

CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

Wild Expeditions
Masoala Forest Lodge

MASOALA NATIONAL PARK, MADAGASCAR

FACT SHEET

MARCH 2026

General Information

CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIC: Masoala Forest Lodge. Open mid-April – early Jan, annually. EXPEDITION: Blue Lagoon. Open from 1 Sept – early Jan. Privately owned.
LAND RELATIONSHIP	Masoala National Park is Madagascar’s largest protected area, covering 2,400 km ² of rainforest and marine park, and is home to a wide variety of endemic species that cannot be found anywhere else.
OVERVIEW	The Masoala Peninsula holds the largest remaining lowland rainforest in Madagascar, reachable only by boat. Masoala Forest Lodge, built over two decades by adventurers Pierre and Maria Bester, offers seven tented rooms on timber decks overlooking the beach. Immerse yourself in nature’s rhythms, forgetting shoes.
IMPACT OF YOUR STAY	LOW MEDIUM HIGH VERY HIGH Masoala Forest Lodge is the largest tourism contributor to Masoala National Park’s operational costs, with park fees paid by guests supporting several conservation efforts. Surplus revenue from the lodge has helped create a buffer zone of coastal rainforest through reforestation efforts, preserving habitat for in excess of 10 lemur species. Additionally, in the local village of Ambodiforaha, the lodge focuses on education and women’s empowerment initiatives. Each guest pays a daily Community & Conservation fee.
ACCESS	Antananarivo (TNR) International Airport – Twice weekly scheduled charter to / from Maroantsetra Airport (Sun & Wed), followed by a 40 min road transfer and 2-hour boat ride to the lodge.
CAMPS	Masoala Forest Lodge – 7 treehouses. Per person rate Expedition Blue Lagoon – 1 cabin. Per person rate
CHILDREN	All ages welcome.
HEALTH	Malaria area. Seek advice from a health professional.

Need to know

OPERATING SEASON	Masoala Forest Lodge – mid April to early Jan Blue Lagoon – 1 Sept to early Jan	GYM / KEEP FIT	Through daily activities.
ELECTRICITY	100% solar with generator back-up	SPA / MASSAGE	Massages available in spa room on the beach.
WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL	Starlink in the dining area. None in rooms. No mobile signal.	FOOD & WINE	Fully inclusive: all meals, & local drinks. No Halaal / No Kosher
CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT	Flexible, depends on flight schedule.	GUIDE ROOM	No
CREDIT CARDS	No	OTHER FACILITIES	Central “Beach House” for all dining, Sea Deck, Small shop for keepsakes from the local community.
SECURITY	Private Rainforest Reserve.	ACTIVITIES	Forest walks and hikes, bird watching, village visit, boating, snorkelling, kayaking, night walks, traditional pirogues, & seasonal whale watching.

Weather

Madagascar has a lovely sub-tropical climate with varying degrees of year-round rain keeping the forest lush and green all year. Rain is possible any day of the year, but generally they fall in short bursts for a few minutes, before the skies clear and the sun pops back out.

JANUARY – MARCH
21 – 30 °C | 70 – 86 °F
The wettest time of the year with potential for tropical storms. The Lodge is closed from early-Jan.

APRIL – JUNE
16 – 29 °C | 61 – 84 °F
The lodge reopens mid-April as the temps cool and the winds lessen, leaving you with beautiful comfortable days.

JULY – SEPTEMBER
15 – 26 °C | 59 – 79 °F
Perfect time of year for those who like sunny but not hot days, and cooler evenings. This is also whale watching season for Humpback Whales.

OCTOBER – DECEMBER
17 – 29 °C | 63 – 84 °F
The driest time of the year. The sea tends to be calm and clear, so this is a great time for snorkeling. Baby lemurs are born now too.

MASOALA FOREST LODGE

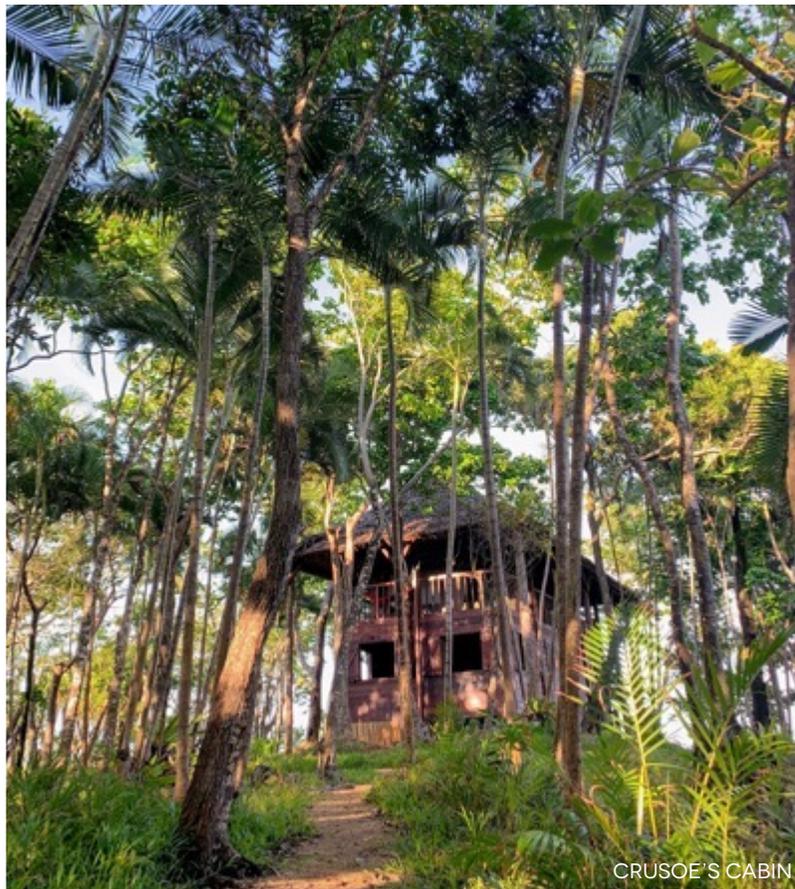
LODGE – CHILDREN ALL AGES

# ROOMS	7 Stilted tents. Max 14 adults + 2 children	POOL	X
EXTRA BEDS	✓ 2 per treehouse	FENCED	X
TWIN BEDS	✓ All	MINI BAR	X
BATHROOM	Downstairs	AIR CON	X
SHOWER	✓ Indoor shower plus outdoor rinse station	MOZZIE NET	X
BATH	X	FAN	✓ Standing
HAIRDRYER	X	LAUNDRY	✓
ROOM SAFE	✓	DISABLED ACCESS	X

EXPEDITION: BLUE LAGOON

CRUSOE'S CABIN

# ROOMS	1 Room	BATH	X
EXTRA BEDS	✓ Max 1 bunk bed	POOL	X
TWIN BEDS	✓	FENCED	X
BATHROOM	Downstairs	MOZZIE NET	✓
SHOWER	✓	FAN	X



Activities & Experiences

HIKING	Half or full day out. Moderate to difficult skill level.
KAYAKING	Led by a guide. Coastal exploration with flexibility of duration of activity or set routes for specific sightings.
TAMPOLO RIVER TRIP	Morning or afternoon. 2 hours. Traditional canoe ride and easy hike.
SNORKELLING	Snorkel right from your bungalow into the clear waters.
SUNSET CRUISE	Cruise in dugout canoe to the point, then head back with the sunset.
MASOALA WALKS	Guided or self-lead. Night walk available.
WHALE WATCHING	By boat or kayak. Available July to September.
MARINE RESERVE EXPLORATION	Tailor your exploration with walking, kayaking, snorkelling, and boating.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Ambodiforaha village visit or basket weaving.
NOSY MANGABE DAY TRIP (Subject to availability)	Full day out. Guided hike and boat.
CAP MASOALA DAY TRIP (Subject to availability)	Full day out. Guided. Snorkeling, hiking, and swimming.
ANTALAVIANA DAY TRIP (Subject to availability)	Full day out. Guided. Snorkeling, swimming, village visit, fording rivers, and walking.



SUNSET CRUISE



HIKING THROUGH RAINFOREST

MARINE LIFE SIGHTINGS

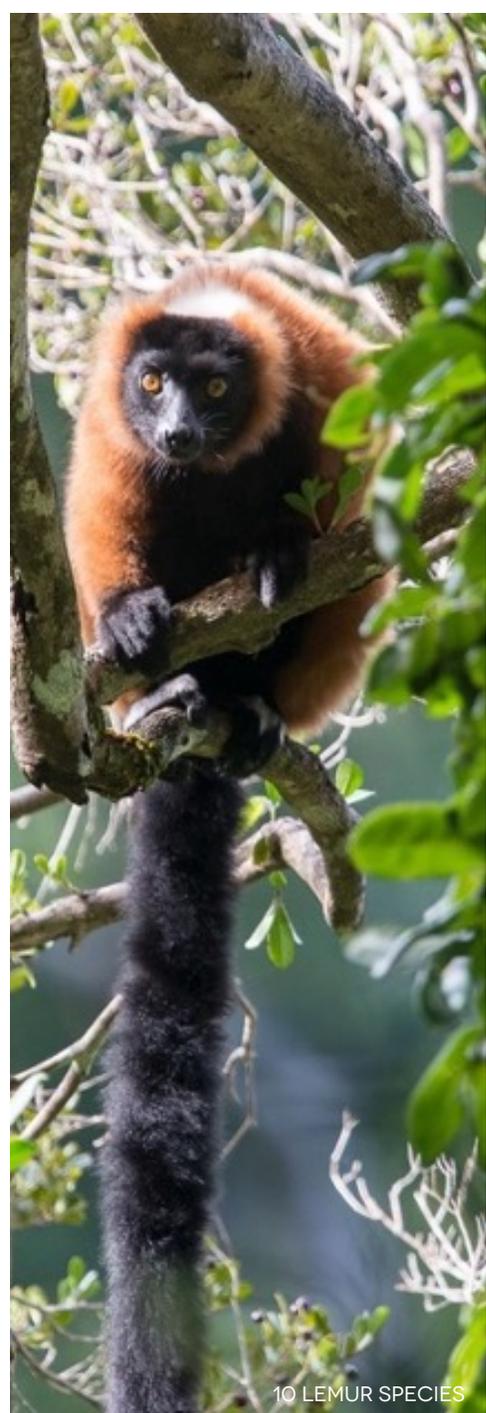
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DOES NOT OCCUR HERE
HUMPBACK WHALES	✓			
DOLPHINS	✓			
SHARKS			✓	
WHALE SHARKS		✓		
MANTA RAYS		✓		
CHAMELEONS	✓			
LEMURS - RED RUFFED	✓			
LEMURS - WHITE FRONTED	✓			
LEMURS - MASOALA WOOLLY		✓		
LEMURS - MOUSE		✓		
LEMURS - AYE-AYE			✓	
LOWLAND STREAKED TENREC			✓	
HELMET VANGA		✓		
SHORT-LEGGED GROUND ROLLER	✓			
BLUE COUA		✓		
VARIETY OF BIRD LIFE	✓			
SPECIAL SIGHTING FOR THIS AREA	Humpback Whale migration (July – Sept)			
OTHER	<p>There are 107 lemur species found in Madagascar, 11 of which can be seen near Masoala.</p> <p>There are 6 families of endemic birds species in Madagascar, all of which can be seen near Masoala.</p>			

Location & Access Map

Flight & Boat Access

-  **FLY**
- Scheduled flights from Antananarivo to / from Maroantsetra, Sun, Wed: 1.5 – 2.5 hours (depending on aircraft used)
-  **BOAT**
- Approximately 1.5–2 hours by boat across Antongil Bay to the lodge, the primary access route into Masoala National Park.

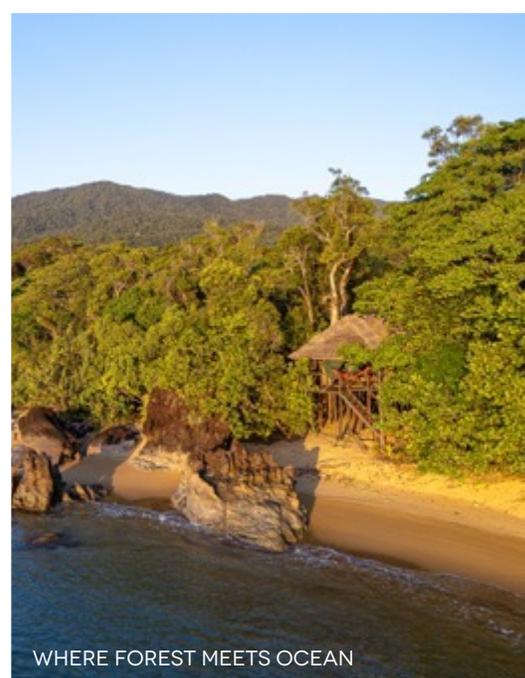




10 LEMUR SPECIES



KAYAKING



WHERE FOREST MEETS OCEAN



COMMUNITY VISITS



BOATING



LOOKOUT DECK



HIDDEN FOREST CREATURES

WILD EXPEDITIONS

MASOALA
FOREST LODGE

CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIC / EXPEDITION
IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY	VERY HIGH
CHILDREN (MINIMUM AGE)	ALL
FAMILY ROOMS	X
EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS	X
HONEYMOON OFFER	✓
LAND SAFARI	X
WATER SAFARI	✓
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	KAYAKING, RIVER TRIPS, WHALE WATCHING, AND NIGHT WALKS
GET INVOLVED - CONSERVATION	X
GET INVOLVED - COMMUNITIES	✓
WELLNESS & MASSAGE	✓

CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

- P – Premier: These camps/lodges feature luxurious amenities and are often priced at a higher tier.
 C – Classic: These camps/lodges offer a more down-to-earth experience and are priced at a mid-level rate.
 E – Expedition: These experiences are best suited for small groups or trips led by private guides.

IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY:

- L – Low
 M – Medium
 H – High
 VH – Very High

Based on the following 4 considerations we look at the positive impact that each guest is making by staying here:

- **Transferability:** What percentage of the daily rates is allocated to conservation and community initiatives?
- **Removability:** What impact would arise if the property were absent? Are there alternative lodges in the vicinity that continue to make positive contributions?
- **Responsibility:** To what extent does the property handle management privately, and how much is overseen as a concession under a collaborative arrangement?
- **Fragility:** How vulnerable is the surrounding environment and community?

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