



9 OCTOBER - 18 OCTOBER 2027

MADAGASCAR

PHOTO SAFARI WITH DARREN DONOVAN

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INTRODUCTION

Madagascar is unlike anywhere else on Earth. Separated from mainland Africa for millions of years, the island has evolved into one of the world's most remarkable biodiversity hotspots, where dense eastern rainforests, winding waterways, ancient baobab landscapes and arid spiny forests are home to an extraordinary collection of endemic wildlife found nowhere else.

This photographic safari has been designed to explore Madagascar's diverse ecosystems while seeking out many of its iconic species. From tracking the unmistakable Indri through the forests of Andasibe to close encounters with ring-tailed lemurs, sifakas and the elusive Aye-aye, each destination offers a different perspective on the island's unique natural heritage. The journey also explores Kirindy's dry deciduous forests in search of the endemic Fosa, before ending among the striking baobabs and spiny forests of southern Madagascar.

Led by C4 photographic guide Darren Donovan, the safari balances wildlife encounters with dedicated photographic guidance throughout. Madagascar's forests, nocturnal species and varied landscapes present rewarding photographic challenges, allowing guests to develop techniques for low-light photography, wildlife behaviour and environmental storytelling while working in some of the world's most distinctive habitats.

Limited to a maximum of six guests, this scheduled safari combines carefully selected lodges, private charter flights and boat transfers to maximise time in the field, creating an immersive photographic journey through one of the planet's most extraordinary island ecosystems.



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

- Intimate encounters with Madagascar's iconic lemurs, including Indri, ring-tailed lemurs and sifakas.
- Opportunities to photograph the elusive Aye-aye and the endemic Fosa in their natural habitats.
- Chameleons, frogs, reptiles and a remarkable diversity of endemic birdlife.
- Ancient baobab landscapes, the Pangalanes Canal and Madagascar's unique spiny forests.
- Rainforest, dry forest and wetland ecosystems offering diverse wildlife and landscape compositions.
- Low-light photography in rainforest environments and nocturnal wildlife encounters.
- Personalised photographic guidance from Darren Donovan throughout the safari.

SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

- Ten days exploring Madagascar's diverse and endemic-rich ecosystems.
- Track Indri lemurs in the rainforests of Andasibe.
- Close encounters with ring-tailed lemurs, sifakas and the elusive Aye-aye.
- Search for the endemic Fosa in Kirindy Forest.
- Explore the Pangalanes Canal, Avenue of the Baobabs and Madagascar's unique spiny forests.
- Private charter flights and boat transfers for efficient travel between regions.
- Guided throughout by C4 photographic guide Darren Donovan.
- Carefully selected lodges positioned within Madagascar's most rewarding wildlife destinations.



PRICING & DETAILS

\$ 22 200

SHARING COST P/P

\$ 24 150

SINGLE COST P/P



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DETAILS

SERVICE STARTS	Antananarivo, Madagascar
SERVICE ENDS	Antananarivo, Madagascar
TOUR	Madagascar Photo Safari
YOUR GUIDE	Darren Donovan
MAXIMUM GUESTS	6 Guests
MINIMUM GUESTS	4 Guests
DEPOSIT	30% Deposit confirms your booking. Balance payable 8 weeks before tour start date.

A detailed pre-departure document detailing climate, clothing, travel logistics, travel information, camera gear and other safari information will be sent to you 6 weeks prior to your departure date.

✓ THE ABOVE COSTS INCLUDE

- Meet and greet on arrival in Antananarivo.
- Accommodation and meals as specified in the itinerary.
- Private air-conditioned vehicle and all road transfers.
- Private boat transfers as specified in the itinerary.
- Private charter flights between Tamatave, Morondava, Berenty and Antananarivo.
- Services of an experienced English-speaking guide and driver.
- Services of C4 specialist photographic guide Darren Donovan.
- All activities as specified in the itinerary.
- Park entrance fees and conservation levies.
- Fuel, vehicle insurance and local taxes.

✗ COSTS NOT INCLUDED

- All international flights.
- Travel insurance.*
- Visa fees and vaccinations.*
- Accommodation, meals, activities and transfers not specified in the itinerary.
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Optional activities and excursions not specified.
- Excess luggage charges on charter flights.
- Purchases of a personal nature.
- Gratuities for guides, drivers and lodge staff.

* Please refer to our [Terms & Conditions](#).

! IMPORTANT LUGGAGE INFORMATION

Please note that luggage on this safari is restricted to 20 kg per person, including camera equipment and hand luggage. Only soft-sided bags are permitted, with maximum external dimensions of 140 cm (height + width + depth). As flights are operated on small charter aircraft, the remaining payload is allocated according to passenger weight.

Our full terms and conditions are available on request or can be viewed by following this [link](#)

YOUR SAFARI

DAY 1 - 2

**NOVOTEL
ANTANANARIVO**

1 NIGHT

Arrive in Antananarivo, Madagascar's capital, where you will be met and assisted before transferring to the Novotel for your overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after your international journey and prepare for the adventure ahead.

DAY 2 - 3

MANTADIA LODGE

2 NIGHTS

Travel east to Andasibe, where the lush rainforests of eastern Madagascar introduce you to the island's extraordinary biodiversity. Over the next two days, explore Mitsinjo Reserve, Vakona Reserve, Lemur Island and Analamazaotra Special Reserve in search of the iconic Indri, the world's largest living lemur.

Along the way, photograph colourful chameleons, endemic birds, orchids and rainforest landscapes before heading into the forest after dark for guided night walks, where nocturnal wildlife offers a completely different photographic experience.

DAY 4 - 5

PALMARIUM LODGE

2 NIGHTS

Continue by road before travelling by boat along the Pangalanes Canal to Palmarium Lodge, set on the shores of Lake Ampitabe.

Over the next two days, explore Palmarium Reserve, visit local villages and enjoy close encounters with several lemur species within this unique coastal rainforest environment. A highlight is an evening excursion to Aye-aye Island, offering the rare opportunity to observe one of Madagascar's most elusive nocturnal primates. Time is also spent photographing the region's remarkable botanical diversity, including rare palms and orchids.

DAY 6 - 7

RELAIS DU KIRINDY

1 NIGHT

Depart Palmarium by private speedboat before boarding your private charter flight to Morondava. From here, continue by road to Kirindy Forest, one of Madagascar's most important dry deciduous forests.

Spend the afternoon exploring this unique habitat in search of the endemic Fosa, along with a variety of lemurs, reptiles and birdlife found nowhere else on Earth.

DAY 7 - 8

**PALISSANDRE CÔTE
OUEST RESORT & SPA**

1 NIGHT

Enjoy another morning in Kirindy Forest before returning to Morondava. En route, visit Marofandilia Reserve before arriving at the iconic Avenue of the Baobabs, where centuries-old trees create one of Madagascar's most celebrated landscapes.

As the sun sets, enjoy a private cocktail while photographing the changing light across these remarkable giants.

YOUR SAFARI

DAY 8 - 10

BERENTY LODGE

2 NIGHTS

A private charter flight takes you south to Berenty Reserve, home to some of Madagascar's most recognisable wildlife.

Over the next two days, photograph ring-tailed lemurs, Verreaux's sifakas and the unique spiny forest ecosystem. Time is also spent exploring gallery forests, observing fruit bats and searching for endemic birdlife, while evening walks reveal the reserve's fascinating nocturnal species.

DAY 10

DEPARTURE

After breakfast, board your private charter flight back to Antananarivo. A day room is available before transferring to the international airport for your onward flight home, bringing to a close an unforgettable photographic journey through one of the world's most extraordinary island ecosystems.



YOUR LOGISTICS OVERVIEW

DAY	TRANSFERS	ACCOMODATION
DAY 1 9 OCTOBER	- Arrive in Antananarivo, Madagascar. - Meet and assist at the airport. - Private transfer to your hotel.	NOVOTEL ANTANANARIVO 1 NIGHT
DAY 2 10 OCTOBER	- Road transfer to Andasibe (approximately 5 hours). - Visit Mitsinjo Reserve, Vakona Reserve, Lemur Island and the Crocodile Reserve. - Night walk in VOIMMA Reserve.	MANTADIA LODGE 2 NIGHTS
DAY 4 12 OCTOBER	- Road transfer to the Pangalanes Canal. - Boat transfer to Palmarium Lodge. - Visit Maromizaha Reserve and enjoy a cruise along the Pangalanes Canal. - Evening excursion to Aye-aye Island.	PALMARIUM LODGE 2 NIGHTS
DAY 6 14 OCTOBER	- Private speedboat transfer. - Private charter flight to Morondava. - Road transfer to Kirindy Forest. - Afternoon exploration of Kirindy Reserve.	RELAIS DU KIRINDY 1 NIGHT
DAY 7 15 OCTOBER	- Explore Kirindy Forest and Marofandilia Reserve. - Road transfer to Morondava.	PALISSANDRE CÔTE OUEST RESORT & SPA 1 NIGHT
DAY 8 16 OCTOBER	Private charter flight to Berenty.	BERENTY LODGE 2 NIGHTS
DAY 10 18 OCTOBER	- Private charter flight to Antananarivo. - Day room near the airport. - Transfer to the international airport for your onward departure.	-

YOUR JOURNEY





YOUR GUIDE



DARREN DONOVAN

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

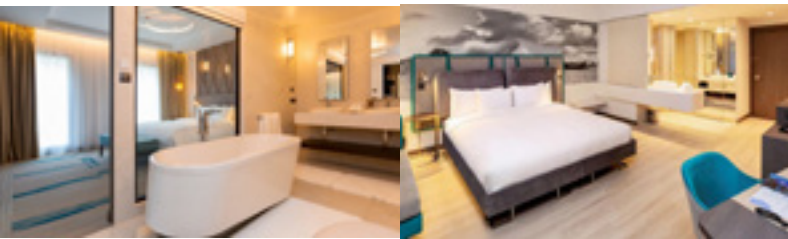
Darren started his career as a safari guide in South Africa's Sabi Sands, where he specialised in birding and animal behaviour. After witnessing the most amazing sightings on his game drives with guests, he quickly realised that he was missing a camera. His photographic journey began with him being drawn to the unusual and artistic depiction of wildlife through photography. He believes in capturing the mood and emotion of a moment in time, and that keeps fuelling his passion. He constantly pushes the boundaries of what he knows and experiments with the unknown!

With 13 years of guiding in some of the top lodges and reserves in South Africa, Darren not only has the experience of hosting photographers, but also perfected his craft in teaching others to take their own amazing photographs through technical and artistic application. These include teaching guests the camera settings, designing the frame, and anticipating the moment that may be coming by watching the behaviour of the subject. These skills, enthusiasm and a profound professional respect for the bush has made him a sought-after bird and photography guide in the industry.

YOUR ACCOMODATION

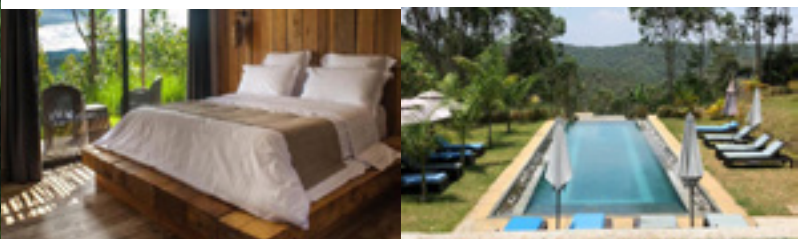
NOVOTEL ANTANANARIVO

Located in the heart of Madagascar's capital, Novotel Antananarivo provides a comfortable and contemporary base at the beginning and end of your journey. Spacious rooms, modern facilities and views across the city create a relaxed atmosphere after a long international flight. Its convenient location allows easy access to the airport while offering a comfortable introduction to Madagascar.



MANTADIA LODGE

Nestled on the edge of Andasibe's rainforest, Mantadia Lodge overlooks the forested hills of eastern Madagascar, placing guests close to some of the island's most remarkable wildlife. Comfortable private bungalows provide a peaceful retreat between excursions, while the lodge's elevated setting offers beautiful views across the surrounding landscape. Its location makes it an ideal base for exploring nearby reserves in search of Indri, chameleons and Madagascar's extraordinary endemic wildlife.



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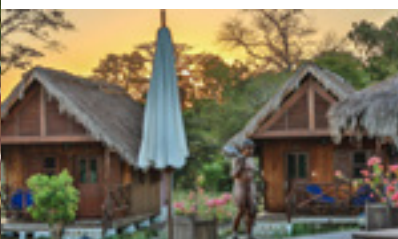
PALMARIUM LODGE

Accessible only by boat along the Pangalanes Canal, Palmarium Lodge offers a tranquil escape surrounded by rainforest and the shores of Lake Ampitabe. Private bungalows are thoughtfully positioned amongst tropical vegetation, creating a close connection to the surrounding environment. The lodge provides direct access to Palmarium Reserve, where lemurs, rare palms and unique plant life thrive within this remarkable coastal ecosystem.



RELAIS DU KIRINDY

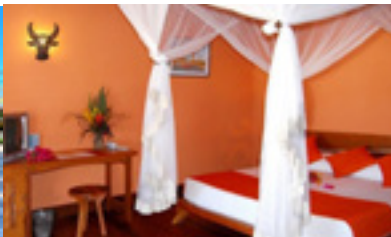
Situated on the edge of Kirindy Forest, Relais du Kirindy provides a simple and comfortable base for exploring one of Madagascar's most important dry deciduous forests. The lodge offers easy access to the reserve, allowing early starts and evening excursions in search of the endemic Fosa and other nocturnal wildlife. Surrounded by the unique landscapes of western Madagascar, it is perfectly positioned for immersive wildlife experiences.



YOUR ACCOMODATION

PALISSANDRE CÔTE OUEST RESORT & SPA

Overlooking the Mozambique Channel in Morondava, Palissandre Côte Ouest Resort & Spa offers a relaxed coastal setting before continuing deeper into western Madagascar. Spacious private bungalows are surrounded by tropical gardens and positioned just steps from the beach. Its location provides easy access to the iconic Avenue of the Baobabs while offering a comfortable place to unwind after time in the field.



BERENTY LODGE

Set within the renowned Berenty Reserve, Berenty Lodge places guests in the heart of one of Madagascar's most celebrated wildlife destinations. Comfortable lodge rooms are surrounded by gallery forest and the island's distinctive spiny vegetation, where ring-tailed lemurs and Verreaux's sifakas are frequently encountered. The lodge's unique setting allows guests to experience Madagascar's extraordinary wildlife from sunrise through to the evening's nocturnal walks.



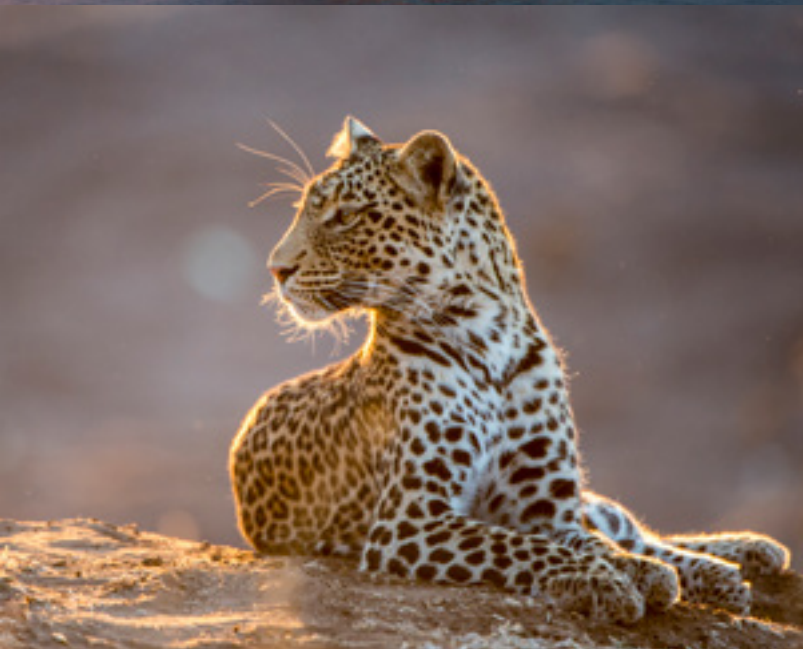


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