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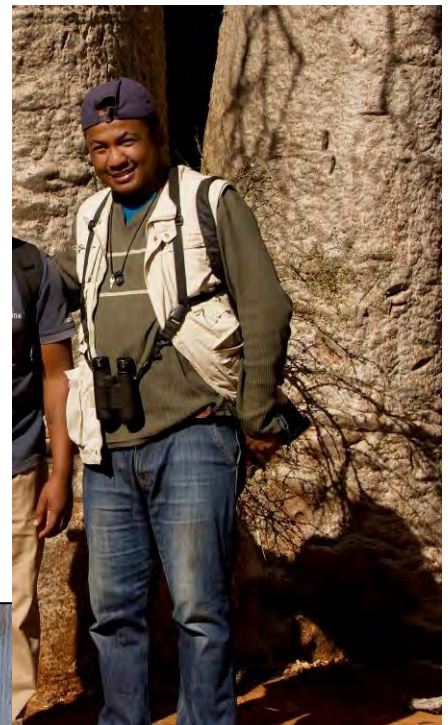
MADAGASCAR ~ AN OVERVIEW

Madagascar split off from the African continent 80 million years ago to form the world's fourth-largest island. It's a living laboratory for evolution, where the adventurous traveler can explore its diverse landscape of spiny desert, tropical moist and dry forests, and mountainous terrain in search of Madagascar's renowned odd creatures and botanical marvels. The vast majority of its flora and fauna are endemic, meaning they exist nowhere else in the world. These include more than 100 species of lemurs. The most endangered tortoise in the world, Angokoka – commonly known as ploughshare – and many unusual birds, frogs, and chameleons all make their home in a country with a unique blend of Asian and African cultures. Marco Polo first reported the island's existence. Throughout the centuries, embattled African slaves, intrepid Indian and Portuguese traders, European pirates, and French colonists arrived at its shores, eventually establishing 18 official "tribes." During our travels, we'll discover the creative spirit of the Malagasy people expressed in their thoughtful and colorful monuments honoring their ancestors. As we traverse this beautiful island paradise of contrasting arid and tropical landscapes, we'll discover the gift of Malagasy hospitality along with a vast store of incomparable memories.



YOUR TOUR GUIDE~ ANDRINIAINA S.R. ARMEL

Armel has been leading tours into the wilds of Madagascar for over a decade, specializing in natural history and photographic journeys. He is an energetic, motivated tour leader who loves wildlife, photography, people, and the history of Madagascar. He is fluent in English and Italian. His education and training in botanical garden conservation, birding, primatology, lemur conservation, and medicinal and succulent plant identification, will make your tour distinct and unique from previous journeys. When he's not on the job, Armel loves digging into natural history and exploring his skills as a photographer, currently specializing in wildlife photography, portrait, and landscapes.



YOUR ITINERARY

DAYS 1/2~TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY~ JULY 16/17

USA/EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight in San Francisco, arriving in Tana *on day 2*. Upon arrival in Antananarivo in the evening, you will be met by your specialist guide and escorted to your well-appointed hotel. A short drive from the airport through lush green rice fields will take you to the city with its brightly colored houses stacked up on the hillsides and its deliciously foreign flavor.

Antananarivo is situated in the central part of the island on the slopes of a rocky ridge that rises to about 4,700 feet. The city of 1,000 warriors takes its name from an episode in Malagasy history. When King Andrianjaka, who had called his people the Merina (highlanders) occupied the 12 sacred hills upon which Analamanga (where the forest is blue) was built, he had his royal palace and stronghold erected. One thousand warriors were quartered there. He called this city Antananarivo. The community grew in importance as the Merina dynasty, notably, Radama I gained control of most of the island in the 19th century. The French captured the city in 1895, and subsequently, it became the capital of the French Dependency of Madagascar. Today, the city is the chief economic, cultural, and administrative center of the country. It is the trade center for a rice-growing region, and industries here manufacture processed food, tobacco products, textiles, and leather goods.



Your home for the next two nights is the Palissandre Hotel and Spa which is situated on the hillside in the heart of the bustling city. There are 48 rooms, each with its own air-conditioning, a television with local and international channels, a direct telephone line, an electronic safe for valuables, and a minibar. Amenities include an outdoor heated swimming pool with a terrace, a spa offering massages and beauty treatments, and a fitness center. Free Wi-Fi is offered. There is a casual French restaurant with a terrace overlooking the city, plus a bar.

Overnight at the PALISSANDRE HOTEL & SPA. (No Meals) <https://www.hotel-restaurant-palissandre.com/>

DAY 3~ THURSDAY~ JULY 18

ANTANANARIVO

Your morning drive takes you to discover the Royal Hill of Ambohimanga, one of the 12 sacred hills surrounding Antananarivo, and visit the ruins of the palace of King Andrianampoinimerina, a site of cultural and historical significance. Situated just 15 miles from the capital, Ambohimanga is the birthplace of the Malagasy state, the Mecca of the Merina Kingdom, and the starting point for the unification of Imerina. Known variously as “the blue city,” “the holy city,” and “the forbidden city,” it is surrounded by forests. The citadel was an important Merina stronghold and retains several structures associated with their ceremonies.



In the 18th century, Ambohimanga was a town that needed to protect its royal family. Surrounded naturally by forests, the town also erected a massive wall and seven outer gates to protect its people. Its main gate, known as Ambatomitsangana, was an enormous stone disc weighing 12 tons and over 130 feet in circumference. Each night, the guards would roll the stone into position, blocking off the main entrance to the town.

On your return, you will visit Lemurs' Park, located 11 miles from Antananarivo. The main attraction, of course, is close-up viewing of lemurs, including sifakas, as well as the numerous turtles and chameleons also housed in the park. The lemur, a symbol of the endemic fauna of Madagascar, can be seen easily in this park, as there are nine species of lemurs roaming about the grounds. Observation of this endangered animal is more and more difficult in the wild due to deforestation. Besides the lemurs, the botanical garden contains 6,000 Madagascar plants and many other reptile species.

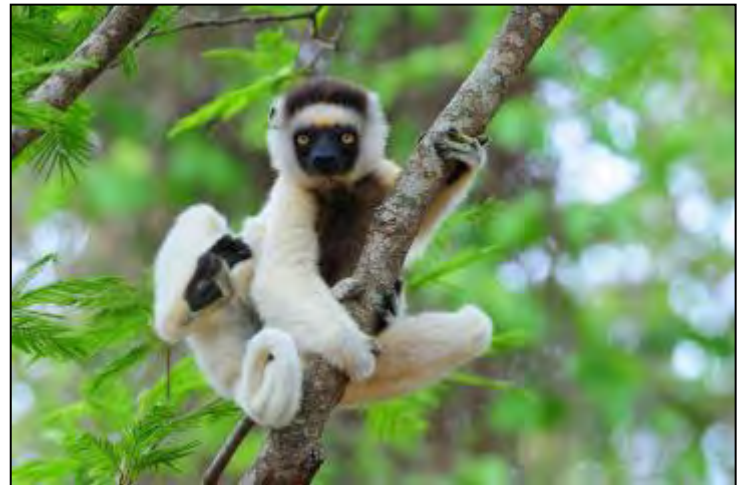
Overnight at the PALISSANDRE HOTEL & SPA. (B,L,D)



DAYS 4/5/6~FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY~ JULY 19/20/21

AMBORODIA/BERENTY RESERVE

Your private charter takes you today from the Amborodia airstrip to the small town of Ifotaka in the district of Amboasary Sud, which is a part of the Anosy Region on the south coast of Madagascar. From Ifotaka, board your 4X4 vehicle and drive west (*one hour's drive on dirt roads*) to Berenty, home of the Antandroy people. This region of spiny desert has weird cactus-like trees. Here you can still find pieces of shell from the extinct elephant bird. The Mahafaly tribe erects their intriguing and often entertaining "aloalo" (*funerary pole sculpture*) above their graves. The landscape is dramatic, with a skyline interspersed with baobab trees and spiny trees, including the "octopus tree" and other spiny plants.



Bordering the Mandrare River, the Berenty Reserve includes more than 600 acres of gallery and riverine forest. For three days, you'll explore this superb private wildlife reserve, famous for its population of ring-tailed lemurs and sifakas. Here, the de Heaulme family established a reserve with shady tamarind trees to protect the woods and the lemurs. It is not unusual for the photogenic ring-tailed lemurs to take bananas from your hand: they are used to humans and are quite tame. The lemur babies, clinging to their mothers, are quite fascinating. Although they rarely come down from the trees, the sifaka is by far the most picturesque primate, with creamy white fur, a brown cap, and a black face. Their unique way of sunbathing is quite marvelous. At dawn, enjoy the lemurs' antics and early chorus of birdlife and you may see hundreds of fruit bats clinging just under the forest canopy. Crested and Giant Couas, Cuckoo-rollers, Vasa Parrots, Hook-billed Vangas, Gray-headed Lovebirds, and Harrier Hawks are just some of the 56 species of birds you may see, as well as a great variety of butterflies and chameleons.

Your home for the next three nights, Berenty Lodge, is located in the middle of a remarkable private reserve where animals are quite literally all around you. The rooms at the lodge are fairly basic, so guests should not expect luxury. The lodge has 12 comfortable, environmentally oriented bungalows. Each of the bungalows has an en suite bathroom with a toilet and shower and is air-conditioned. The main facilities at the lodge include a bar and restaurant, which serves traditional Malagasy-style food incorporating seafood and the catch of the day. During your stay, you'll enjoy hikes in the beautiful tamarind forest along the wide, well-swept paths where many surprise encounters with the reserve's teeming wildlife might occur. Visit the ethnographic museum and textile collections, get lost in the sisal plantation, or relax among the playful lemurs at your lodge's tea garden.

Overnights at the BERENTY LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)



DAYS 7/8/9~MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY~ JULY 22/23/24

BERENTY/BEKOPAKA/Tsingy OF BEMARAH

Leave Berenty early in the morning and drive back to Ifotaka where you board your charter flight to the Amborodia landing strip. Be sure to look out the window of your aircraft as you fly over the Tsingy of Bemaraha, Madagascar's first World Heritage site, a spectacular limestone massif with hidden canyons and forests. Upon arrival board your vehicles and transfer to Bekopaka, the nearest village to the Tsingy of Bemaraha. Bekopaka is a small town in what is a relatively isolated part of the country. With very little access either by air or by road, only the very determined make it to Bekopaka, which is both a blessing and a curse. The challenging nature of this town means that few people will get to experience the wonder of its nearby park.



You will have two days to explore the Tsingy of Bemaraha National Park, a very unique and rocky formation that only exists in Madagascar. These limestone pinnacles were built by the slow sedimentation of coral and shells. When Madagascar separated from Africa 165 million years ago, the ocean withdrew and Tsingy remained. This place is named for its tsingys, a funny-sounding word from the Malagasy language that literally means "where one cannot walk barefoot." Tsingys are a rock formation made up of gouged caverns and fissures that have eroded over time into the limestone cliffs of the region. This strange stone forest can be a hundred feet high. Characterized by the incredible stone formations that rise up from the ground, the Tsingy of Bemaraha National Park is a natural wonder unlike any other. UNESCO inscribed the park as a World Heritage site in 1990 and describes the rugged protrusions as "limestone needles". Under it, there are miles of undiscovered caves, rivers, and canyons. Yet, giant rocks aren't the only point of interest at Tsingy de Bemaraha. Undisturbed forests, lakes, and mangroves are home to 90 species of birds, eight species of reptiles, and 11 species of lemurs, including *Decken's* sifaka.



You will be staying at Soleil des Tsingy, a comfortable and stylish hotel at the gates of the stunning Tsingy of Bemaraha National Park. The hotel has 17 comfortable and very elegantly furnished en-suite bungalows, an infinity pool, free Wi-Fi access, and dramatic views of the surrounding landscapes. During construction, they preserved all of the surrounding trees and then planted another 5,000 indigenous trees and shrubs. The open-air restaurant serves up delicious French and Malagasy cuisine.

Overnights at the SOLEIL DES TSINGY. (B,L,D Daily)

<http://www.soleildestsingy.com/>



DAY 10~THURSDAY~ JULY 25

TSINGY OF BEMARAHA/MORONDAVA/BAOBAB AVENUE/ANTANANARIVO

Your drive now takes you back to Amborodia landing airstrip, to board your charter flight to Morondava to visit the world-famous Avenue of Baobabs in the park, particularly stunning at dawn and dusk. These huge trees, several hundred years old, reveal their beauty and size at any time of the day, even if you cannot be there to see the red colors of dusk. Baobabs are native to Madagascar. Six of eight known species can only be found on the island; only two have made their way across to the African continent. This is one of the most popular and visited places in Madagascar. These Baobabs can be up to 800 years old and grow more than 100 feet. The diameter of the largest trees can reach up to 36 feet.



After spending some time in this dreamy place your charter flight brings you back to Antananarivo, where you check into your hotel and discover a wonderful restaurant with French cuisine in the evening in the Malagasy capital. Overnight at the PALISSANDRE HOTEL & SPA. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11/12/13~FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY~ JULY 26/27/28

ANTANANARIVO/ANDASIBE NATIONAL PARK

Today drive to Andasibe (90 miles /4 hours), with a stop in Marozevo for a short visit of the private reserve, "*Peyrieras*." This park is owned by a prominent naturalist to help preserve many endemic species of animals. Chameleons, butterflies, insects, geckos, and frogs can be seen inside this park.

Continue with your drive to the National Park of Andasibe, also known as Parc National d'Andasibe-Mantadia, featuring 31,654 acres of lushness, and encompassing two distinct areas: the small Réserve Spéciale Analamazaotra (often referred to as Périnet), and the much larger Parc National de Mantadia. This park is known for its rare orchids that bloom in the forest, its beautiful waterfalls, and the famous cultural rituals of the inhabitants of the surrounding area.

As far as fauna is concerned, the forest ensures life for many animals by providing shelter. There are 108 bird species known in the park, some of which play a role in the survival of plants. There are also 14 species of lemurs, 51 species of Boa reptiles, and 84 species of amphibians. In rivers, there are several endemic fish species, two of which are classified as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

In Périnet you'll have the opportunity to see the largest species of the lemur family, the indri (called Babakoto in Malagasy, which means man of the forest or little father.) Three feet tall, with black and white markings, the indri has an ear-shattering, eerie, wailing sound, somewhere between the song of a whale and a police siren, making this lemur extra unique.

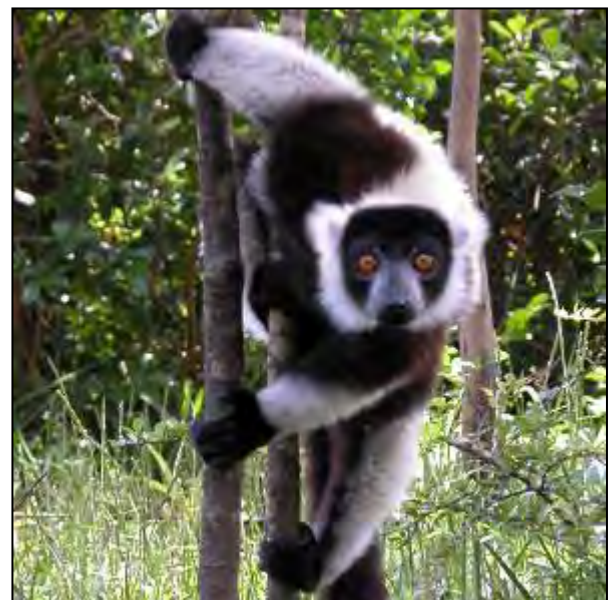


There are nine different species of lemurs in Perinet, where you may be able to see the brown lemur, the mouse lemur, and the dwarf lemur. The largest of the chameleons live here and the bird watching is superb: Blue Couas, Vangas, Blue Pigeons, Paradise Flycatchers, falcons, Black Vasa Parrots, cuckoo-rollers, nightjars, and sunbirds.

Mantadia National Park was created in the 1990s and lies roughly 13 miles north of Périnet. Due to its

considerably larger size and untouched primary rainforest, Mantadia's wildlife is more diverse than Périnet's. Indri, diademed sifakas, and black-and-white ruffed lemurs can be found here, although seeing these animals will require some effort as you follow them on steep and narrow trails.

While here you will visit Vakona Zoo, a small zoo providing a great opportunity for close-up lemur photos.



*The Mantadia Lodge (built in early 2018) has a wonderful location overlooking the forests and rice paddies of Andasibe National Park. The lodge is only a 10-minute drive from the entrance to Perinet Reserve and a 1.5-hour drive from Mantadia National Park. Guest rooms include double, triple, and family bungalows, and a villa, all set in leafy gardens with large fishponds and water features. All of the rooms have modern, en-suite bathrooms and a private terrace with chairs. The onsite restaurant offers outdoor dining and a menu featuring a variety of steaks and seafood dishes along with sandwiches and light meals. Other facilities include a bar, boutique, and spa where guests can enjoy massages and beauty treatments. Overnights at the MANTADIA LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)
<http://mantadialodge.com/>*



DAY 14~MONDAY~ JULY 29

ANDASIBE NATIONAL PARK/ANTANANARIVO/

This morning, after a leisurely breakfast, head off to Antananarivo. In Tana, a day room is reserved for you at the RELLAIS DESPLATEAUX HOTEL. Depending on your flights you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home. (B,L,D)



DAY 15~TUESDAY~ JULY 30

USA

Today you arrive back in the U.S. with the memories of all the wonderful sights of Madagascar. (Meals Aloft)



INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation at hotels as mentioned on full board basis.
- Charter flights within Madagascar as indicated in the itinerary: Antananarivo/ Fort Dauphin (refueling)/ Ifotaka, Ifotaka/Morondava(refueling)/ Amborodia and Amborodia/Morondava/ Antananarivo.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary.
- Bottled water during excursions.
- Vehicles and drivers as needed.
- English-speaking guide will accompany the tour throughout.
- Tanya Peterson will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- All national park entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Round-trip air transportation from the USA to Antananarivo. If you require assistance with air arrangements, contact Classic Escapes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants. *Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and are at your discretion. We estimate \$15.00 per person/per day for the specialist guide. \$10 per person/per day for the driver. \$10 per person/per day for the camp/lodge staff. \$3 per person for each arrival and departure transfer from the airport/hotel. These are daily per-service estimates, and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.*
- Meals and all other beverages, other than those specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing But Is Subject To Change.



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MADAGASCAR

- Participants must be able to climb unassisted in and out of mini-buses and land cruisers. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (6-8 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- To enjoy Madagascar to the fullest, one needs to be able to trek some distances, particularly when visiting forests and Isalo. To follow playful lemurs, you must be quick on your feet and trek over uneven terrain.
- Participants should also be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages and towns. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill. This journey is classified as moderately strenuous.

In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor: unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur!
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity!
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with a modest infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules

The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program is Antananarivo, Madagascar.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: ANTANANARIVO, BERENTY RESERVE, TSINGY OF BEMARAHANA NATIONAL PARK, AVENUE OF THE BAOBABS, PERINET RESERVE & MANTADIA NATIONAL PARK

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: SAN FRANCISCO ZOO

ESCORTED BY: TANYA PETERSON, DIRECTOR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ZOO

DATES: JULY 16 TO 30, 2024

<u>COSTS:</u> PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND & ALL INTERNAL FLIGHTS WITHIN MADAGASCAR	\$10,995 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT, ADDITIONAL*	\$1,995 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: THIS RATE IS VALID FOR THE FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME /FIRST SERVED BASIS.

INTERNATIONAL AIR ARRANGEMENTS: The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program is Antananarivo, Madagascar**



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

The purchase of your travel booking constitutes a contractual agreement between the traveler(s), customer(s), and/or purchaser(s) (collectively as "**You**" and "**Traveler**"), and Classic Escapes ("**Classic Escapes**", "**We**", "**Us**") pursuant to the following terms and conditions ("**Terms**", "**Agreement**"):

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: You will be required to pay the following per-person deposits when booking. Those amounts are:

- \$2,200 for the trip

All deposits are subject to the Cancellation policy herein. Final payment is required no less than 95 days prior to departure (**April 12, 2024**) unless otherwise stated. Some airfares or services must be paid in full at the time of booking. Payments may be made by check or with a credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.) Conditioned on receipt of final payment in full, all final documents and air tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS: If for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the provider, and not against Classic Escapes, and in the event that payment has been made to Classic Escapes by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to chargeback your payment to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is passed through to the travel service provider and you seek to chargeback your payment from the provider, you agree to be held liable and indemnify Classic Escapes against this chargeback from the provider, including without limitation any air debit memos charged to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is declined, you guarantee that you will settle any amounts owing to Classic Escapes via money order or cash immediately. Except in cases of fraud, you agree not to file any dispute with your bank or credit card company to avoid or violate any booking terms and conditions of Classic Escapes or its suppliers, including cancellations or changes of itinerary or arrangements for reasons beyond the control of Classic Escapes or its suppliers. If you attempt to chargeback, reverse, or recollect a previously authorized trip payment, Classic Escapes reserves the right to collect all additional costs, fees, and expenses associated with such chargeback, reversal, or recollection, including, without limitation, attorney fees.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. By signing the reservation form, you expressly acknowledge your acceptance of these conditions (i.e., increases before full payment and increases attributable to government-imposed taxes or fees after full payment will be your responsibility) applicable to your purchase.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates, and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after the promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners, or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

ADDITIONAL FEES: Additional taxes and surcharges that cannot be pre-collected may be charged locally. Cost of passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy(s); or any other costs incurred that cannot be pre-collected are NOT included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see 'Your Journey at a Glance' section for the cost.) The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodation. 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.

GRATUITIES, ENTRANCE FEES & TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included in the final cost. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and specialist guide(s) are not included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATION: Please be aware that most travel bookings are non-refundable and canceled bookings will incur charges. These charges can be up to 100% of the cost of the booking, regardless of whether travel has commenced. Where we incur any liability for a cancellation fee or charge for any booking that you cancel, you agree to indemnify us for the amount of that fee or charge. Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable; however, depending on the specific itinerary or other factors, we may require a non-refundable deposit:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (January 18, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee.
- 6 months to 96 days prior to departure (January 19 to April 11, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
- 95 days to 76 days prior to departure (April 12 to May 1, 2024), deposit is forfeited.
- 75 days to 60 days prior to departure (May 2 to May 17, 2024), 25% refund is possible.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (May 18, 2024), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

REFUNDS: While Classic Escapes uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there is no claim of any nature whatsoever against Classic Escapes for a refund, in whole or in part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found, or if the Traveler is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary.

CHANGES: Once your tour is reserved, changes to the itinerary are possible subject to the availability of air or land space at the time of your request. Should there be any change fees imposed by any airline or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to the availability of any space, these costs will be invoiced to you, and you will be responsible for payment thereof.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Should you wish to make additional travel plans, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those offered in conjunction with your tour, a service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORTS: All individuals departing from the United States of America must be in possession of a valid passport. Please check that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended return date. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid travel documentation, including but not limited to passports and visas, which meet the requirements of immigration and other government authorities at every destination. You are responsible for confirming with the United States Department of State or the representative government agency of the country to which you are traveling to confirm the requirements for visas and/or other requirements for admission to your destination. Any fines, penalties, payments, or expenditures incurred as a result of such documents not meeting the requirements of those authorities will be your sole responsibility.

REAL ID: Beginning October 1, 2021, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., it is your responsibility to make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies, please check with your local state Department of Motor Vehicles, or visit www.tsa.gov/real-id.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: It is the responsibility of each Traveler to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa(s), and all other documents required by applicable government regulations. When traveling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry acceptable identification in order to board a flight. Acceptable identification can be found at <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids>. The name, date of birth and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same such data that is listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records. You acknowledge any failure to strictly comply with these requirements may result in denied boarding or an undue delay at an airport security checkpoint causing Traveler to miss flight(s), and subsequent scheduled travel bookings on cruises and tours.

Travel documents include, without limitation, airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers, or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain conditions and/or restrictions such as, but not limited to, being non-refundable, non-date-changeable, and subject to cancellation and/or amendment fees. Travel documents cannot be transferred to another person to use. All airline tickets must be issued in the

name of the passport/photo identity holder. An incorrect name on a booking may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings on your documentation will be your responsibility if we are not advised at the time of booking. Please reconfirm your flights at least 24 hours prior to departure.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send you an electronic pre-departure packet containing all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Electronic final documents and air e-tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, contact Classic Escapes.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: Check on the airline's website to enquire who their partners are. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

FLIGHT CONFIRMATION: We strongly suggest that you reconfirm exact flight times with the carrier prior to departure. Air travelers are required to check in at least 2 hours prior to departure time for domestic flights and 3 hours for international flights and must report to the gate at least 30 minutes prior to departure time. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the seat to another passenger.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Federal law prohibits passengers from carrying hazardous materials on the aircraft. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in the passenger's luggage or on the passenger's person. A violation can result in five years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in the passenger's luggage and certain smoking materials carried on the passenger's person. For further information, each passenger should contact the relevant airline representative(s) on their itinerary. Restrictions on hazardous materials are listed <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>.

INSECTICIDE NOTICE: Some countries require insecticide spraying of aircraft prior to a flight or while you are on the aircraft. We recommend that you refer to the Department of Transportation's list of airports in countries that require airlines to treat the passenger cabin with insecticides prior to the flight or while on the aircraft available at <https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements>.

BAGGAGE & FEES: Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding its checked baggage policies. On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. There may also be luggage and weight restrictions for your destination and that information will be forwarded to you with your pre-departure material and also listed on your final documents.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. Any additional land or air fees imposed on account of airline delays will be borne by the traveler.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans, unless otherwise specified. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or video taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

GUIDES: If one of Classic Escapes' guides is unable to take a trip due to circumstances out of our control (i.e., illness, etc.), we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

TOUR ITINERARY: To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

HEALTH AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: You must have the proper immunizations and health screenings and required documentation of such immunizations and screenings before travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any health requirements, health advisories, or health travel restrictions applicable to your travel destinations and to ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Classic Escapes is not responsible for providing you with this information. Travel carriers and local authorities at travel destinations may require specific testing prior to boarding and/or upon arrival at your destination, including, but not limited to, a temperature check as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may be denied entry onto your carrier and/or entry upon arrival at your destination or be required to self-quarantine at your destination and upon your return to the United States. You must comply with local government regulations. Any additional costs are your responsibility. Check the State Department Web site <http://travel.state.gov>, for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, and the Center for Disease Control <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/> relating to health issues related to travel.

You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us if you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In order to participate in one of our tours, travelers must certify that they have not recently been treated for, nor are aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to themselves or other members of the tour and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by Classic Escapes and their representatives during their journey. Travelers must maintain suitable physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands throughout their journey. Travelers are required to follow guidelines established by local regulations which may include wearing masks in vehicles, indoor areas, and any outdoor areas where physical distancing is not possible. Explicit instructions will be provided by our guide on arrival. Noncompliance with these procedures will result in the suspension of the journey. **Travelers voluntarily assume all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their traveling party require testing, quarantine, or become infected with COVID-19.** Classic Escapes will endeavor to provide assistance wherever possible.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. However, no representation or description of the insurance made by Classic Escapes to you constitutes a binding assurance or promise about the insurance. Classic Escapes is not an insurance company and has no responsibility for the submission, payment, or adjustment of any insurance claims. Any insurance claims that may fall under the relevant travel insurance policy must be submitted to the insurance company identified in the policy. We recommend the following service – please visit the website to enroll: <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. Any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company, Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and reference ARC #71298. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. **THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.**

EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during your trip via Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000.
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Medical Plan (926801)

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=AL&ProductCode=926801&PlanCode=NW&FileType=PROD_PLAN_GM

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR OPERATOR: Classic Escapes acts as a tour operator/travel agent only. Classic Escapes does not own, operate, manage, or control any independent suppliers of services and is not liable for their acts or omissions. Classic Escapes' obligations to you are to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and other travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services, nor do we have the authority to make any warranty or representation regarding their standard. Requests cannot be guaranteed. All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these travel service providers. You understand that your legal recourse is against the specific provider, not Classic Escapes. Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. It is your responsibility to check the USA Government Travel advisories for your intended destination at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY: We always do our best to make sure your travel arrangements are satisfactory. However, Classic Escapes and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns do not own or operate any third-party entity that provides goods and services for your travel, including without limitation lodging facilities, airline, vessel, motorcoach, or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and are in no way affiliated to Classic Escapes. We are not liable for any delays or additional costs incurred by the Traveler as a result of any actions or occurrences by any of the foregoing third party entities.

LIABILITY: Classic Escapes is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any travel service provider or of any third party.

Because Classic Escapes does not have the right to control the operations of such travel service provider or any third party, you agree that Classic Escapes is not liable for any personal injury or property damage which may arise out of these services. Classic Escapes hereby disclaims any liability whether based on contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, including without limitation liability for any direct, punitive, special consequential, incidental or indirect damages, in connection with the goods or services provided by any supplier booking through Classic Escapes, including without limitation liability for any act, error, omission, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be incurred through the fault, negligence, willful acts, omissions or otherwise of such travel service provider or any third party, or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services, their cancellation and refund policies, fuel increases, bankruptcy or cessation of operations and other matters outside of Classic Escapes' control, and you hereby exonerate Classic Escapes from any liability with respect to the same.

FORCE MAJEURE: Classic Escapes will not be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, illness, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, including web host and internet service provider, breakdown or malfunction of equipment, destruction of or serious damage to facilities, natural catastrophes including, but not limited to extreme weather events, floods and volcanic eruptions, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy, and any other unforeseen circumstance which is beyond the control of Classic Escapes. **THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.**

REFUSAL OF SERVICE: Service providers reserve the right to refuse service to travelers at their sole discretion, including, without limitation, if the traveler: (i) lacks proper documentation for the country of destination; (ii) has a contagious disease; (iii) is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics; and/or (iv) manifests disruptive and/or unruly behavior. Classic Escapes assumes no liability for the acts of the service provider in refusing service.

ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE: Both parties agree that you may acknowledge and agree to these Terms: (i) electronically; (ii) by handwritten signature; (iii) by any other electronic means, including, without limitation, via email acceptance of these Terms; or (iv) by your implied consent deemed via your actions, which shall include without limitation the payment of the invoice in part or in full or your use of the services provided by Classic Escapes or any other travel supplier related to your booking. All such means will be deemed to constitute effective acknowledgement and execution of this Agreement and shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to change these Terms and Conditions at any time. Updated versions of the Terms will be provided to you, will be posted on our website, and are effective immediately on posting.

GOVERNING LAW: The construction, validity, and performance of these Terms and any disputes between the parties shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles, and any federal laws applicable therein. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any legal proceedings relating to these Terms.



RESERVATION FORM:

SAN FRANCISCO ZOO ~MADAGASCAR

24AFZ0716/SFOZoo

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$2,200 per person to hold _____ place(s) on the tour to Madagascar departing on July 16, 2024. Cost is \$10,995 per person, double occupancy, land only.

Final payment due date is **April 12, 2024**

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001

OR

Charge deposit to: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail at the above address or fax to 718-204-4726)

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have two consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ☐ ONE ☐ TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if San Francisco Zoo or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount listed on the Journey at a Glance page.
- I prefer to share with: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost.
 - ☐ \$1,995 for the trip

**CLASSIC ESCAPES CAN ASSIST WITH INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FROM ANY US CITY.
PLEASE CONTACT US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and the value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of January 27, 2023, and are subject to change. Cancellation penalties are applicable as outlined in the Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.
191 W Poplar Street,
Floral Park, NY 11001

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)

SAN FRANCISCO ZOO~ MADAGASCAR
JULY 16 TO 30, 2024



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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card: _____

Card number: _____

Expiration date: _____

Card Verification Number* _____

Card Type: _____

Billing address of credit card: _____

Amount of transaction: _____

Services rendered/Items purchased: _____

Phone number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of January 27, 2023, and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (January 18, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee.
- 6 months to 96 days prior to departure (January 19 to April 11, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
- 95 days to 76 days prior to departure (April 12 to May 1, 2024), deposit is forfeited.
- 75 days to 60 days prior to departure (May 2 to May 17, 2024), 25% refund is possible.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (May 18, 2024), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.