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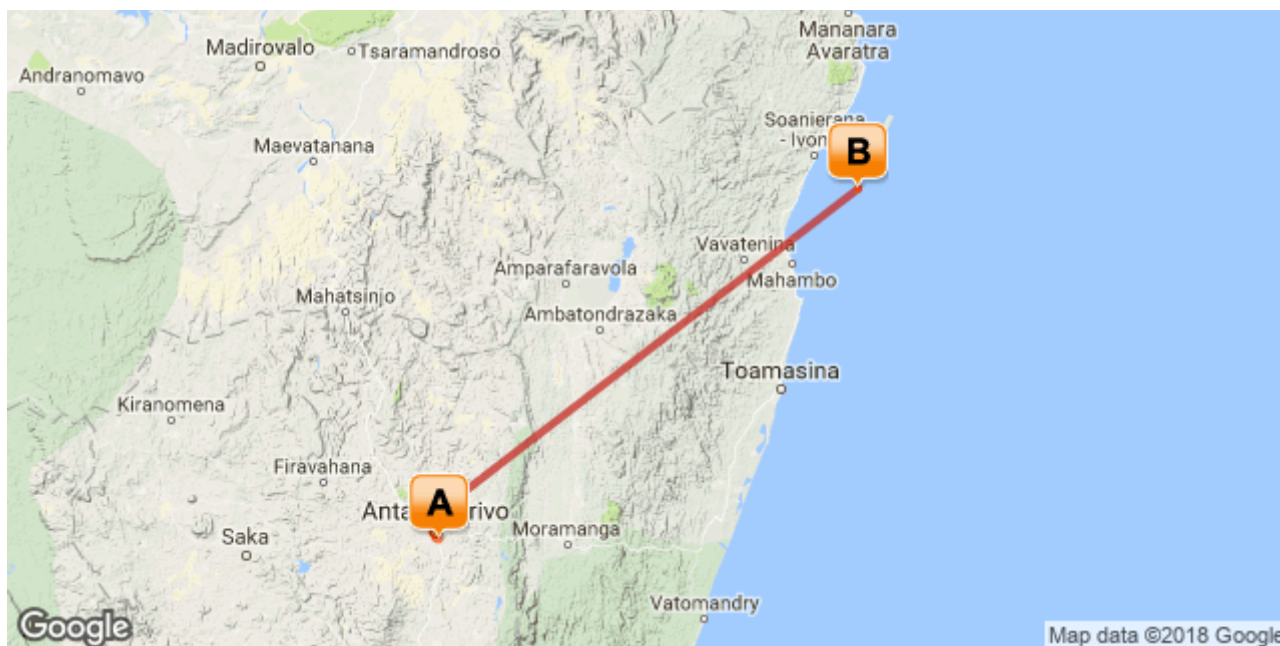


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Antananarivo - Sainte Marie Island

6 Days / 5 Nights

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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Hotel Carlton	Antananarivo	B&B	1 Night
Princess Bora Lodge	Sainte Marie Island	D, BB	4 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and breakfast

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Included

- 5 Nights' Accommodation
- 5 x Breakfast
- 4 x Dinner
- Accommodation and meals as mentioned in the itinerary or of similar standard
- Return airport transfers

Excluded

- Flights from Antananarivo to Sainte Marie
- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Optional activities
- All drinks & meals not specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses such as gratuities, visas, travel insurance, curios, laundry etc.

Additional Information

This magnificent eco-friendly hotel is located in a vast palm tree grove right next to a white sandy beach and lagoon. The real luxury lies in its unique surroundings: tropical plants, the magical views of the lagoon and the thoughtful materials used in each villa.

This is an ideal destination for a perfect beach holiday. Enjoy whale watching expeditions and observe these amazing mammals in their element. Perfect for those who enjoy diving: here you can experience the coral reefs and marine wildlife of the beautiful island of Sainte Marie.

Day 1: Hotel Carlton, Antananarivo

Antananarivo

Antananarivo is Madagascar's capital city, perched on top of a mountain range close to several nature reserves, including Tsingy de Bemaraha, with its fantastical limestone spikes. Founded in 1625, it has a rich historical heritage that is complemented by scenic landscapes traversed with a multitude of hiking routes. The city is also known for its bubbly nightlife, with live music played regularly at various clubs, bars and hotels.

Day Itinerary

You will be met on arrival to Ivato airport and transferred to your hotel in Antananarivo, where you can relax after your flight and take a swim. Depending on your arrival time, there may be an opportunity for you to ask the hotel to do a tour to the handicrafts market (additional expense) or explore the city at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Carlton

Next to the Anosy lake and the Queen Palace, the hotel Carlton offers a setting which harmoniously fuses the past and the future with a traditional authenticity. This 5-star hotel located in the capital of Antananarivo, is only 25 minutes away from the international airport Ivato and a barely 10 minutes from the city center. Ideal for business trips, the Carlton hotel also appeals to couples and families for its privileged location in the historic district near the Museum of Art and Archaeology, the Tsimbazaza Zoo, the Mahama Sina Stadium, Andafivaratra Museum and the Andohalo cathedral.



BasisBed & Breakfast

Day 2: Princess Bora Lodge, Sainte Marie Island

Sainte Marie Island

This long, narrow island off Madagascar's east coast might be just the piece of heaven you're looking for. Also known as Nosy Boraha, its lush islets, bays and coves will provide the same privacy and mystique they did for the legendary pirates that held out here after their plunders in days gone by. The waters are endowed with significant coralline growth and offer first-class diving; or if you prefer being 'onboard', take a traditional pirogue ride in the calm bays – from July you can witness the migration of substantial groups of humpback whales. And for history lovers, a visit to the pirates' cemetery of Saint-Pierre is a must.

Day Itinerary

After a quick breakfast, you will be transferred back to Ivato airport for your flight to St Marie. On arrival, you will be met at the airport & transferred to your hotel on this tropical island.

Overnight: Princess Bora Lodge

The four star Princess Bora Lodge offers discerning guests comfortable accommodation in a totally unspoilt environment. Bungalows with king-size beds, large bathrooms, fans and verandas offer guests peace and privacy. The luxury villas accommodate four guests, with two in a loft area, whilst the comfort villas are a little cosier and designed for two people. The five new executive villas are spectacularly spacious; situated right on the beach, they boast deep verandas, enormous bathrooms with walk in shower and bath. The excellent restaurant offers a selection of French, Malagasy and European cooking and the hotel has excellent internet connection and mobile phone reception. The activity centre will assist with a selection of island tours as well as snorkelling, PADI dive centre, water-skiing, windsurfing and fishing. The hire of bicycles, mopeds and pirogues allow guests to freely explore the tropical island of Sainte-Marie. The owner, Francois Mayer, is passionate about conserving whales in this part of the Indian Ocean and hosts the CETA operation during the whale season, July to September. Because CETA are based at the hotel, guests can join the researchers on the boats, assisting with the collection of data and viewing video footage in the evenings.



BasisBed & Breakfast

Day 3 - 5: Princess Bora Lodge, Sainte Marie Island

Day Itinerary

Fill your days with the activities you most enjoy. Snorkelling is an option and you will be able to observe the colourful fish in the reef, in front of the lodge, or you could book a few days of scuba diving! Fishing trips may also be arranged, or simply just enjoy a cocktail or two on the beach admiring the sunset hues.

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Day 6: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

After a leisurely breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your departing flight to Antananarivo and onwards home. We hope to welcome you back to Madagascar in the future!

Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Scheduled		Ivato International Airport [TNR]		Sainte Marie Airport [SMS]			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Ivato International Airport [TNR]	Hotel Carlton		Transfer
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		Sainte Marie Airport [SMS]	Princess Bora Lodge		Transfer
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PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

DEPARTURE:

When arriving in Antananarivo in the morning of day 1 of the tour you will be picked up from the airport and embark on your tour. Should you arrive prior to day 1, pre tour accommodation can be arranged and you will be picked up from your hotel on the morning of day 1. (Pick up time will be confirmed on arrival).

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation will be in mid to upper range Hotels.

Day 1:	Antananarivo: <u>Carlton Hotel</u> or similar (en-suite rooms with hot water. Restaurant, bar and swimming pool)
Days 2 - 5:	St Marie: <u>Princesse Bora Lodge</u> (Comfort bungalow containing a private terrace, en-suite bathroom, safe, mosquito netting and fan. Set on a private beach, with restaurant, bar and swimming pool)

MEALS:

Meals included in your tour will be taken in the restaurants at the various accommodation establishments. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

VISAS:

A visa is required to enter the territory of Madagascar and can easily be obtained upon arrival at the airport of Antananarivo with a validity of up to 60 days. Tourists staying for less than one month, can purchase a visa for 115'000 Ariary (around 35 €). Paying with the exact amounts or small currency is advised. No photographs are required, however please ensure that passports are valid for at least 6 months after return date. Kindly note that for the visa upon arrival, a valid return ticket is required.

GRATUITIES

If you feel you have been looked after well by your crew or guides, and you wish to show your appreciation for their services, a monetary tip is very welcomed by those in Madagascar. Here follows some suggested guidelines:

- Around EUR 4 per person, per day (10,000 Ariary) for a guide or a guide/driver.
- Around EUR 2 (5,000 Ariary) for a park guide, depending on your satisfaction.
- Around 5% of the bill at a restaurant
- 200 Ariary per bag for a porter.

As Euro coins cannot be changed into local money in Madagascar, it is advisable to tip in Ariary. We would ask that you please reserve your generosity for tipping for services only, and not providing free hand-outs to children or adults, as this encourages begging.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest travelling with Jenman Madagascar Safaris. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

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