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Madagascar Motorcycle Tour

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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 varied terrain as we head south from the capital Antananarivo (Tana). During the tour we take in the wide variety of flora and fauna and experience the warmth of the Malagasy people. We will be using Africa Twin Motorbikes or Honda Transalps to transport us around Madagascar with a full support team. This promises to be a tour of discovery in an intriguing and mysterious island. Enjoy the ride...

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride through the rainforest and take in epic volcanoes and waterfalls along the route
- Stay at the the Lemur Forest Camp and take a night tour of the reserve
- Visit Ranomafana National Park, one of the most stunning parks on the island
- Includes a trip to the Ifaty forest to see the incredible Baobab trees
- Visit the beaches in the South around Ifaty.
- Take a canoe ride down the Pangalanes Canal
- Enjoy delicious, local cuisine
- Only 10 bikes per tour for a personalised experience
- Fuel, meals, hotel accommodation, internal flights and transfers are all included in the cost



ITINERARY (Approx. 6-8 hours riding per day)

Day 1: Antananarivo

Arrive in Antananarivo and transfers to the hotel. Depending on your arrival time, you'll have the chance to explore the capital city. Over dinner we will get acquainted and go over the tour ahead.

Day 2: Antananarivo to Ampefy

We leave the busy capital on route to Itasy Lake with epic volcanoes and waterfalls. We'll have a picturesque picnic lunch near the waterfalls before riding through beautiful countryside and hills to our hotel for the night.

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 (hand pulled rickshaws) populating it's streets.

Day 4: Antsirabe to Ambohimahasoa/Fianarantsoa

On route to our destination, we will take in the lakes of Andraikiba and Tritiva. We then join Highway 7 and ride through stunning scenery of hills and valleys before crossing the valley to enter Ambohimahasoa. We will stay at the the Lemur Forest Camp and take a night tour of the reserve.

Day 5: Ambohimahasoa to Manakara

Today will be a varied day of riding as we head to the town of Manakara on the east coast before hitting the rainforest and hills down to plantations, finishing at the coast.

Day 6: Mankara to Mananjary

From two-wheels to none! We will canoe down the Pangalanes Canal, with local tour guides at the helm. Floating past lush vegetation and traditional Malagasy villages, this is a golden opportunity to kick back and enjoy a well-earned rest! We then ride on to Mananjary for the night.

Day 7: Mananjary to Ranomafana

In the morning, we visit the small town of Mananjary on the Indian Ocean rim, known for it's vanilla and coffee. We will then head to Ranomafana National Park, driving through lush rainforest. That night we'll have a nocturnal visit to the park.

Day 8: Ranomafana

We have an extra day in Ranomafana to explore the National Park further. This mountainous park is covered in rainforest and is 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

We'll visit the upper town and lunch at Panda Restaurant today, before heading towards the Deep South on a wonderfully scenic road with rock formations sacred to the Malagasy people. The day will end in the town of Ambalavao, famous for it's vineyards.

Day 10: Ambalavao to Ranohira

Continuing south, we'll pass through the Anja reserve famous for fearless ring-tail lemurs or 'makis'. Driving onwards, we pass through the territories of Ihosy, arriving in the village of Ranohira.

Day 11: Isalo National Park

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

Day 12; Ranohira to Ifaty

We'll take the road to Tulear gradually leaving the mountains behind us and entering the dry landscapes of the southern bush. We'll head towards Ifaty, a remote beach village, and end the day at The Bamboo Club.

Day 13: Ifaty

We'll explore the Deep South during our final day, including a trip to the Ifaty forest where we can see incredible Baobab trees. These prehistoric trees are known as the 'Tree of Life' due to their ability to thrive in such arid conditions and where there is not a huge amount of other vegetation, particularly in the dry season. We then drive north to Befandriana before heading back to Ifaty for dinner.

Day 14: Ifaty to Tulear to Antananarivo

Transfer to Tulear with onwards flights to Antananarivo where we stay overnight and enjoy a final dinner before our onwards flights.

Day 15: Antananarivo

Return flight or onward journey.

Extreme Bike Tours can change the tour itinerary without notification if required to deal with any issues that may arise in the countries we operate in, very often due to adverse weather conditions. The itinerary will not change much but if we can make it better we always will.