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Photo trip Proposal: Madagascar - Circuit North East

The east coast is covered with evergreen rainforest. It is the home of many species of orchids and endemic plants, lemurs, frogs, chameleons, geckos...and the biggest lemur of them all.....the Indri Indri.

This trip will give you the opportunity to learn more about photography, interact with the local children and to experience the culture that this beautiful country has to bring!.

During this trip you get the unique opportunity to learn the tricks of the trade of Photography from Anthony Asael, the founder and executive director of AiA and a spectacular renowned photographer who has had over sixty expositions in ten countries. Anthony has traveled around the world extensively and has been living in Madagascar for over a year and knows the country very well.

Places : Antananarivo – Andasibe – Pangalanes Canal – Tamatave – Ile St Marie

Dates options :

- 1) 20 oct- 31 oct
- 2) 24 nov- 4 dec

Day 1 : Antananarivo (Tana)

You arrive at Tana in the morning. We bring you to your hotel or at home (your choice).
Lunch and first visit of beautiful Tana with visit of Queen Palace and high hills and its secrets...

Day 2 :

Antananarivo

Morning: Visit of Ivandry neighborhood through the ricefields

Option for the afternoon :

- Trek on hills close to Tana with spectacular views
- visit of colorful markets
- free to visit on your own





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Day 3-4:

Antananarivo – Andasibe

It is the most visited National Park of Madagascar. The primary forests of Andasibe-Mantadia contains a dense humid forest covered with lians, moss, fern tress and more than hundred orchids species blooming between September and January. The extraordinary animal diversity is completed with another 15 mammal species, more than 100 of birds, 50 of reptiles, among them the biggest chameleon of the island, the boa manditra and many leaf-tailed geckos and more than 80 amphibians.

All the visitors within a mile of the park can hear the peculiar call of the indri very early in the morning until noon and again in the late afternoon. Indris are the largest living lemurs at all reaching up to 1 meter. Andasibe is the best place to observe the Indris



Day 5-6:

Pangalane Canal - Akanin'Ny Nofy

In the morning we say goodbye to the Indri Indri and drive for 3 hours to Manambato. From there the boat will depart to bring you to Ankan'ny nofy (The home of dreams). A scenic cruise along the Pangalanes Canal, through great lakes with beautiful green landscapes, sandy beaches and remote villages. The Pangalane is a chain of natural and man-made lakes connected by canals that runs parallel to the east coast.

This peaceful and relaxing haven is home to white sand beaches, forests, scattered orchids, strings of lakes and mangroves, all factors that have made the reserve to one of the most popular visits in the Pangalanes canal. Located on a peninsula of about 35 ha. on the shores of Lake Ampitabe (which is separated from the Indian Ocean by a mere line of very thin coastal dunes, that sometimes are a few meters width only), this protected area is home to nearly 100 000 palm trees specific to Madagascar.



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Ten species of lemurs live in freedom in the reserve, as well as reptiles, amphibians and crocodiles. Visitors can watch Indri Indri, sifakas, mouse and crowned lemurs and even the shy and extraordinary endangered Aye Aye.



Day 7

Tamatave

First port of Madagascar, the city has a heart and a lively nightlife. It is also a nice city to walk and stroll along the beach.

It is also the opportunity to visit a local orphanage or school and organize Art in All of Us activities locally.



Day 8-10

Ile St Marie

Ile Ste Marie, or Nosy Boraha, is a narrow granitic island 57 km long 8 km off the east coast of Madagascar. It is composed of a main island and several small islets. Its lush vegetation interspersed with many small villages, the kilometrical sandy beaches shaded by coconut palms, its bays and coves protected by coral reefs have turned this tropical dream island in is one of the most popular beach spots Madagascar has to offer. An atmosphere of peace, tranquility and pure natural beauty prevails on the island, a feeling definitely emphasized by the joie de vivre of the Malagasy. Cycling is the most popular means of transport of getting around.

Most beautiful beaches of Madagascar can be found here. At the same time, it is green tropical paradise with a lot of trekking, swimming, and diving activities.



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October is also the last month where you can see whales. One of the largest migrations of whales is coming every year through the island.



Day 11

Tana

Back to Tana by plane and then

Departure back to Europe

MORE PHOTOS OF MADAGASCAR CAN BE SEEN HERE:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/anthonyasael/sets/72157594439998293>

Conditions

Le prix du voyage est de 2200 Euros pour la durée du tour (11 jours), basé sur une chambre double. Un supplément single coûte 180 Euros.

Possibilité aussi de prolonger le séjour à la plage à St Marie à la fin du voyage.

30% du prix devra être payé à l'inscription et 70% avant le début du voyage.

Ceci comprend les logements, pension complète sur la même durée, entrée des parcs nationaux, trekking, transport à Madagascar durant la durée du tour, cours photo, taxes locales, chauffeurs, guides,...).

Ceci n'inclut pas les dépenses personnelles, alcool, assurances, et éventuel pourboire pour les guides

Le descriptif du voyage et des dates pourrait être changé en concertation avec les participants si pour des raisons indépendantes de notre volonté une des activités devrait être annulées.