



## EXTREME BIKE TOURS

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# Madagascar: Island of Mystery

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Madagascar lies off the south east coast of Africa and is the fourth largest island in the world home to more indigenous species than anywhere else in the world. The road system is limited giving us a chance to ride through different terrain as we head south from the capital Antananarivo (Tana). During the tour we cover a wide variety of landscape taking in extraordinary flora and fauna, and experiencing the warmth of the Malagasy people. We will be using Africa Twin Motorbikes or Honda Transalp to transport us around Madagascar with a full support team as usual. This promises to be a tour of discovery in this intriguing and mysterious island. Enjoy the ride...

## ITINERARY Approx. 6-8 hours riding per day

### Day 1

Arrival in Antananarivo transfer to hotel. Depending on your arrival time a chance to explore the capital. Over dinner we have a chance to get acquainted and talk about the tour ahead, with the guide-moto

### Day 2

Antananarivo to Ampefy. We leave the busy capital Tana on route to Itasy lake with its volcanoes, and waterfalls. Picnic lunch near the waterfalls. We ride through beautiful countryside and hills along the way arriving at our hotel for the night. 140 km.

### Day 3

Ampefy to Antsirabe. From Ampefy we ride through villages, rice paddies and highland tracks enjoying beautiful vistas before arriving in Antsirabe the third largest city in Madagascar which has a relatively cool climate and a large number of pousse-pousses or hand pulled rickshaws populating its streets. 135 km

**Day 4**

Antsirabe to Ambohimahaso/ Fianarantsoa. On route to our destination we take in the lakes of Andraikiba and Tritiva. We then join Highway 7 and ride through great scenery of hills and valleys before crossing the valley to enter Ambohimahaso where we overnight at the the Lemur Forest Camp. 205 km.  
Night tour of the reserve.

**Day 5**

Ambohimahaso to Manakara. Today we head to the East coast to the town of Manakara out through the rain forest and hills down to plantations finishing on the sea.300 km.

**Day 6**

Mankara to Mananjary. Having experienced a morning canoe trip on the Pangalanes with a picnic lunch. Channel a river enclosed by lush vegetation we ride to Mananjary for the night. 180 km.

**Day 7**

Mananjary to Ranomafana. In the morning, we visit this small town in the Indian Ocean rim, its sea, its market .....From Mananjary known for it's vanilla and coffee we head to Ranomafana National Park driving through lush rainforest as we approach the National Park. That night we have a chance to have a nocturnal visit to the park for those that wish to. 170 km

**Day 8**

Ranomafana Rest Day. We have chosen a rest day here in order to explore the National Park. This is a mountainous park covered in Rainforest one of the most spectacular parks on the island. We take guides to help us spot some of the animals that lurk within.

**Day 9**

Ranomafana to Fianarantsoa.Visit the upper town and lunch at Panda Restaurant. Road to Ambalavao and visit. We head towards the Deep South now on a wonderfully scenic road with rock formations sacred to the Malagasy finishing the day in the town of Ambalavao famous for it's vineyards. 125 km.

**Day 10**

Ambalavao to Ranohira. Continuing south we pass through the Anja reserve famous for fearless ring-tail lemurs " makis". Onwards through the territories of lhosy arriving in the village of Ranohira. 240 km.

**Day 11**

Isalo National Park rest day. We dedicate the day to visiting the Isalo National Park known for it's sandstone formations and canyons a truly Jurassic scene.

**Day 12**

Ranohira to Ifaty. We take the road to Tulear gradually leaving the mountains behind us and entering the dry landscapes of the southern bush. Continuing on we arrive at Ifaty a remote beach village with beautiful waters ending the day at The Bamboo Club. 260 km.

**Day 13**

Ifaty day trip. For our final day we explore the Deep South a little first heading to the Ifaty forest where we can see Baobab trees and driving on north to Befandriana before heading back to Ifaty for dinner. 120 - 250 km

**Day 14**

Transfer to Tulear with onwards flights to Antananarivo where we overnight at the Hotel Belvedere and enjoy a final dinner before our onwards flights.

**Day 15**

Tour ends. Onward flights.....

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