



11 Night Masoala Adventure Wednesday to Sunday

PACKAGE OVERVIEW

The following itinerary description gives insight into a generalised pattern of how your days in Masoala could be spent. There are a wide range of daily activities to choose from and guests are welcome to tailor the program to their interests once at the lodge. The camp managers and guides will assist in designing the best activity schedule based on guest interests, the weather, and the latest wildlife sightings.

ACTIVITIES

- Guided walks in the primary and coastal forests
- Birding, mammal and reptile spotting in the lodge area and surrounding forests
- Whale-watching by boat or by kayak (seasonal: mid-June to mid-September)
- Guided river trip in a traditional dugout canoe
- Guided nocturnal walks
- Cultural visit to the local village and rice fields
- Unlimited access to the 80 ha MFL private reserve
- A Malagasy traditional evening sharing insights to the culture and tasting local foods.
- Sunset sail in a dugout outrigger canoe
- Self-guided or guided sea kayaking
- Self-guided or guided snorkelling at and around the lodge
- Self-guided or guided exploration of the lodge's private forest reserve
- Visit and participate in our Masoala reforestation project
- Complimentary tastings of Malagasy rums infused with local fruits and spices

Day
01

Wednesday

Scheduled charter from Antananarivo to the small coastal trading town of Maroantsetra. Meet our team, road transfer to the harbour and boat across Antongil Bay to Masoala Forest Lodge. On arrival at the lodge beach, you are welcomed ashore by the lodge manager and settle into camp. The afternoon activities include exploring the beaches and coastal forest in the lodge area and enjoying a swim in the sea. Meet the other guests at cocktail hour around the bonfire to enjoy the sunset.



Day
02

Thursday

After a leisurely breakfast head to the primary forest in search of Red Ruffed Lemurs, Helmet Vangas and an array of other rainforest wildlife. After lunch enjoy snorkelling and swimming in front of the camp, and after dinner the adventure of a forest night walk.



Day
03

Friday

Take a short walk to visit the Betsimisaraka people. We will stop by the Masoala preschool before continuing to the local village of Ambodiforaha. Here we interact with the villagers, learn about their lifestyle and culture and enjoy a performance by the local dance group. A spice market with local crafts completes the experience. Tonight, we invite you to join us around the family table for a traditional Malagasy meal.



Day
04

Saturday

Snorkel the reefs at Tooth Rock near the lodge in the morning. In the afternoon enjoy a coastal walk to the Tampolo River and take the traditional dugout canoe up the river. Here you have a good chance of spotting Northern Bamboo Lemur, Nelicourvi Weaver and various kingfishers. You will also encounter the unique scenery of mangroves and volcanic rock formations and enjoy the magical silence on the river.



Day
05

Sunday

An exciting full-day trip lies ahead of you, exploring the most beautiful section of the coast on the Masoala peninsula. Take a 15-minute boat trip past Tampolo Point to a long white sand beach, where you have the option to swim and snorkel. Afterwards, we explore the mangrove river by kayak. Followed by a picnic lunch at the beach. On your return to the lodge, you have the option to either walk, kayak or boat back. We recommend the 4 km walk through the national park which provides you with stunning forest and beach views.



Day
06

Monday

We will walk along the beaches and coastal forest to the Masoala reforestation project where we will plant endogenous trees from the lodges nursery. In the afternoon take the sailing boat out for a sunset cruise and on return to camp join the bonfire before dinner.



Day
07

Tuesday

Today belongs to the beach – we will pack you a picnic and take you by boat or foot out to one of the many beautiful beaches. Equipped with snorkelling kit, sunscreen, beach mats, towels and picnic basket you will have a whole day to relax, sunbath and explore the reefs.



Day
08

Wednesday

Today is a trip to the Tampolo cascades. Learn about the local plants and spices during the hike. And look out for lemurs, chameleons, and birds. At the cascades, you might want to have a swim in the clear mountain waters before the picnic.



Day
09

Thursday

Today we would like to show you a special place called “Secret Cove”. A remote beach accessible only from the sea which guarantees total privacy. From the rocks at the end of the beach, you have a fantastic view of the sacred island Nosy Ndraindra.



Day
10

Friday

The primary forest beckons again today, with another chance to see Red Ruffed Lemur, White-fronted Brown Lemur, Short-legged Ground Roller and a number of Vanga species in amongst the giant hardwoods of the rainforest.



Day
11

Saturday

Spend your final day either relaxing on the beach or combing the forest for any species not yet seen. Enjoy your last night walk in this magical forest.



Day
12

Sunday

Today after a leisurely breakfast we head back by boat to Maroantsetra to catch your scheduled charter flight to Antananarivo and your onward travel arrangements.

