



MADAGASCAR NORTH CLASSIC TOUR
ABC AFRICA TRAVEL & TOURS 2013
10 DAYS / 09 NIGHTS
Based on AIR FRANCE flight

Travel to the northern tip of Madagascar to see Antsiranana, with its parks and its reserves. The waterfalls, caves, cathedrals, and the Tsingy end the vacation on the island of Nosy Be perfumes: cocoa, coffee, pepper, ylang-ylang. Excursions to the beautiful islands of the archipelago, famous for its white sand beaches.

Day 01: PARIS / ANTANANARIVO AF flight

Arrival from Paris in late at night, reception and transfer to hotel.
Bed and breakfast at **CARLTON HOTEL, 5***

Day 02: ANTANANARIVO / DIEGO SUAREZ MD flight / Red Tsingy

Bed and breakfast and transfer to the airport for the flight Antananarivo - Diego Suarez. Check-in Diego Suarez or Antsiranana, the capital of ethnic Antakarana located at the northern end of the island. The wind "Varatraza" (a hot, dry wind that blows especially during winter) characterizes this region and then transfer to the hotel. Departure for the visit "**Tsingy Red**", networks spectacular limestone blocks carved peaks and sharp colour red. Brief overview of the biggest Tsingy the Ankarana. Back to hotel.

Picnic lunch

Dinner and overnight at the **GRAND HOTEL, 3***

Day 03: DIEGO SUAREZ – Amber Mountain - DIEGO SUAREZ

Bed and breakfast and departure to discover National park of **Amber Mountain**, a massive volcanic covered with rainforest, located at an altitude between 850 and 1 475 m. It is a unique park with 7 species of lemurs, including the famous "Eulemur coronatus" and more than 75 species of birds as the "uptown Ibis", and nearly 25 species of amphibians. The waterfalls, lakes volcanic craters, other park attractions. Back on Diego in the late afternoon, passing through Joffre City, former site Fady (Tabou), which has become almost a ghost town, despite its pretty decrepit colonial houses today?

Picnic lunch

Dinner and overnight at **GRAND HOTEL, 3***

Day 04- DIEGO SUAREZ – Ankarana East – ANKIFY

After breakfast, departure to visit **Ankarana reserve**. It's an extraordinary geological discovery: the caves and the cathedrals but especially the famous "Tsingy", karstic limestone peaks eroded by rain, are worth a visit. The park houses diversified vegetation and several species of lemurs, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

Continuation to Ankify via Ambilobe through a landscape planting cocoa, coffee and Ylang Ylang. In late evening arrival at Ankify.

Picnic lunch

Dinner and overnight at the hotel **BAOBAB ANKIFY**

Day 05: ANKIFY – NOSY BE

After breakfast, depart by boat for **transfer to Nosy Be Port**.

Day 06: NOSY BE

Free day in Nosy Be.

Day 07: NOSY BE

Free day in Nosy Be.

Day 08: NOSY BE – ANTANANARIVO MD flight

Free day in Nosy Be.

Reception at Ivato airport and transfer to hotel.

Dinner and overnight at the **CARLTON HOTEL, 5***

Day 09: ANTANANARIVO - PARIS

Breakfast and day visit Antananarivo, whose original name was **Analamanga** (blue forest) and is commonly called "the city of a thousand", name given after the capture and defense of a thousand warriors. Founded in the early 17th century, and inhabited by the Merina ethnic group, which in Malagasy means "those living in the Highlands" prepared on 12 sacred hills at an altitude between 1,200 meters and 1,500 meters. Antananarivo has approximately 1,600,000 inhabitants, scattered among numerous typical neighborhoods and between their very different paths from many narrow streets and alleyways littered by small local markets. Visiting this capital city, will lead us to admire the Palazzo della Regina "Rova", now under restauration, the Grand boulevard of independence "the esplanade of Analakely" with its typical train station at the time, some large local markets, not least the lovely the flower market pretty Anosy, without forgetting the typical market Digue, which exposes a variety of handicraft products come from every part of the island. **Lunch at restaurant.**

Installation in hotel for **Day Use and dinner**, then transfer to airport for the flight to Paris

Day 10: ANTANANARIVO - PARIS AF flight

Flight to Paris at 01:00 a.m.

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DESCRIPTION

The North Coast has always been associated with the beach by its beautiful bays which lies along the sea beaches hide the white sands and isolated for the summit of the World. Deep in the most beautiful bay in the World is the town of Diego Suarez, who lives at the pace of its shipyards where the legend of Libertalia is associated with the golden era of flibustier. A mosaic of peoples where "djellaba" white covers clothing multicolored maquillent women who often face mask beauty named "Masonjoany" to be even more beautiful.

The mountains of the Massif Ambres and the Ankarana (Tsingy) are among the major tourist attractions Diego. The crossing by boat to Ankify to Nosy Be lasts a few hours, but it is a useful step before arriving at Nosy Be, recognized as "the island of perfumes: Nosy Be and its coral islands; Nosy Be and its white sands; Nosy Be and its various islands (Nosy Komba, Nosy Tanikely, 3 Bays...) make him a small island paradise.

IMPORTANT: It is very important to know that Madagascar is still a country rite and customs of the local population associated his daily life with respect for ancestors. It is therefore very important that everybody respects the rites and customs in each region is the smallest of things.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Circuit relatively tiring, which requires a good sense of adaptation to Ankarana. A spirit of adventure is absolutely necessary during the visit of Tsingy....

- Best time: Month of May to October
- From November to May, it made very hot, but it can also much rain
- Nosy Be, frequent rains normally occur during the night between January and February.
- The road is a little winding, especially one that leads to the Reserve Ankarana or Montagne d'Ambre
- Course not difficult, but in parks and reserves it takes a lot of physical effort, the visits can take place between 3 / 4 hours walk
- During a visit to the Ankarana (Tsingy) asks a spirit of adventure and adaptation.
- We had selectionned the best hotel and infrastructure in the region
- Preventing health: To come to Madagascar, it is not required to be vaccinated against by, we recommend you bring your antibiotic anti-malaria and your anti-mosquito cream
- Do not forget: please bring your bathing suit and some warm clothes and sun creams, anti-mosquito and good walking shoes, hat and sun glasses
- Climate: - Southern Summer (November-March): average 27 ° C - 35 ° C. The summer coincides with the rainy season from November to March. Winter Southern: (April-October) - 18 ° C/25 ° C