



CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDEN WILDLIFE SAFARI TO MADAGASCAR



The acrobatic and arboreal Verreaux's Sifaka can be found in both wet and dry habitats of south western Madagascar

**14-Day Madagascar Safari
Escorted by Brian Jorg
October 26 - November 8, 2016**

**The projected cost is \$5395 per person, double occupancy
Plus international air to and from Antananarivo**





14 – DAY WILDLIFE EXPEDITION TO MADAGASCAR

TRIP TO BE OPERATED: October 26 – November 8, 2016

NUMBER OF DAYS: 14

DEPARTURE CITY: Antananarivo

PROJECTED COST: Based on 10 full fare participants = \$5395 per person, double occupancy

The single supplement adds \$875 to the trip cost.

Included:

- Accommodations and meals as per this itinerary
- Services of an experienced English speaking Malagasy naturalist guide
- One liter of bottled water per person per day in the vehicle during drives and transfers
- Bottled water with meals
- All land and air transportation in Madagascar
- Overland transportation in an air conditioned VIP coach
- All excursions and activities as per this itinerary
- Entrance fees to all places visited
- Tips for local guides, drivers, porters and room service

Not included:

International air to and from the U.S., excess baggage charges, trip insurance, tips for your Malagasy naturalist guide and items of a personal nature, such as the costs of obtaining visas and / or passports, medications, souvenirs, excursions and services that are not included in the program itinerary, drinks other than those included with meals, laundry, faxes, e-mails, and telephone calls.



WILDLIFE SAFARI IN MADAGASCAR

Madagascar is legendary for its profusion of wildlife and plant life, 80% of which evolved on and is unique to this single island. Isolated from continental landmasses for more than 160 million years, Madagascar has followed its own unique evolutionary path. Today Madagascar's forests are a naturalist's dream: a shimmering, seething mass of a trillion stems, dripping leaves and slithering, jumping, quirky beasts out of nature's bag of tricks. Numerous species of lemurs, chameleons, geckoes and baobabs, aloes, octopus trees and some of the world's most unusual birds and frogs are found nowhere else on earth. Join us in October 2016 on our wildlife safari to Madagascar for the natural history experience of your lifetime.

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 - DEPART U.S.

International air from the U.S. has not been included in the cost of this safari. This however, allows participants the flexibility of using frequent flyer miles, of booking air from their home towns and of spending time in Europe or South Africa on the way to Madagascar.

DAY 2 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 - ARRIVE ANTANANARIVO

Following our arrival in Madagascar's capital we are met and transferred to our accommodations at the **Hotel Ibis Antananarivo** or **Hotel Colbert** (standard wing). The remainder of the day is unstructured giving us an opportunity to rest and recoup from our international flights. D

DAY 3 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 -ANTANANARIVO

Following a leisurely breakfast we visit the Tsimbazaza Zoo and Botanical Gardens. Here, in addition to an extensive representation of Madagascar's unique wildlife, we'll visit a museum which exhibits examples of some of the traditional houses of the island's different ethnic groups, tribal carvings and implements and the skeleton of an *Aepyornis maximus* - the extinct elephant bird, which once roamed the island. A small group of lemurs roam freely on an island where they can be observed from the lakeshore. In the evening we receive an introduction to the wildlife and ecology of Madagascar by a naturalist, currently engaged in research on the island. B/L/D



DAY 4 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 - ANTANANARIVO / ANDASIBE / ANALAMAZAOTRA RESERVE (PERINET)

After breakfast we depart with our naturalist guide and drive through the highland countryside to Andasibe-Mantadia National Park. En route we'll stop at the La Mandraka Nature Farm; a breeding project for chameleons, reptiles and the rare Comet Moth. After a picnic lunch we continue on to the Analamazaotra Reserve (Perinet) and check into the **Vakona Forest Lodge** or **Hotel Andasibe**. In the evening we join our naturalist on a guided nature walk during which we should be able to find some of the nocturnal lemurs, geckos, frogs and other wildlife. B/PL/D

Analamazaotra Reserve (Perinet) consists of two protected areas, the special reserve of Indri d' Analamazaotra and Mantadia National Park. It is world famous for its population of *Indri indri*, the largest living lemur. A couple of habituated groups are found within easy walking distance of the park entrance and seeing them is almost a sure thing for visitors willing to walk a couple of miles on the park's trails. Anyone within a mile of the park is sure to hear their haunting calls in the morning and again in the late afternoon. In addition to its lemurs the reserve is exceptionally rich in frogs and reptiles.

DAY 5 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 - PERINET RESERVE

Early this morning we walk into the reserve in search of the Indri indri and listen to their haunting "singing" calls. Brown Lemurs, Diademed Sifaka and bamboo lemurs are some of the other lemurs we expect to find here. Parson's chameleons, which can exceed 24 inches in total length, Madagascar Tree Boa, and numerous birds such as Madagascar Blue Pigeon, Blue Coua, Madagascar Paradise Flycatcher and Blue Vanga are frequently seen. The trails are relatively easy and walks provide good opportunities for experiencing the abundant flora and fauna of this eastern rain forest. After dinner we join our naturalist guide for a nature walk and spotlighting search for nocturnal wildlife walk in the community-run VOI MMA park. Our dinner and overnight accommodations are at Vakona Lodge or Andasibe Hotel. B/L/D

DAY 6 - MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 - ANDASIBE / TAMATAVE

After a morning visit with the friendly wildlife on Lemur Island we travel through the verdant countryside to the coastal town of Tamatave for an after-hours visit to the zoo at Parc Ivoloina. Here, in addition to seeing other wildlife, we'll participate in the feeding of the nocturnal Aye Aye. Our dinner and overnight accommodations are at the **Hotel Calypso**. B/L/D



DAY 7 - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - PARC IVOLOINA

We have a full day at the environmental and conservation center, originally sponsored by the Duke Primate Center, and now run by the Madagascar Fauna & Flora Group. Here we meet with a specialist and explore the parks forested and lakeside trails where, black-and-white ruffed, white fronted brown, red-bellied and crowned lemurs, chameleons, reptiles and endemic birds are easily seen. Our dinner and overnight accommodations are again at the Hotel Calypso. B/ PL/D

DAY 8 - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - TAMATAVE / ANTANANARIVO

Following a morning visit to the local market we transfer to the Tamatave airport and board the scheduled flight to the capital city. Our accommodations are again in the Hotel Ibis Antananarivo or Hotel Colbert. B/L/D

DAY 9 - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - ANTANANARIVO / FT. DAUPHIN / BERENTY NATURE RESERVE

Early this morning we transfer to the airport and board the scheduled flight to Fort Dauphin. Following our arrival we depart, on a 4 -5 hour drive, through the "spiny forest" to the private Berenty Reserve with stops en-route to see various interesting plants, including members of the *Didiereaceae*, a small family of just four genera and 11 species of unusual spiny-stemmed succulents, almost exclusively endemic to southern Madagascar. This unique region contains a large variety of spiny and succulent plants, including aloes, baobabs, and *Euphorbia*. Some the endemic birds we may find include Verreaux's Coua, Running Coua, Lefresnaye's Vanga, and Long-tailed Ground Roller. Spider and Radiated tortoises are endemic reptiles. Ring-tailed Lemur, White-footed Sportive Lemur, Verreaux's Sifaka, and the recently described Grandidier's Mongoose are mammalian residents. Our evening entertainment is a song and dance performance by the local Antandroy, the traditional residents of this arid southern region. Their name means "people of the thorns" in reference to the spiny thickets of endemic plants



that characterize this part of Madagascar. Our overnight accommodations are in the **Lodge de Berenty**. B/L/D

DAY 10 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - BERENTY NATURE RESERVE

With its large populations of Ringtails, Brown Lemurs and Verreaux' Sifakas, the private Berenty Nature Reserve is probably the country's best known protected area. The reserve contains nearly a third of the remaining tamarind gallery forest in Madagascar and is the best place on the island to see Ringtail Lemurs and Verreaux's Sifakas. These large white lemurs are among nature's most accomplished acrobats, hurling themselves across vast distances between the tamarind trees. In addition to lemurs, we may see civets and flying foxes (large fruit bats). The reserve is one of the best bird watching sites in the country with 83 different species, including nine birds of prey. In the evening we have the exciting opportunity to go on a night walk in search of the nocturnal Grey Mouse and White-footed Lemurs. The reserve protects both spiny bush and dry tamarind woodland, along the Mandrare River. The guides are among the best in Madagascar, but it is easy (and permitted) to follow the broad trails on our own. B/L/D



DAY 11 – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - BERENTY / FT. DAUPHIN

After a morning visit to the spiny desert reserve and a small but comprehensive cultural museum with its rare examples of Sakalava carvings, we travel back towards Ft. Dauphin with a stop at the Reserve du Nahampoana, an old French botanical garden and research center. Habituated Verreaux's Sifaka, Ring-tailed and Red-fronted Brown Lemurs, play in the trees and on the grounds near the old colonial house. Other animals we should be able to find include chameleons, tortoises, crocodiles and a variety of birds. Our meals and accommodations are at the **Croix du Sud**. B/L/D

DAY 12 – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - FT. DAUPHIN / ANTANANARIVO

After breakfast we transfer to the Fort Dauphin airport and board the scheduled flights to Antananarivo. Following our arrival we visit the Akany Avoko Children's Center, an eco-friendly facility which provides shelter, care and the opportunity for its resident girls to develop the skills they will need to become self-sufficient adults. Our lunch today will be in their restaurant, which specializes in Malagasy dishes. In the afternoon we have an opportunity to shop at the famous "La Digue" artisans' market before checking into our rooms at the **Hotel Ibis Antananarivo** or **Hotel Colbert**. Our farewell dinner is at the **Villa Vanilla** which serves Malagasy dishes accompanied by a Malagasy folklore musical. B/L/D

DAY 13 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - DEPART FOR THE U.S.

After breakfast we may have time to do some last minute shopping before transferring to the international airport to check in for our return flight to the U.S. B

DAY 14 – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - ARRIVE U.S.

B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner; () = an In-flight meal.

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**REGISTRATION FORM
INCLUDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Program name: CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTNICAL GARDEN 14-Day Madagascar Safari
Departure Date: **October 26, 2016**

Enclosed is \$_____ as () deposit () full payment () final payment for a total of _____ persons on the safari indicated above. \$_____

(A \$1000.00 non-refundable per person deposit is required to reserve space on this safari). The projected cost of this safari, all inclusive from Antananarivo, is \$5395 per person based on double occupancy.

Please note: the cost of this travel program is based on 10 full fare participants and may be increased for a smaller group.

Accommodations Requested:

() Double - based on two persons sharing a room () Smoking () Non-Smoking

Name of preferred roommate if known _____

() Single – adds \$875 to the program.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

NAMES (Please Print)-**NAME SHOULD APPEAR AS ON YOUR PASSPORT** (please attach a copy of your passport photo page)

1. _____ Age _____ Nickname _____ M F

2. _____ Age _____ Nickname _____ M F

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones: (Home) _____ (Office) _____ E-Mail _____

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

NOTE: Your signature indicates that you understand and accept the terms and conditions of this tour. Reservations cannot be accepted without a signature.

WHAT IS INCLUDED: Services of World Discovery Safaris and information to help you plan and prepare for your safari, all accommodations, meals, entrance fees and activities as per this itinerary, all ground transportation in an air conditioned bus and domestic air transportation in Madagascar, naturalist / guide service with English speaking guides, tips for local guides and drivers, transfers and hotel staff, one litre of bottled water per person per day, hotel taxes as imposed by government agencies.

NOT INCLUDED: International air to and from the Antananarivo Airport, costs of obtaining passports and/or visas, (a visa for U.S. passport holders to enter Madagascar is currently required but can be obtained, free of charge, upon arrival) excess baggage charges, trip insurance and items of a personal nature, including bottled and alcoholic drinks, laundry and telephone and tips for your in- country principal guide.

CANCELLATION: A cancellation fee of \$600 will apply once the deposit has been made. All cancellations must be submitted in writing. Cancellations received in our office 101 days or less prior to the departure date are subject to additional cancellation fees based on penalties passed on to us by the motor coach company, airline, rail company, hotel and/or other vendors. No refunds will be made for cancellations made sixty (60) days or less prior to departure.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS - World Discovery Safaris, the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden and our representatives agree to work for you in the making of airline bookings, accommodations reservations and/or other arrangements with travel service providers on the following terms: We do not own, manage, control or operate any of the travel service providers with whom we make your travel arrangements. We serve as agents for certain travel service providers, including Airlines Corporation carriers and in-country operators and make your travel arrangements with these travel service providers in accordance with their terms and conditions. Should you have any questions concerning those, please contact either the travel service provider or your World Discovery Safaris service provider. All coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets issued by us or a travel service provider are subject to applicable tariffs as well as any terms or conditions imposed by the travel services provider. We are not responsible for events of *force majeure* such as disease, acts of war, terrorist attacks, unfavourable weather conditions, earthquakes, political instability or for inadequate visas or passports. Any and all controversies, claims or disputes of any nature arising before, on and after the date of this agreement and claims brought by or against the client, this travel agency, or a third party, shall be settled by a single arbitrator in Birmingham, Alabama in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. You acknowledge that this agreement involves interstate commerce. Our sole knowledge and the expertise on which you may rely is in the making of travel arrangements. In the case of all travel arrangements the contract in use by the provider of such transportation or lodging, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and such travel supplier. World Discovery Safaris reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the trip prior to departure and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the group if their actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the group. The right is also reserved to amend the itinerary should it be found necessary for the benefit of the members of the group or for other reasons. By accepting these travel arrangements you confirm that you have read this agreement and understand that it is the sum total of our agreement with you and supersedes all prior arrangements or understandings. This agreement cannot be changed except in writing and signed by Richard Mills, President, World Discovery Safaris.

AIR SCHEDULES, LAND ARRANGEMENTS & FARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS: To enjoy your travel program to the fullest, you should be in good physical and mental health. Any physical disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported in writing, to World Discovery Safaris and the Cincinnati Zoo and Aquarium when the reservation is made. World Discovery Safaris reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in their sole judgment is in such physical or mental condition as to be incapable of group travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which they can provide.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION

Passenger Name: _____

Person to contact in case of emergency: _____

Relationship (please identify as spouse, child, parent, neighbor, etc): _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Their Phone #: Home _____ Office: _____ E-Mail _____

List any disability or special health care needs that may affect your ability to fully participate in this travel program: _____

List any allergies, including food allergies: _____

List the names of any medications you are currently taking: _____

Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____

By my signature below I certify that I have read, understand and accept the terms of the "Cancellations" and "Terms; and Conditions" paragraphs included on this sheet and that

I. I hereby release World Discovery Safaris, the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, their staff and tour escorts from liability in case of accident or illness while I am participating in this trip and do further agree to absolve from all responsibility World Discovery Safaris, the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens and their staff from all loss, damage or expense which I may incur by reason of any such accident or illness.

II. I will be responsible for all uninsured medical expenses.

III. I hereby authorize necessary hospitalization and/or treatment while I am participating in this trip.

IV. I understand the nature and potential benefits of travel insurance and **will will not** (circle one) cover myself for this travel program against unforeseen circumstances such as trip cancellation / interruption, emergency medical insurance and baggage protection with the purchase of travel insurance. **Please note:** Many U.S. medical insurance policies do not provide coverage outside of the U.S. World Discovery Safaris cannot be held responsible for your medical expenses.

Date: _____ Your Signature: _____

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TRAVEL INSURANCE



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Credit Card Type _____ Number _____
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Authorized charge amount in USD \$ _____

I authorize World Discovery Safaris to charge the above amount to my credit card as a deposit for the Cincinnati Zoo and Aquarium's October/ November 2016 14-Day Madagascar safari for the above named passengers.

Confirmation Signature _____ Date _____

Please attach legible photo copies of your credit card, driver's license and of the photo page from your passport.

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