on the beach**.

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THE OASIS GARDEN

MASSAGES

PICNICS  
AND ROMANTIC  
OPPORTUNITIES

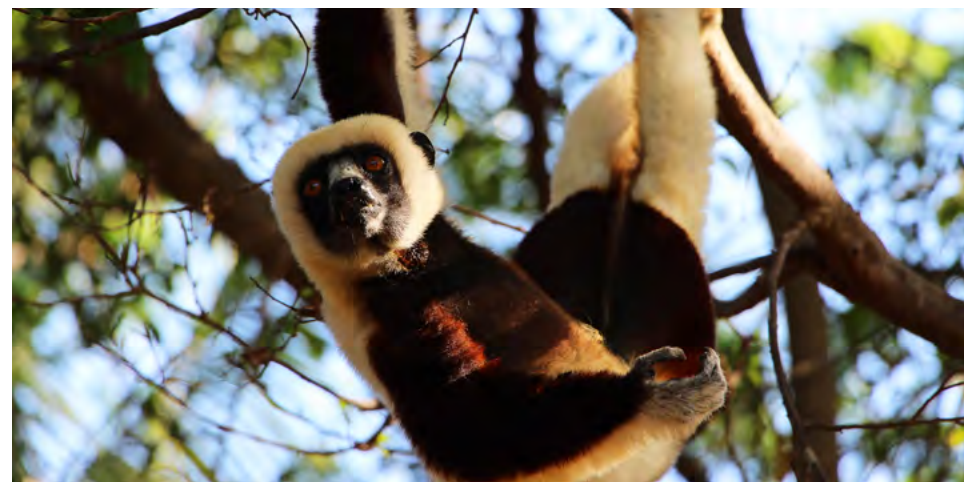
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IN PRIVATE COVE





# The Oasis Garden

Do not miss this fabulous opportunity to relax and watch the lemurs in the landscaped garden of the Oasis, every afternoon from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. This is the favourite place and time of choice for groups of lemurs and a multitude of birds. It's also a meeting place for guests.



We all participate in the elegance and serenity of this place by avoiding excessive noise, telephone conversations. Smoking is prohibited, and we ask guests not to wear bathing attire in the Oasis garden.



# Massages

Feel the benefits of massages and Malagasy essential oils.  
You can receive treatment at the massage villa or the terrace of your villa.  
Massages are normally given before 6:00 pm.  
Reservation at the reception desk.

Relaxing, dynamic or draining massage :

2 HANDS

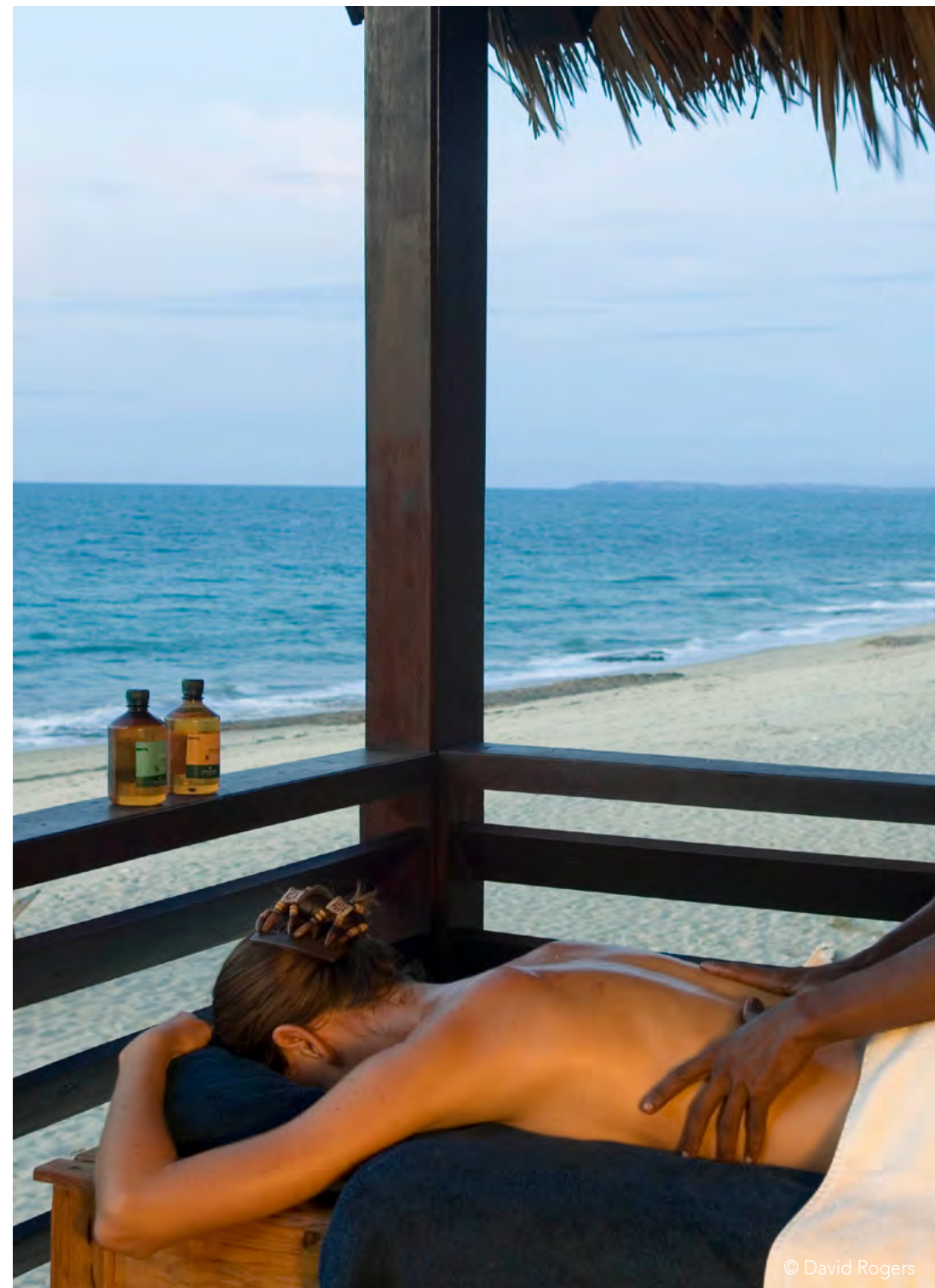
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4 HANDS

30 min / 60 min

Madagascar essential oil, added to the basic massage oil :  
Ravintsara, citrus, ylang-ylang...

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# Picnics & Romantic Opportunities

If the weather permits, lovely picnics, lunches or dinners can be prepared for you in enchanting places. On deserted coves or at the top of a rocky escarpment, overlooking the sea, facing the sunset, in the forest... or all aspects together. These unique experiences become unforgettable intimate moments. More information at the reception desk.

## PICNIC ON A COVE

Served on a closed private beach, just for you.

## ROMANTIC DINNER IN THE OASIS

A lantern-lit fairytale in the intimacy of the Lodge's landscaped garden.





# Star Bed in Private Cove

Your private dinner, al fresco, facing the sea and the setting sun and your room, open, between sea and forest, under the stars.

You can also enjoy a romantic dinner on the sand, in the wind and the intense sound of the waves.

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