# TREASURES OF NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY

MANAGED BY MADAGASCAR NATIONAL PARKS







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# VISITING A NATIONAL PARK

#### 1. Get Information

Which Park are we going to visit and which circuit will we choose? Are there welcome offices and other eco-touristic infrastructure in the Park?

#### 2. Access the Parks

Tickets are available at the Park entrance or at ORTANA's kiosk at Antaninarenina (7/7 days).

#### 3. Take guide

Taking a guide can be helpful when visiting a Park. Please visit the welcome office for more information.

#### 4. Keep your ticket

Please keep your entrance ticket as long as you are visiting the Park.

#### 5. Enjoy every minute of it

Visiting one of our Parks is an unique and unforgettable experience; make sure to not miss anything. Feel free to share your experiences, stories and photos on our facebook page.



## 5 points to remember before, during and after visiting a National Park



# Our mission

The mission of Madagascar National Parks is to establish, conserve and manage in a sustainable fashion a network of National Parks and Reserves that represent the biological diversity and natural heritage of Madagascar.

Our medium term vision is to transform Madagascar National Parks into a sustainable institution that is wellknown by investors (public and private sector) alike technical partners and clients for its professional approach to Protected Areas management.

Madagascar National Parks is working towards its vision along four strategic axes: Conservation, Co-management, **Priority Markets Development, and** Management Performance.



# **CREDIBLE** and **SUSTAINABLE**

With 26 years of experience, Madagascar National Parks is recognized by its partners for its capacities in managing its Protected Areas Network. The tools used are a guarantee of quality and prove the relevance of its actions.

Madagascar National Parks manages 43 Parks and Reserves, representing 2.6 million ha, of unique biodiversity treasures.

#### SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ACTIONS **VISIT OUR PARKS AND RESERVES.**

### **UNIQUE and WIDE-**RANGING

#### **DYNAMIC** and COMMITTED

Madagascar National Parks, a private association declared to be of public utility, has since the mid-2000s undergone a clear shift towards an entrepreneurial management style in order to increase management efficiency, financial sustainability, and confidence among government, financial and technical partners. All of its "strategic plans and operational tools" were updated in this sense.



Born under the sea millions of years ago, Ankarana National Park covers today 18.225 ha. It is famous for its network of caves, subterranean rivers and canyons, as well as for its dry and green forests. On the surface, erosion has carved the limestone "Tsingy" with its sharp ridges. Deep beneath the surface, the longest network of underground streams existing in Africa (110 km) are waiting to be discovered.



## **Circuits**

Distance: 2, 5 km Duration: 2 h Level: Easy Distance: 8 km Duration:6 hours Level: Sport circuit

### When to visit?

Year round

## Accommodation





River tour: Discover endemic lemurs and birds, the caves of Milaintely, and the Ambohimalaza view point - a haven of tranquility and freshness.

Long tour: Visit the Bat cave, the Tsingy meva, the river tour, the Turrets of Tsingy, the Tsingy Rary, all of it in the heart of the geological and cultural history of Ankarana.

Princes camping (inside the Park)

Andrafiabe camping (inside the Park)

Hotels around the Park or in Ambilobe





## LOKOBE NATIONAL PARK

Located in the south of Nosy Be Island, Lokobe National Park is a pleasant place for relaxing walks in dense vegetation surrounded by various species of animals. It is one of the rare localities in Madagascar where the original forest of Sambirano still exists, beautifully contrasting with the marine part of the Protected Area. The flagship species of the Park are the Eulemur macaco - the black lemur.







## **Circuits**

- Distance: 2 km Duration: 3 hours Level: Difficult and the panoramic view Distance: 1 km Duration: 2 hours Level: Difficult
- and beaches.
- Distance: 2.41 km Duration: 3 hours Level: Difficult

#### When to visit?

- Year round

### Accommodation

- Talio camping (inside the Park)
- A Hotels in Nosy Be (Hell ville)





Kindro circuit: Loop circuit, passing by Ampasin-dava and Nosy Be. Discover palm trees, lemurs, birds, and reptiles.

Mitsinjo circuit: Circuit inside the park. Discover palm trees, lemurs, birds, reptiles

Ramy circuit: Circuit inside the Park. Discover palm trees, lemurs, birds, reptiles

Best time for spotting lemurs: November to December





## MAROJEJY NATIONAL PARK

Marojejy National Park, extending over 60.050 ha, is on the list of "UNESCO World Heritage" sites since 2007 due to its amazing biodiversity and exceptional landscapes. It is one of the few places in the world where it's still possible to walk from very dense low-lying forests to the high plains in a blink of an eye. Marojejy will amaze all nature lovers, mountains, and unexploited places.







#### **Circuits:**

Distance: 4 km Duration: 4 hours Level: Intermediate

"Simpona". Distance: 2km from Mantella circuit Duration: 1 to 2 hours Level: Intermediate

Distance: 6 km Duration: 3 hours Level: Sports circuit

#### When to visit?

- Year round
- mid-December

#### Accommodation

- - Hotels in Andapa





Mantella circuit: Discover the lower part of the wet primary forests, reptile and amphibian species, lemurs, many species of birds, and relax in the natural pool.

**Simpona circuit:** Extension from Mantella circuit, discover the Silky Sifaka called

Marojejya circuit: Discover the cloud forest between Camp Marojejya and Camp Simpona, as well as the mountain tops of Marojejy.

Sest time for spotting the flagship species lemur *Propithecus candidus*: July to

Best time for spotting flowering orchids: November to March

Antella camp: 06 lodges and camping area Arojejya camp: 04 lodges and camping area Simpona camp: 02 lodges and camping area





# AMBER MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Created on October 28th, 1958, Amber Mountain was the first National Park established in Madagascar. This volcanic massif creates its own microclimate and rises 1.475 m above one of the most water-rich forests of Madagascar. At Amber Mountain, stunning panoramas of the Indian Ocean and dense tropical forests with sacred waterfalls and crater lakes await to be discovered.





the "thousand trees road". Distance: 3,1km Duration: 2 hours Level: Easy

Distance: 12 km Duration: 4 hours Level: Difficult

Distance: 20 km Duration: 3 days Level: Difficult

#### When to visit?

- Year round

#### **Accommodation**

- Camping area in the Park





Ampijoroagna circuit: Discover Roussettes Station, numerous waterfalls and

Notice the panoramic view and discover various endemic birds.

Amber summit circuit: Enjoy the spectacular view of the whole region and the refreshing atmosphere of the lakes.

Best time for spotting the endemic lemurs: April to November

Hotels in Antsiranana and Joffre Ville



## **NOSY HARA** NATIONAL PARK

**Nosy Hara** 

Nosy Hara National Park covers 125.471 ha and is located in the extreme northwest of Madagascar, approximately 34 km to the west of Antsiranana. The Park is home to a large shallow lake, from 2 to 4 m deep depending to the seasons, 17 km long and 1.5 km wide. The flora and fauna are exceptionally rare.



#### **Circuits:**

- Mountain. Distance: 700 m
- Duration: 1 hour Level: Easy
- Distance: 3 km
- Duration: 2 hours Level: Intermediate
- Distance: Depending on the island Duration: 1-2 hours by boat Level: Easy

#### When to visit?

- Year round

### Accommodation

- Camping area in the Park
- 🙀 Hotels in Madirokitamby





**Brookesia micra tour (land circuit):** The trail climbs through rich and dense dry forests, passes near the caves and finishes at the beautiful view point of Amber

The Tsingy Maniry Trail (land circuit): Literally translated - a growing lime stone. Appreciate the extraordinary landscape of the Bay de Courier with its archipelago. Discover several kinds of dry plants growing in the valley and on the rock, as well as some rare species of birds like fisher eagle.

**Tour of the Islands (marine circuit):** Visit Lakandava Island or Hara Island, enjoy scuba diving and watching marine turtles.

Best time in general: March to December





## ANKARAFANTSIKA **NATIONAL PARK**

Ramsar

Ankarafantsika National Park is composed of an unique flora set on a sandy massif, home to very rare animal species which can't be found in other Parks. The Park is located in the northwest of Madagascar, 450 km from Antananarivo and 115 km from Mahajanga, along the RN4. Ankarafantsika National Park offers varied and contrasted landscapes, various types of forests, savannas, lakes and the "lavaka" of Ankarokaroka, result of a gigantic erosion. This Park is recognized as a RAMSAR site.



#### Circuits

Distance: 3-5 km Duration: 2-3 hours Level: Easy

trees and the Ravelobe lake. Distance: 1.5 km Duration: 1.5-2 hours Level: Easy

- Distance: 9-12 km Duration: 3-4 hours Level: Sports circuit
- this sacred place. Distance: 7 km Duration: 3-4 hours Level: Intermediate Distance: 4-6 km

Duration: 2-3 hours Level: Intermediate

#### When to visit?

- Year round

#### Accommodation

- Guest rooms
- 7 deluxe bungalows
- Camping area and tent rental
- Safari style tent with mattress
- Group kitchen facilities
- Restaurant





**Coquereli trail:** Spot the *lemur propithecus*.

**Baobab Extension trail:** Witness cultural highlights, enjoy the sight of Boabab

**Big Canyon trail:** Discover the Ankarokaroka canyon, numerous erosion pathways (Lavaka), beautiful sunsets and savannas.

Lake trail: Be amazed by the customs and traditions linked to crocodile worship at

Retendrika trail : A trail famous for its medical plants (Pachypodium).

Best time for birdwatching: September to November





Bemaraha

## BEMARAHA **NATIONAL PARK**

Classified as UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1990, Bemaraha, which occupies part of the limestone plateau bearing the same name, became a National Park in 1997. The view offered by its Tsingy is one of the most spectacular in Madagascar, because of its cracks sculpted into sharp peaks and ridges.





#### **Circuits**

Distance: 2 km Duration: 2 hours Level: Easy

Tsingy are to be enjoyed. Distance: 2-6 km Duration: 4-5 hours. Level: Easy

and Vazimba tomb. Distance: 2-4 km Level: Easy

Distance: 5 km Duration: 5-10 hours Level: Sports circuit Distance: 5 km Duration 4 hours Level: Difficult

Distance: 3 km Duration: 3 hours Level: Intermediate

#### When to visit?

October by boat.

## Accommodation

Hotels around the Park





**Tantely circuit:** Discover endemic animals and plants, as well as the Small Tsingy

Andadoany and Ankeligoa circuit: Canyons and labyrinths, cathedrals and the

Manambolo circuit: travelling by local boat in Manambolo river, discover crocodiles

Duration: 4 hours (of which 1hour by boat and 3 hours by foot)

Anjohimahitsy circuit: Discover the Tsingy gallery, the limestone plateau, canyons, fissures, cathedrals and caves.

Andamozavaky circuit: Discover cathedrals with big limestones, enjoy the 360° panoramic view, dare passing over a suspension bridge.

Berano circuit: A trail focused on speleology, succulent flowring plants (Kalanchoe), canoeing and forest galleries.

Only during the dry season. Better between May and November by road. May to





# **NATIONAL PARK**

Baly Bay National Park is situated in the region of Boeny, 165 km southwest of the city of Mahajanga. It extends over 57.142 ha. Its weather is warm and sub-humid, with a marked dry season lasting up to 7 months between April and October. The flagship species of the Park is the Angonoka – the endemic marin turtle.



#### **Circuits**:

Distance: 4 km Duration: 3 hours Level: Easy

Distance: 24 km Duration: 2 days Level: Intermediate

### When to visit?

#### Accommodation

Camping area 🚑 Hotels in Soalala





Angonoky circuit: Discover the local endemic turtle and diurnal lemurs.

Ankoay circuit: Discover rare birds such as the eagle fisher, the *mycteria ibis*, and the therskornis bernieri on the edge of the lake Sariaka.

Accessible only in the dry period from May to November.







## SAHAMALAZA NATIONAL PARK

Sahamalaza National Park is located on the northwest coast of Madagascar, between the District of Ambanja (Diana) and Analalava (Sofia). The climate is sub-humid, the ground is flat and uneven. The Reserve extends over 26.035 ha and is recognized as a Biosphere and RAMSAR Reserve.





#### **Circuits:**

- Distance: 47 km Level: Easy
- Level: Easy
- Duration: 2 hours by boat Level: Easy

#### When to visit?

- Year round
- Accommodation





Akomba manga maso circuit: Discover endemic flora and terrestrial fauna, endemic blue-eyed lemurs, and enjoy the view of the Bay of Sahamalaza.

Duration: 2-3 hours (by boat), 4 hours by car

**Fitilimbengy circuit:** Marvel at the coastal flora and fauna, mangrove forests, the sacred ibis (Therskiornis bernieri), the Madagascar sea-eagle, and flying foxes. Distance: 30 km by boat and 3 km by foot Duration: 2-3 hours by boat, 2 hours by foot

**Radama Islands circuit:** Enjoy the flora and sea life, coral reefs, the Radama Archipelago, green turtles as well as numerous coral species.

Distance: 50 km from Maromandia to the archipelago

Ankarafa camping area in the Park



Tsingy de namoroka

## TSINGY OF NAMOROKA

Tsingy of Namoroka extends over 22.227 ha. It is home to the famous "Low Tsingy", caves and walls, semideciduous dense dry forest, savannas, swamp grounds, canyons and natural pools.







#### **Circuits**

Distance: 24 km Level: Difficult

discovered. Duration: 3 hours Distance: 24 km Level: Difficult

Distance: 12 km Duration: 3 hours Level: Difficult

#### When to visit?

### Accommodation

Camping area





Mandevy circuit: Be amazed by the geyser like Mandevy river and the local lemurs.

Duration: 3 hours walk for experienced walkers or by four-wheel-drive vehicle

Ambovon'Omby circuit: Caves, Tsingy landscape, water birds are waiting to be

The Antsifotra circuit: Visit Tsingy canyons, baobab trees, and succulent spinebearing trees and shrubs (Pachypodium).

Only accessible between May and November



# AMBOHITANTELY SPECIAL RESERVE

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Ambohitantely

Ambohitantely Special Reserve is the only Protected Area in the region of Analamanga. It contains one of the few remaining vestiges of the central plateau forest. The Reserve extends over 5.600 ha, including 1.800 ha of natural forest and 3.800 ha of grassy savanna.





#### **Circuits**:

Distance: 4 km Duration: 4 hours Level: Easy

Distance: 6 km Duration: 4 to 5 hours Level: Difficult

Distance: 4 km Duration: 2 hours Level: Easy

#### When to visit?

## Accommodation

Camping area





**botanical Garden circuit:** Discover Ambohitantely's forest flora, especially orchids and medical plants, but also lemurs, birds, amphibians, and reptiles.

**Å** Loop circuit: Botanical Garden and Doany Ampasandoaka. Discover Ambohitantely's forest flora, especially orchids and medical plants, but also lemurs, birds, amphibians, and reptiles.

A Dypsis decipiens: Discover rare palm trees.

Accessible between September and May



Indasibe

# ANDASIBE-MANTADIA NATIONAL PARK

The Andasibe Mantadia National Park is one of Madagascar's flagship Parks. Located in the region of Alaotra Mangoro, it is composed of two Protected Areas: the Analamazaotra National Park and Mantadia National Park. The Andasibe - Mantadia National Park is the most accessible of the Protected Areas. It covers 16 290 ha.







#### **Circuits:**

Distance: 3 to 8 km loop Duration: 2-6 hours

Distance: 2.8 km loop Duration: 3 hours Level: Intermediate

Distance: 15 km Duration: 10 hours

Level: Difficult

#### When to visit?

- Year round

#### Accommodation

- Indri camping area
- Tanafisaka camping area
- Tented Camp
- 🙀 Campsite Tanafisaka
- Tented Camp





Indri 1- Indri 2- Adventure Circuit (Analamazaotra Park) : These three circuits inside the Analamazaotra Park are a real adventure in the dense, wet forest. Indri and orchids can be seen along these circuits.

Level: Indri 1 (Easy) - Indri 2 (Intermediate) - Adventure Circuit (Difficult).

Tsakoka (Mantadia National Park): Entrance 11 km from the Mantadia Park office. This circuit is rich in native amphibian and plant species, for instance the native Alterlornis pittoidesis, a Madagascar's endemic bird.

Trekking (Mantadia National Park): The trekking circuit starts at 6 km from the entrance of the National Park. It connects all circuits with diverse altitudes and offers the most beautiful landscape views.

Best time for orchid spotting: October to December Best time for birdwatching: September to November



## **NATIONAL PARK** Masoala National Park is a part of the eastern forest of Madagascar and is classified as a World Heritage Site. The Masoala Complex with Masoala National Park and Nosy Mangabe Special Reserve is the largest Protected Area in Madagascar.



MASOALA

### **Circuits:**

Distance: 109 km Duration: 3-5 days Level: Sport circuit

Distance: 250 km Duration: 11-15 days Level: Sport circuit

Distance: 190 km Duration: 7 days Level: Sport circuit

#### When to visit?

- Year round

#### Accommodation





Hiking Antalaha Maroantsetra and / or Maroantsetra- Antalaha: Cross the amazing corridor of Ambatolaidama and watch diurnal lemurs and dense forests.

Tour of the Masoala peninsula: Get ready for whale watching and coastal forest.

A Cape East circuit: Witness community lifestyle, discover waterfalls, crocodiles, carnivorous plants, and coastal forest.

Best time for rainforest lovers: June to August Best time for birdwatching: September to January Bast time for spotting red ruffed lemur: May, September to December Best time for spotting flowering palm trees: August Sest time for spotting reptiles: May, September to February Best time for whale watching: July - September

Camping areas and cottage in the Park Hotels at Maroantsetra or at Antalaha





# NORTH MANANARA NATIONAL PARK

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North Mananara Land and Marine National Park, a safe haven for numerous species, covers 24.000 ha (23.000 ha land, 1.000 ha marine). Its climate is tropical, hot and wet. Apart from the exceptional landscapes that can be appreciated from numerous view points, the Park shelters 77 species of birds, 17 rodent species and 13 species of lemurs among which the famous Indri-indri but also the Aye-aye which is the Park's iconic animal.





#### **Circuits**:

- Distance: 16 km loop Level: Easy
- endemic plant and lemurs. Distance: 20 km Duration: 24 hours Level: Difficult
- endemic plants. Distance: 16 km Duration: 1.5 hours Level: Difficult

#### When to visit?

- Year round

### Accommodation

- Verezanantsoro camping area
- 🙀 Sahasoa camping area
- Antanambe camping area





Antafana Island circuit: Discover flying foxes and seabirds, mangrove forests, coral reefs with nice beaches and lagoons, enjoy diving.

Duration: 40 min by speed boat, 1 hour with local pirogue

**Verezanantsoro circuit:** Enjoy the coast landscape, try natural pools, and discover

Nontaka Sud circuit: Spot lemurs, discover the coast landscape, natural pools, and

Access to the marine Park depends on weather conditions. The sea is only quiet in September-October, however it is always necessary to check the weather report, especially during cyclone season. The land Park is always accessible, though takes more time in the rainy season.

Best time for whale watching: July to September.

- Nosy Antafana camping area





## ZAHAMENA **NATIONAL PARK**

The Zahamena National Park is located at the east of Madagascar, between the regions of Alaotra Mangoro and Analanjirofo. It is an UNESCO World Heritage Site, extending over 64.935 ha. Zahamena National Park shelters an incredibly high biodiversity, is one of the highest of Madagascar.





#### **Circuits:**

Distance: 6 km Duration: 3 hours Level: Difficult

Distance: 5 km Duration: 3 hours

Distance: 4 km Duration: 2.5 hours Level: Intermediate

#### When to visit?

#### Accommodation

- Bemoara camping
  - A Waterfall camping
- Ambarihely camping





Ankosy circuit: This circuit offers a panoramic view of the Alaotra lake. Discover several species of lemurs and try a natural pool.

**Cascade Bemoara circuit:** Visit the sacred waterfall at Andranomitsangana and spot several species of lemurs on the way.

Level: Difficult (for adventurous and athletic visitors)

Ambarihely circuit: Discover several species of lemurs.

Year round, but easy access between July and December





# ANDOHAHELA NATIONAL PARK

Andohahela represents the biodiversity of the extreme southeast of Madagascar. It is also the only Protected Area of Madagascar with a dense humid forest in the southern tropic of Capricorn. This Park is an incredible reservoir of water, and represents an economic potential for the region.







#### **Circuits**

Distance: 3.1 km Duration: 2 hours Level: Easy trails.

Distance: 8 km Duration: 3 to 4 hours Level: Sports circuit

plants. Distance: 4 km Duration: 2 hours Level: Intermediate Distance: 1.3 km Duration: 2 hours Level: Easy

### When to visit?

#### Accomodation

- Tsimelahy camping
- A Mangatsiaka camping
- A Malio camping
- A Manangotry camping
- Talakifeno-Malio camping
- A Hotels at Fort Dauphin





**Tsimelahy circuit:** Discover the Tsimelahy view point, a natural pool, lemurs, lizard and plant species like tamarind and pachypodium lamerei.

**Bicycle Circuit:** Enjoy a cycle route which links the Tsimelahy and Mangatsiaka

Ankozofotsy botanical circuit: Visit the huge bee hive and discover medical

Mangiatsiaka circuit: Spot lemurs and different bird species.

Year round, especially from November to January





## IUI IHL PHKH Ramsar

Tsimanampesotse National Park is located in the southwest region of Madagascar, 275 km from Toliara,. It is framed by the Onilahy River to the north and the Linta River to the south. Tsimanampesotse National Park extends over more than 200.000 ha with 10 m to 140 m of altitude. This Park is recognized as a RAMSAR site due to its sacred lake.



## **Circuits**:

A Lake tour tour: Enjoy salicorne landscapes Distance: 55 km Duration: 1 hour by car, 2 days walking Level: Easy.

Distance: 5 km Duration: 1 hour Level: Easy.

radiated tortoises. Distance: 10 km Duration: 5 hours Level: Intermediate

Distance: 3 km Duration: 1-2 hours Level: Intermediate

Baobab trees. Distance: 1.6 km Duration: 1 hour Level: Easy

#### When to visit?

- Year round

#### Accommodation

- Camping area
- Hotels in Ambola or in Anakao





Flamingo circuit: Discover pink flamingo and other water birds

Andalamaike trekking circuit: Discover succulent spine-bearing trees and shrubs and

**É** Emande circuit: Discover ancient tombs, diurnal lemurs, aquatic and terrestrial birds.

Tsiamaso circuit: Observe the blind fish Typhleotris madagascariensis and spot giant

Sest time to spot pink flamingos (breading season): September to March Best time to spot turtles: November to February Best time to spot Adansonia rubrostipa's flowering: December to February





**Kirindy** Mit

# KIRINDY MITE NATIONAL PARK

Kirindy Mite extends over 155.350 ha and is located 70 km south of Morondava, in the rural municipality of Belo sur Mer, Menabe Region. Since March 2016 the Park has been recognized as UNESCO Biosphere and RAMSAR Reserve.





#### **Circuits**:

sea, Islands, and Baobabs. Distance: 4 km Duration: 2-3 hours.. Level: Intermediate Distance: 2 km Duration: 1 hour Level: Easy Distance: 2-5 km Duration: 1-3 hours Level: Intermediate you. Distance: 17km (canoeing)

Level: Easy

### When to visit?

- Year round

#### Accommodation

Manahy camping area Hotels around the Park





Ambondro Circuit - Sirave: Enjoy lakes with water birds, beaches, the view of the

Angnolignoly circuit: Go on a sea excursion in mangrove forests. Discover bats.

Mahaboboka circuit: Enjoy the alley of baobabs, lemurs, reptiles, birds.

Marine circuit: Coral reefs, beaches, Islands, diving or snorkeling are waiting for

Duration: 2 hours by a canoe and 1 hour by speedboat

Best time to spot pink and dwarf flamingoes and other water birds: July to October.





# SPECIAL RESERVE OF CAP SAINTE MARIE

The Special Reserve of Cap Sainte Marie, also called Cap Vohimena, is in the extreme south of Madagascar, 63 km south of Tsihombe, 230 km from Fort-Dauphin in the province of Toliara, Androy Region. It extends over 1.750 ha. The climate of the region is of sub-arid type with an average annual precipitation of 350 mm. The symbolic species of the Reserve is the radiant tortoise.







### **Circuits**:

you.

Distance: 1 km Duration: 45 mn Level: Easy

Distance: 3 km Duration: 3 hours Level: Easy.

#### When to visit?

Year round

#### Accommodation

Bezavoa camping area





A Cap circuit: Cliffs, lighthouses and beacons, landscape of the extreme south of Madagascar, turtles, whales, reptiles and birds and dwarf vegetation are waiting for

**Cave circuit:** Spot turtles, whales, reptiles and birds, and wander through thorny bush vegetation, botanical gardens with alluaudia comosa, dunes, aepyornis egg debris, sacred stone, and cave.





# Zombitse uohibasia National Park

Zombitse Vohibasia National Park is based in the south of Madagascar, between districts of Sakaraha and Ankazoabo-sud. It covers 36.803 ha and is very easy to access. The site is particularly popular among bird watchers.



## **Circuits**:

Distance 230 m Duration : 2 hours Level: Intermediate Distance : 3 km Duration : 2 hours Distance: 750 m Duration: 15 min Level: Easy

### When to visit?

- Year round





Mandresy circuit: Discover lemurs, Baobabs, reptiles and birds.

**Lobo circuit:** Endemic flora, reptiles and birds to be seen

K Velomianto circuit: Be amazed by orchids, endemic flora, and reptiles

Best time for birdwatching: August to November





## ISALO **NATIONAL PARK**

Isalo National Park's massif extends over 81,540 hectares in the southwest of Madagascar. The massif is made up of jurassic limestones and is cut through by deep canyons. Some people call it the "Colorado of Madagascar". The Park is located in an arid area, but has considerable water resources supporting a diversity of eco-systems. Inside the Park, you will see different types of lemurs, great variety of birds and such unique plants as the pachypodium which is able to survive during the periods of drought by storing water in its bulbous stem.



#### Circuits

- Duration: 4 hours Level: Intermediate
- Distance: 3 km Duration: 3 hours Level: Difficult
- Duration: 2.5 hours Level: Intermediate

#### When to visit?

- Year round

#### Accommodation

- A Hotels around the Park





The Malaso Circuit: The Malaso Circuit is easily accessible and makes a good introduction to the Park. It starts in front of the "Isalo's house" which has exhibits of the natural and cultural history of the massif. Then, it passes through an area rich in botanical species before reaching the famous rock formations.

Distance: 42 km by car - 2 km walking

The Natural Pool circuit: The circuit begins with a climb through the cliffs and then, winds among clumps of Tapia trees where silkworms live and weave their cocoons. Along the path, you can see rocky caves that have been used as the natural burial chambers for the local Bara and Sakalava people.

The Canyon Circuits: These circuits lead to the Maki Canyon and the Rat Canyon. They lead through deep, rugged gorges and offer an exciting challenge for the adventurous hiker. Aside from the luxuriant plant life, you may spot some of the groups of lemurs that live in the canyons.

Distance: 17 km by car - 1, 7 km trekking

Best time for birdwatching: September to November

A Camping sites and cottage in the Park





# RANOMAFANA NATIONAL PARK

Established in 1991, it was the fourth National Park to be created in Madagascar. In 2007, it was listed as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a Flagship Park in the Madagascar National Park network. It is situated in the southeast of Madagascar, between the regions of Haute Matsiatra and Vatovavy-Fitovinany.



#### **Circuits**

Distance: 3-7 km Duration: 2-4 hours Level: Intermediate Distance: 7km Duration: 4 hours Level: Intermediate Distance: 26 km Duration: 3-4 days Level: Sport circuit enjoy the forest. Distance: 8 km Duration: 2-3 hours Level: Intermediate Distance: 12-14 km Duration: 8 hours Level: Intermediate

#### When to visit?

Year round

### Accommodation

Hotels around the Park





Amboditanimena loop circuit: Spot wild ducks and lemurs.

A Sahamalaotra loop circuit: Enjoy the landscape and the Pandanus forest.

Soarano – Valohoaka circuit: Perfect for bird watching.

**†** Talatakely loop circuit: Discover lemurs, waterfalls, reptiles, amphibians, and

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A Camping sites and cottage in the Park





## ANDRINGITRA **NATIONAL PARK**

The Massif of Andringitra Ranges from 650 m to 2658 m of altitude. Andringitra is one of the biological hotspots of Madagascar, a natural laboratory where relic and more recent species cohabit, which accounts for the originality of its fauna and flora. It is home to Peak Boby, the second summit of Madagascar (2658 m).





#### **Circuits:**

under the forest floor. Distance: 6 km Duration: 4 hours Level: Intermediate

Distance: 13 km Duration: 10 hours Level: Difficult

Distance: 15 km Duration: 12 hours Level: Intermediate

Distance: 28 km Duration: 2 days Level: Sports circuit

#### When to visit?

year round

#### Accommodation

Andriampotsy camping area and cottage in the Park Hotels around the Park





Asaramanitra circuit: Marvel at the sacred waterfall, and discover caves hidden

**Diavolana circuit:** Opens into a lunar landscape, discover lemurs and wild flowers.

**İ** Isahavato circuit: Discover rare mountain palms and natural pools.

Imarivolanitra circuit: This circuits leads to the summit of Peak Boby.



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