



MAGICAL MADAGASCAR

JUNE 5-28, 2026 | 23 DAY TOURING RALLY



The LAND THAT Time FORGOT...

3164KMS IN 23 DAYS



Join us

The original meaning of the word Madagascar is End of the World – by which they meant the furthest point, not the final moment! It is certainly far away from most people’s idea of a place to rally but we like to innovate, so brace yourself for a truly magical adventure in one of the most remote and fascinating places in the world.

For this escapade we include a local modern air-conditioned 4x4 hire car. There are some extremely rough tracks and some of the roads are worse than a pot-holed country lane in the UK! Far worse in fact, but a lot more fun.

The dates we have chosen are after the heavy rains and before the main tourist season, so the roads are quieter and access to the animals easier. We make no apologies for visiting a number of parks as it would be a shame to go this far and not see the unique wildlife on the island. Interesting fact: there are over 100 different species of lemur in Madagascar!

Originally a French protectorate, Madagascar came under direct French rule in 1897, which ended in independence in 1958. French is still spoken and many French influences are still to be seen, from architecture to food as one would imagine. Independence Day will be celebrated while we are there on 26th June.





START/FINISH
ANTANANARIVO

PALMARIUM

BEKOPAKA

ANDASIBE

MORANDAVA

ANTSIRABE

BELO SUR MER

RANOMAFANA

MANJA

ANDAVADOAKA

CAMP COTTA

IFATY

ISALO

OUR ITINERARY

Day	Date	From/To	From/To	Kms	Hotel
1	05 June	Arrive	Antananarivo	0	Carlton
2	6 June	Antananarivo	Antananarivo	0	Carlton
3	7 June	Antananarivo	Palmarium	272	Palmarium Hotel
4	8 June	Rest Day	Palmarium	0	Palmarium Hotel
5	9 June	Palmarium	Andasibe	135	Relais de Mantadia
6	10 June	Andasibe	Antsirabe	298	Le Royal Palace
7	11 June	Antsirabe	Ranomafana NP	250	Hotel Thermal Spa
8	12 June	Ranomafana NP	Tsaranoro Reserve	174	Camp Catta
9	13 June	Tsaranoro Reserve	Isalo	225	Relais de La Reine
10	14 June	Rest Day	Isalo	0	Relais de La Reine
11	15 June	Isalo	Ifaty	253	The Dunes Hotel
12	16 June	Rest Day	Ifaty	0	The Dunes Hotel
13	17 June	Ifaty	Andavadoaka	140	Laguna Blu
14	18 June	Rest Day	Andavadoaka	0	Laguna Blu
15	19 June	Andavadoaka	Manja	211	Kanto Annexe
16	20 June	Manja	Belo sur Mer	111	Ecolodge du Menabe/Dauphin Vezo
17	21 June	Rest Day	Belo sur Mer	0	Ecolodge du Menabe/Dauphin Vezo
18	22 June	Belo sur Mer	Morandava	100	Palissandre au Cote Ouest
19	23 June	Morandava	Bekopaka	160	Soleil
20	24 June	Rest Day	Bekopaka	0	Soleil
21	25 June	Bekopaka	Morondava	160	Palissandre au Cote Ouest
22	26 June	Morondava	Antsirabe	490	Le Royal Palace
23	27 June	Antsirabe	Antananarivo	185	Au Bois Vert
24	28 June	Antananarivo	Depart	0	

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The Route

We will drive a figure of eight circuit round the central part of the island in a 23 night rally that takes you from the interior to the coast and from the mountain highlands to the arid desert. We will cover a total of 3164 kms on a variety of surfaces from modern asphalt to sand and dirt tracks. You will cross some rivers on barges, local ferries or ancient bridges. While on the road you will see some of the rarest species on earth and some of the strangest landscapes, including the Tsingy stone forest, as well as meet the people of Madagascar who will be delighted to welcome you.

DAY 1: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT - ANTANANARIVO

On arrival in Antananarivo collected from airport and transferred to hotel.

Hotel: Carlton

DAY 2: ANTANANARIVO

Take a tour of the vibrant capital city and collect cars today.

Hotel: Carlton

DAY 3: ANTANANARIVO TO PALMARIUM - 170KMS

After breakfast, we get on the road with no more ado. Heading east we drop the cars by the coast and take a small boat to our island paradise, where you will be surrounded by lemurs and other unique species.

Hotel: Palmarium Hotel





DAY 4: PALMARIUM DAY OFF

Guided tours through the jungle to spot rare species of lemurs, chameleons and other animals and trees unique to Madagascar. Night time safari to see the shy, nocturnal Aye-Aye lemur.

Hotel: Palmarium Hotel.

DAY 5: PALMARIUM TO ANDASIBE - 135KM

Departure after breakfast on the ferries to get back to the cars and on the road again to Andasibe and a walk in the forest to meet the Indri Lemur.

Hotel: Mantadia

DAY 6: ANDASIBE TO ANTSIRABE - 298KM

Great drive over the vast plains, where you get a feeling for the rural communities, farming and countryside.

Hotel: Le Royal Palace

DAY 7: ANTSIRABE TO RANOMAFANA NP – 250KM

Plenty of Zebu cattle to be seen today. They are a sign of wealth and prestige in Madagascar and bear a striking resemblance to the sacred cows of India. In Ranomafana we organise a night safari to see a variety of nocturnal lemurs, reptiles such as Uroplatus geckos and many tree frogs and fascinating invertebrates including the Madagascar comet (lunar) moth.

Hotel: Thermal

DAY 8: RANOMAFANA TO TSARANORO RESERVE - 174KM

Stop at Ambalavao for lunch and visit the silk farm and the Antemoro paper store. Ambalavao is the last town of the high plateau and is the gateway to the South. Following that





we drive through the wide Horombe plain. We take to the dirt roads to reach our overnight accommodation.

Hotel: Camp Catta

DAY 9: TSARANORO RESERVE TO ISALO NP – 225KMS

Early rise at Camp Catta to enjoy the mountain landscape and walk to the foothills. Then 20km of dirt back to the main road and on to Isalo through the gemstone capital of Madagascar, Ihosy.

Hotel: Relais de la Reine.

DAY 10: ISALO DAY OFF

Visit to Isalo National park in the early morning. It has a wild west landscape with cactus, canyons and rocks with strange rock formations and natural pools. Climb the escarpment for the best viewpoint in Madagascar. It's home to the ring-tailed lemur mainly, as it's an inhospitable environment at times.

Hotel: Relais de la Reine

DAY 11: ISALO TO IFATY – 253KMS

Another fascinating drive through the stunning highlands before we drop down to the west coast town of Ifaty.

Hotel: Les Dunes

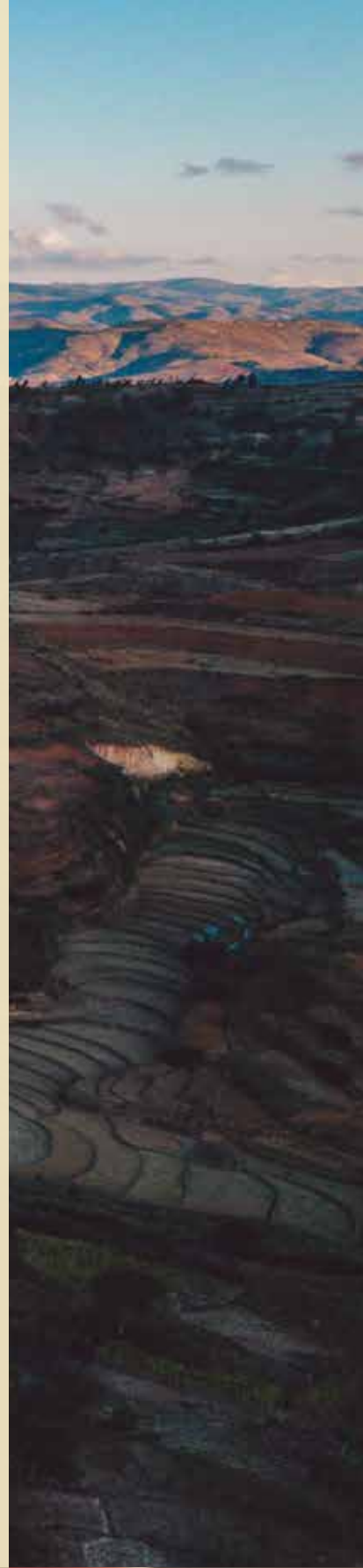
DAY 12: IFATY DAY OFF

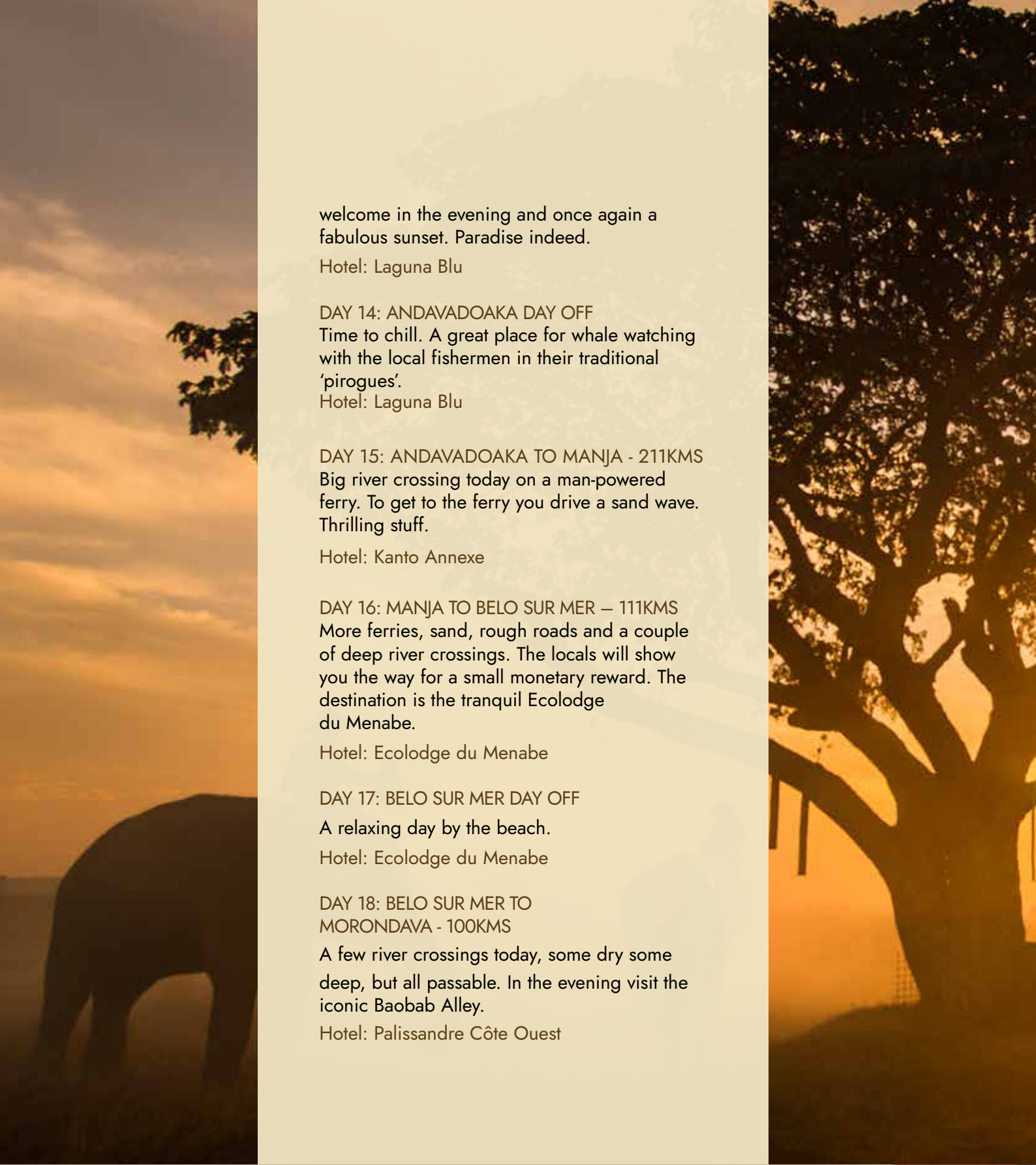
A fun day to practice our sand dune driving as we are mostly off road for the next week. In the evening relax and admire the beautiful west coast sunset over a sundowner.

Hotel: Les Dunes

DAY 13: IFATY TO ANDAVADOAKA - 140KMS

We spend all day on the unmade coastal road. Only 140kms but very slow at times. A great





welcome in the evening and once again a fabulous sunset. Paradise indeed.

Hotel: Laguna Blu

DAY 14: ANDAVADOAKA DAY OFF

Time to chill. A great place for whale watching with the local fishermen in their traditional 'pirogues'.

Hotel: Laguna Blu

DAY 15: ANDAVADOAKA TO MANJA - 211KMS

Big river crossing today on a man-powered ferry. To get to the ferry you drive a sand wave. Thrilling stuff.

Hotel: Kanto Annexe

DAY 16: MANJA TO BELO SUR MER – 111KMS

More ferries, sand, rough roads and a couple of deep river crossings. The locals will show you the way for a small monetary reward. The destination is the tranquil Ecolodge du Menabe.

Hotel: Ecolodge du Menabe

DAY 17: BELO SUR MER DAY OFF

A relaxing day by the beach.

Hotel: Ecolodge du Menabe

DAY 18: BELO SUR MER TO MORONDAVA - 100KMS

A few river crossings today, some dry some deep, but all passable. In the evening visit the iconic Baobab Alley.

Hotel: Palissandre Côte Ouest



DAY 19: MORONDAVA TO TSINGY
BEKOPAKA – 160KMS

A must see on any tour of Madagascar, the amazing Tsingy stone forest, where lemurs have adapted to live in the most hostile environment. A series of suspension bridges allow less agile humans to get around.

Hotel: Soleil

DAY 20: TSINGY BEKOPAKA DAY OFF

It will take most of the day to get to Tsingy so we have a day off to spend time in the park and watch the lemurs. A magical experience.

Hotel: Soleil

DAY 21: TSINGY TO MORONDAVA – 160KMS

We return to the Morondava for the night.

Hotel: Palissandre Côte Ouest

DAY 22: MORONDAVA TO ANTSIRABE - 490KMS

Good and quiet roads make this a pleasant journey back to Antsirabe.

Hotel: Le Royal Palace

DAY 23: ANTSIRABE TO BOIS VERT – 185KMS

A straightforward drive to the outskirts of Antananarivo and a gala dinner and film show to round off the amazing Madagascar adventure.

Hotel: Le Bois Vert

DAY 24: ANTANANARIVO - DEPART

Transfer by bus to the airport for international flight.





WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Magical Madagascar
- Hotel each night with breakfast
- Most evening meals
- 4x4 Hire car
- Guided city tour
- Botanical Gardens
- Sunset Baobab Alley
- Unique fauna and flora
- Lemurs
- Great driving
- Our back-up team
- Tulip roadbook
- GPS
- Rally plates
- Welcome party
- Gala dinner
- Photographer
- Airport transfers

HOTELS

Hotels will vary from 5 star to 2 star or possibly no star, but each one is a gem in its own right. Some will be by the sea, others in the hills or perhaps in a small town.

HOW TO ENTER

Entry Fee: (2 people per car) £25,850 Early Bird entry. Entry fee includes: A 4x4 hire car, a twin or double room with breakfast for all nights of the event, welcome dinner, most evening meals, all rally activities and park fees, rally plates, decals, road book, loan of GPS, emergency mechanical aid, rally medic and finishers medals. Please see full T&Cs including cancellation and refund policies on our website - <https://bespokerrallies.com/terms-and-conditions/>

If you need more information don't hesitate to get in touch.

Interested? Call us now to reserve your place.

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by scanning the opposite QR code.

