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VISITING A NATIONAL PARK

5 points to remember before, during and after visiting a National Park

1. Get Information
Which Park are we going to visit and which circuit will we choose? Are there welcome offices and other eco-touristic infrastructure in the Park?

2. Access the Parks
Tickets are available at the Park entrance or at ORTANA's kiosk at Antaninarenina (7/7 days).

3. Take guide
Taking a guide can be helpful when visiting a Park. Please visit the welcome office for more information.

4. Keep your ticket
Please keep your entrance ticket as long as you are visiting the Park.

5. Enjoy every minute of it
Visiting one of our Parks is an unique and unforgettable experience; make sure to not miss anything. Feel free to share your experiences, stories and photos on our facebook page.
Our mission

The mission of Madagascar National Parks is to establish, conserve and manage in a sustainable fashion a network of National Parks and Reserves that represent the biological diversity and natural heritage of Madagascar.

Our medium term vision is to transform Madagascar National Parks into a sustainable institution that is wellknown by investors (public and private sector) alike technical partners and clients for its professional approach to Protected Areas management.

Madagascar National Parks is working towards its vision along four strategic axes: Conservation, Co-management, Priority Markets Development, and Management Performance.

Our values

CREDIBLE and SUSTAINABLE

With 26 years of experience, Madagascar National Parks is recognized by its partners for its capacities in managing its Protected Areas Network. The tools used are a guarantee of quality and prove the relevance of its actions.

UNIQUE and WIDE-RANGING

Madagascar National Parks manages 43 Parks and Reserves, representing 2.6 million ha, of unique biodiversity treasures.

DYNAMIC and COMMITTED

Madagascar National Parks, a private association declared to be of public utility, has since the mid-2000s undergone a clear shift towards an entrepreneurial management style in order to increase management efficiency, financial sustainability, and confidence among government, financial and technical partners. All of its “strategic plans and operational tools” were updated in this sense.

SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ACTIONS
VISIT OUR PARKS AND RESERVES.
ANKARANA NATIONAL PARK
Born under the sea millions of years ago, Ankarana National Park covers today 18,225 ha. It is famous for its network of caves, subterranean rivers and canyons, as well as for its dry and green forests. On the surface, erosion has carved the limestone “Tsingy” with its sharp ridges. Deep beneath the surface, the longest network of underground streams existing in Africa (110 km) are waiting to be discovered.

Circuits

River tour: Discover endemic lemurs and birds, the caves of Milainily, and the Ambohimalaza view point - a haven of tranquility and freshness.
Distance: 2.5 km
Duration: 2 h
Level: Easy

Long tour: Visit the Bat cave, the Tsingy meva, the river tour, the Turrets of Tsingy, the Tsingy Rary, all of it in the heart of the geological and cultural history of Ankarana.
Distance: 8 km
Duration: 6 hours
Level: Sport circuit

When to visit?
Year round

Accommodation
- Princes camping (inside the Park)
- Andrafiabe camping (inside the Park)
- Hotels around the Park or in Ambilobe
LOKOBE NATIONAL PARK

Located in the south of Nosy Be Island, Lokobe National Park is a pleasant place for relaxing walks in dense vegetation surrounded by various species of animals. It is one of the rare localities in Madagascar where the original forest of Sambirano still exists, beautifully contrasting with the marine part of the Protected Area. The flagship species of the Park are the *Eulemur macaco* – the black lemur.

**Circuits**
- **Kindro circuit**: Loop circuit, passing by Anpasa-in-dava and Nosy Be. Discover palm trees, lemurs, birds, and reptiles.
  - Distance: 2 km
  - Duration: 3 hours
  - Level: Difficult
- **Mitsinjo circuit**: Circuit inside the park. Discover palm trees, lemurs, birds, reptiles and the panoramic view.
  - Distance: 1 km
  - Duration: 2 hours
  - Level: Difficult
- **Ramy circuit**: Circuit inside the Park. Discover palm trees, lemurs, birds, reptiles and beaches.
  - Distance: 2.41 km
  - Duration: 3 hours
  - Level: Difficult

**When to visit?**
- Year round
- Best time for spotting lemurs: November to December

**Accommodation**
- Talio camping (inside the Park)
- Hotels in Nosy Be (Hell ville)
Marojejy National Park, extending over 60,050 ha, is on the list of “UNESCO World Heritage” sites since 2007 due to its amazing biodiversity and exceptional landscapes. It is one of the few places in the world where it’s still possible to walk from very dense low-lying forests to the high plains in a blink of an eye. Marojejy will amaze all nature lovers, mountains, and unexploited places.

**Circuits:**

- **Mantella circuit:** Discover the lower part of the wet primary forests, reptile and amphibian species, lemurs, many species of birds, and relax in the natural pool.
  - Distance: 4 km
  - Duration: 4 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

- **Simpona circuit:** Extension from Mantella circuit, discover the Silky Sifaka called “Simpona”.
  - Distance: 2km from Mantella circuit
  - Duration: 1 to 2 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

- **Marojejya circuit:** Discover the cloud forest between Camp Marojejya and Camp Simpona, as well as the mountain tops of Marojejy.
  - Distance: 6 km
  - Duration: 3 hours
  - Level: Sports circuit

**When to visit?**

- Year round
- Best time for spotting the flagship species lemur *Propithecus candidus*: July to mid-December
- Best time for spotting flowering orchids: November to March

**Accommodation**

- Mantella camp: 06 lodges and camping area
- Marojejya camp: 04 lodges and camping area
- Simpona camp: 02 lodges and camping area
- Hotels in Andapa
Created on October 28th, 1958, Amber Mountain was the first National Park established in Madagascar. This volcanic massif creates its own microclimate and rises 1,475 m above one of the most water-rich forests of Madagascar. At Amber Mountain, stunning panoramas of the Indian Ocean and dense tropical forests with sacred waterfalls and crater lakes await to be discovered.

Circuits

- **Ampijoroagna circuit**: Discover Roussettes Station, numerous waterfalls and the "thousand trees road".
  - Distance: 3.1 km
  - Duration: 2 hours
  - Level: Easy

- **Olioly circuit**: Admire the panoramic view and discover various endemic birds.
  - Distance: 12 km
  - Duration: 4 hours
  - Level: Difficult

- **Amber summit circuit**: Enjoy the spectacular view of the whole region and the refreshing atmosphere of the lakes.
  - Distance: 20 km
  - Duration: 3 days
  - Level: Difficult

When to visit?

- Year round
- Best time for spotting the endemic lemurs: April to November

Accommodation

- Camping area in the Park
- Hotels in Antsiranana and Joffre Ville
**KIRINDY MITE NATIONAL PARK**

Kirindy Mite covers 155.350 ha. It is located at 70 km, South of Morondava, in the Rural municipality of Belo sur Mer, Menabe Region. From March 2016, this Park becomes Biosphere Reserves in the UNESCO World Network thanks to its rich fauna and flora with the high endemicity rate.

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**NOSY HARA NATIONAL PARK**

Nosy Hara National Park covers 125.471 ha and is located in the extreme northwest of Madagascar, approximately 34 km to the west of Antsiranana. The Park is home to a large shallow lake, from 2 to 4 m deep depending to the seasons, 17 km long and 1.5 km wide. The flora and fauna are exceptionally rare.

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**Circuits** :

1. **Brookesia micra tour (land circuit)**: The trail climbs through rich and dense dry forests, passes near the caves and finishes at the beautiful view point of Amber Mountain.
   - Distance: 700 m
   - Duration: 1 hour
   - Level: Easy

2. **The Tsingy Maniry Trail (land circuit)**: Literally translated - a growing lime stone. Appreciate the extraordinary landscape of the Bay de Courier with its archipelago. Discover several kinds of dry plants growing in the valley and on the rock, as well as some rare species of birds like fisher eagle.
   - Distance: 3 km
   - Duration: 2 hours
   - Level: Intermediate

3. **Tour of the Islands (marine circuit)**: Visit Lakandava Island or Hara Island, enjoy scuba diving and watching marine turtles.
   - Distance: Depending on the island
   - Duration: 1-2 hours by boat
   - Level: Easy

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**When to visit?**

- Year round
- Best time in general: March to December

**Accommodation**

- Camping area in the Park
- Hotels in Madirokitamby
ANKARAFANTSika National Park
Ankarafantsika National Park is composed of an unique flora set on a sandy massif, home to very rare animal species which can’t be found in other Parks. The Park is located in the northwest of Madagascar, 450 km from Antananarivo and 115 km from Mahajanga, along the RN4. Ankarafantsika National Park offers varied and contrasted landscapes, various types of forests, savannas, lakes and the “lavaka” of Ankarokaroka, result of a gigantic erosion. This Park is recognized as a RAMSAR site.

**Circuits**

- **Coquerel trail**: Spot the lemur propithecus.
  - Distance: 3-5 km
  - Duration: 2-3 hours
  - Level: Easy

- **Baobab Extension trail**: Witness cultural highlights, enjoy the sight of Boabab trees and the Ravelobe lake.
  - Distance: 1.5 km
  - Duration: 1.5-2 hours
  - Level: Easy

- **Big Canyon trail**: Discover the Ankarokaroka canyon, numerous erosion pathways (Lavaka), beautiful sunsets and savannas.
  - Distance: 9-12 km
  - Duration: 3-4 hours
  - Level: Sports circuit

- **Lake trail**: Be amazed by the customs and traditions linked to crocodile worship at this sacred place.
  - Distance: 7 km
  - Duration: 3-4 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

- **Retendrika trail**: A trail famous for its medical plants (Pachypodium).
  - Distance: 4-6 km
  - Duration: 2-3 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

**When to visit?**

- Year round
- Best time for birdwatching: September to November

**Accommodation**

- Guest rooms
- 7 deluxe bungalows
- Camping area and tent rental
- Safari style tent with mattress
- Group kitchen facilities
- Restaurant
Circuits

- **Tantely circuit:** Discover endemic animals and plants, as well as the Small Tsingy.
  - Distance: 2 km
  - Duration: 2 hours
  - Level: Easy

- **Andadoany and Ankeligoa circuit:** Canyons and labyrinths, cathedrals and the Tsingy are to be enjoyed.
  - Distance: 2-6 km
  - Duration: 4-5 hours.
  - Level: Easy

- **Manambolo circuit:** travelling by local boat in Manambolo river, discover crocodiles and Vazimba tomb.
  - Distance: 2-4 km
  - Duration: 4 hours (of which 1hour by boat and 3 hours by foot)
  - Level: Easy

- **Anjohimahitsy circuit:** Discover the Tsingy gallery, the limestone plateau, canyons, fissures, cathedrals and caves.
  - Distance: 5 km
  - Duration: 5-10 hours
  - Level: Sports circuit

- **Andamozavaky circuit:** Discover cathedrals with big limestones, enjoy the 360° panoramic view, dare passing over a suspension bridge.
  - Distance: 5 km
  - Duration: 4 hours
  - Level: Difficult

- **Berano circuit:** A trail focused on speleology, succulent flowering plants (Kalanchoe), canoeing and forest galleries.
  - Distance: 3 km
  - Duration: 3 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

When to visit?

- Only during the dry season. Better between May and November by road. May to October by boat.

Accommodation

- Hotels around the Park
Baly Bay National Park is situated in the region of Boeny, 165 km southwest of the city of Mahajanga. It extends over 57.142 ha. Its weather is warm and sub-humid, with a marked dry season lasting up to 7 months between April and October. The flagship species of the Park is the Angonoka – the endemic marlin turtle.

**Circuits:**
- **Angonoky circuit:** Discover the local endemic turtle and diurnal lemurs.
  - Distance: 4 km
  - Duration: 3 hours
  - Level: Easy

- **Ankoay circuit:** Discover rare birds such as the eagle fisher, the *mycteris ibis*, and the *therskornis bernieri* on the edge of the lake Sariaka.
  - Distance: 24 km
  - Duration: 2 days
  - Level: Intermediate

**When to visit?**
- Accessible only in the dry period from May to November.

**Accommodation**
- Camping area
- Hotels in Soalala
Sahamalaza National Park is located on the northwest coast of Madagascar, between the District of Ambanja (Diana) and Analalava (Sofia). The climate is sub-humid, the ground is flat and uneven. The Reserve extends over 26,035 ha and is recognized as a Biosphere and RAMSAR Reserve.

Circuits:

- **Akomba manga maso circuit:** Discover endemic flora and terrestrial fauna, endemic blue-eyed lemurs, and enjoy the view of the Bay of Sahamalaza.
  
  Distance: 47 km
  
  Duration: 2-3 hours (by boat), 4 hours by car
  
  Level: Easy

- **Fitilimbengy circuit:** Marvel at the coastal flora and fauna, mangrove forests, the sacred ibis (Therskiornis bernieri), the Madagascar sea-eagle, and flying foxes.
  
  Distance: 30 km by boat and 3 km by foot
  
  Duration: 2-3 hours by boat, 2 hours by foot
  
  Level: Easy

- **Radama Islands circuit:** Enjoy the flora and sea life, coral reefs, the Radama Archipelago, green turtles as well as numerous coral species.
  
  Distance: 50 km from Maromandia to the archipelago
  
  Duration: 2 hours by boat
  
  Level: Easy

When to visit?

- Year round

Accommodation

- Ankarafa camping area in the Park
Tsingy of Namoroka extends over 22,227 ha. It is home to the famous “Low Tsingy”, caves and walls, semi-deciduous dense dry forest, savannas, swamp grounds, canyons and natural pools.

Circuits

- **Mandevy circuit**: Be amazed by the geyser like Mandevy river and the local lemurs.
  - Distance: 24 km
  - Duration: 3 hours walk for experienced walkers or by four-wheel-drive vehicle
  - Level: Difficult

- **Ambovon’Omby circuit**: Caves, Tsingy landscape, water birds are waiting to be discovered.
  - Duration: 3 hours
  - Distance: 24 km
  - Level: Difficult

- **The Antsifotra circuit**: Visit Tsingy canyons, baobab trees, and succulent spine-bearing trees and shrubs (*Pachypodium*).
  - Distance: 12 km
  - Duration: 3 hours
  - Level: Difficult

When to visit?

- Only accessible between May and November

Accommodation

- Camping area
Ambohitantely Special Reserve is the only Protected Area in the region of Analamanga. It contains one of the few remaining vestiges of the central plateau forest. The Reserve extends over 5,600 ha, including 1,800 ha of natural forest and 3,800 ha of grassy savanna.

Circuits:
- **Botanical Garden circuit:** Discover Ambohitantely’s forest flora, especially orchids and medical plants, but also lemurs, birds, amphibians, and reptiles.
  - Distance: 4 km
  - Duration: 4 hours
  - Level: Easy

- **Loop circuit:** Botanical Garden and Doany Anpasandoaka. Discover Ambohitantely’s forest flora, especially orchids and medical plants, but also lemurs, birds, amphibians, and reptiles.
  - Distance: 6 km
  - Duration: 4 to 5 hours
  - Level: Difficult

- **Dypsis decipiens:** Discover rare palm trees.
  - Distance: 4 km
  - Duration: 2 hours
  - Level: Easy

When to visit?
- Accessible between September and May

Accommodation
- Camping area
The Andasibe Mantadia National Park is one of Madagascar’s flagship Parks. Located in the region of Alaotra Mangoro, it is composed of two Protected Areas: the Analamazaotra National Park and Mantadia National Park. The Andasibe - Mantadia National Park is the most accessible of the Protected Areas. It covers 16,290 ha.

Circuits:

- **Indri 1- Indri 2- Adventure Circuit (Analamazaotra Park):** These three circuits inside the Analamazaotra Park are a real adventure in the dense, wet forest. Indri and orchids can be seen along these circuits.
  - Distance: 3 to 6 km loop
  - Duration: 2-6 hours
  - Level: Indri 1 (Easy) – Indri 2 (Intermediate) - Adventure Circuit (Difficult).

- **Tsakoka (Mantadia National Park):** Entrance 11 km from the Mantadia Park office.
  - This circuit is rich in native amphibian and plant species, for instance the native Alterlornis pitoideisis, a Madagascar’s endemic bird.
  - Distance: 2.8 km loop
  - Duration: 3 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

- **Trekking (Mantadia National Park):** The trekking circuit starts at 6 km from the entrance of the National Park. It connects all circuits with diverse altitudes and offers the most beautiful landscape views.
  - Distance: 15 km
  - Duration: 10 hours
  - Level: Difficult

**When to visit?**

- Year round
- Best time for orchid spotting: October to December
- Best time for birdwatching: September to November

**Accommodation**

- Indri camping area
- Tanafisaka camping area
- Tented Camp
- Campsite Tanafisaka
- Tented Camp
Masoala National Park is a part of the eastern forest of Madagascar and is classified as a World Heritage Site. The Masoala Complex with Masoala National Park and Nosy Mangabe Special Reserve is the largest Protected Area in Madagascar.

Circuits:

- **Hiking Antalaha Maroantsetra and / or Maroantsetra- Antalaha:** Cross the amazing corridor of Ambatolaidama and watch diurnal lemurs and dense forests.
  - Distance: 109 km
  - Duration: 3-5 days
  - Level: Sport circuit

- **Tour of the Masoala peninsula:** Get ready for whale watching and coastal forest.
  - Distance: 250 km
  - Duration: 11-15 days
  - Level: Sport circuit

- **Cape East circuit:** Witness community lifestyle, discover waterfalls, crocodiles, carnivorous plants, and coastal forest.
  - Distance: 190 km
  - Duration: 7 days
  - Level: Sport circuit

**When to visit?**

- Year round
- Best time for rainforest lovers: June to August
- Best time for birdwatching: September to January
- Best time for spotting red ruffed lemur: May, September to December
- Best time for spotting flowering palm trees: August
- Best time for spotting reptiles: May, September to February
- Best time for whale watching: July - September

**Accommodation**

- Camping areas and cottage in the Park
- Hotels at Maroantsetra or at Antalaha
North Mananara Land and Marine National Park, a safe haven for numerous species, covers 24,000 ha (23,000 ha land, 1,000 ha marine). Its climate is tropical, hot and wet. Apart from the exceptional landscapes that can be appreciated from numerous view points, the Park shelters 77 species of birds, 17 rodent species and 13 species of lemurs among which the famous Indri-indri but also the Aye-aye which is the Park’s iconic animal.

Circuits:
- **Antafana Island circuit**: Discover flying foxes and seabirds, mangrove forests, coral reefs with nice beaches and lagoons, enjoy diving.
  - Distance: 16 km loop
  - Duration: 40 min by speed boat, 1 hour with local pirogue
  - Level: Easy

- **Verezanantsoro circuit**: Enjoy the coast landscape, try natural pools, and discover endemic plant and lemurs.
  - Distance: 20 km
  - Duration: 24 hours
  - Level: Difficult

- **Ivontaka Sud circuit**: Spot lemurs, discover the coast landscape, natural pools, and endemic plants.
  - Distance: 16 km
  - Duration: 1.5 hours
  - Level: Difficult

**When to visit?**
- Year round
- Access to the marine Park depends on weather conditions. The sea is only quiet in September-October, however it is always necessary to check the weather report, especially during cyclone season. The land Park is always accessible, though takes more time in the rainy season.
- Best time for whale watching: July to September.

**Accommodation**
- Verezanantsoro camping area
- Nosy Antafana camping area
- Sahasoa camping area
- Antanambe camping area
The Zahamena National Park is located at the east of Madagascar, between the regions of Alaotra Mangoro and Analanjirofo. It is an UNESCO World Heritage Site, extending over 64.935 ha. Zahamena National Park shelters an incredibly high biodiversity, is one of the highest of Madagascar.

**Circuits:**

- **Ankosy circuit:** This circuit offers a panoramic view of the Alaotra lake. Discover several species of lemurs and try a natural pool.
  - Distance: 6 km
  - Duration: 3 hours
  - Level: Difficult

- **Cascade Bemoara circuit:** Visit the sacred waterfall at Andranomitsangana and spot several species of lemurs on the way.
  - Distance: 5 km
  - Duration: 3 hours
  - Level: Difficult (for adventurous and athletic visitors)

- **Ambarihely circuit:** Discover several species of lemurs.
  - Distance: 4 km
  - Duration: 2.5 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

**When to visit?**

- Year round, but easy access between July and December

**Accommodation**

- Bemoara camping
- Waterfall camping
- Ambarihely camping
Circuits

- **Tsimelahy circuit**: Discover the Tsimelahy viewpoint, a natural pool, lemurs, lizard and plant species like tamarind and *pachypodium lamerei*.
  - Distance: 3.1 km
  - Duration: 2 hours
  - Level: Easy

- **Bicycle Circuit**: Enjoy a cycle route which links the Tsimelahy and Mangatsiaka trails.
  - Distance: 8 km
  - Duration: 3 to 4 hours
  - Level: Sports circuit

- **Ankozofotsy botanical circuit**: Visit the huge bee hive and discover medical plants.
  - Distance: 4 km
  - Duration: 2 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

- **Mangiatsiaka circuit**: Spot lemurs and different bird species.
  - Distance: 1.3 km
  - Duration: 2 hours
  - Level: Easy

**When to visit?**

- Year round, especially from November to January

**Accommodation**

- Tsimelahy camping
- Mangatsiaka camping
- Malio camping
- Manangotry camping
- Talakifeno-Malio camping
- Hotels at Fort Dauphin

**Andohahela National Park**

Andohahela represents the biodiversity of the extreme southeast of Madagascar. It is also the only Protected Area of Madagascar with a dense humid forest in the southern tropic of Capricorn. This Park is an incredible reservoir of water, and represents an economic potential for the region.
Tsimanampesotse National Park

Tsimanampesotse National Park is located in the southwest region of Madagascar, 275 km from Toliara. It is bordered by the Onilahy River to the north and the Linta River to the south. Tsimanampesotse National Park covers an area of more than 200,000 ha with an altitude ranging from 10 m to 140 m. This Park is recognized as a RAMSAR site due to its sacred lake.

Circuits:

- **Lake tour**: Enjoy salicorne landscapes.
  Distance: 55 km
  Duration: 1 hour by car, 2 days walking
  Level: Easy.

- **Flamingo circuit**: Discover pink flamingo and other water birds.
  Distance: 5 km
  Duration: 1 hour
  Level: Easy.

- **Andalamaikai trekking circuit**: Discover succulent spine-bearing trees and shrubs and radiated tortoises.
  Distance: 10 km
  Duration: 5 hours
  Level: Intermediate

- **Emande circuit**: Discover ancient tombs, diurnal lemurs, aquatic and terrestrial birds.
  Distance: 3 km
  Duration: 1-2 hours
  Level: Intermediate

- **Tsiamaso circuit**: Observe the blind fish Typhleotris madagascariensis and spot giant Baobab trees.
  Distance: 1.6 km
  Duration: 1 hour
  Level: Easy

When to visit?

- Year round
- Best time to spot pink flamingos (breeding season): September to March
- Best time to spot turtles: November to February
- Best time to spot Adansonia rubrostipa’s flowering: December to February

Accommodation

- Camping area
- Hotels in Ambola or in Anakao
Kirindy Mite extends over 155.350 ha and is located 70 km south of Morondava, in the rural municipality of Belo sur Mer, Menabe Region. Since March 2016 the Park has been recognized as UNESCO Biosphere and RAMSAR Reserve.

Circuits:
- **Ambondro Circuit - Sirave:** Enjoy lakes with water birds, beaches, the view of the sea, Islands, and Baobabs.
  - Distance: 4 km
  - Duration: 2-3 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

- **Angholignoly circuit:** Go on a sea excursion in mangrove forests. Discover bats.
  - Distance: 2 km
  - Duration: 1 hour
  - Level: Easy

- **Mahaboboka circuit:** Enjoy the alley of baobabs, lemurs, reptiles, birds.
  - Distance: 2-5 km
  - Duration: 1-3 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

- **Marine circuit:** Coral reefs, beaches, Islands, diving or snorkeling are waiting for you.
  - Distance: 17 km (canoeing)
  - Duration: 2 hours by a canoe and 1 hour by speedboat
  - Level: Easy

When to visit?
- Year round
- Best time to spot pink and dwarf flamingoes and other water birds: July to October.

Accommodation
- Manahy camping area
- Hotels around the Park
The Special Reserve of Cap Sainte Marie, also called Cap Vohimena, is in the extreme south of Madagascar, 63 km south of Tsihombe, 230 km from Fort-Dauphin in the province of Toliara, Androy Region. It extends over 1,750 ha. The climate of the region is of sub-arid type with an average annual precipitation of 350 mm. The symbolic species of the Reserve is the radiant tortoise.

Circuits:
- **Cap circuit**: Cliffs, lighthouses and beacons, landscape of the extreme south of Madagascar, turtles, whales, reptiles and birds and dwarf vegetation are waiting for you.
  - Distance: 1 km
  - Duration: 45 mn
  - Level: Easy
- **Cave circuit**: Spot turtles, whales, reptiles and birds, and wander through thorny bush vegetation, botanical gardens with alluaudia comosa, dunes, aepyornis egg debris, sacred stone, and cave.
  - Distance: 3 km
  - Duration: 3 hours
  - Level: Easy

When to visit?
- Year round

Accommodation
- Bezavoa camping area
Zombitse Vohibasia National Park is based in the south of Madagascar, between districts of Sakaraha and Ankazoabo-sud. It covers 36,803 ha and is very easy to access. The site is particularly popular among bird watchers.

**Circuits:**

- **Mandresy circuit:** Discover lemurs, Baobabs, reptiles and birds.
  Distance: 230 m
  Duration: 2 hours
  Level: Intermediate

- **Lobo circuit:** Endemic flora, reptiles and birds to be seen
  Distance: 3 km
  Duration: 2 hours

- **Velomiano circuit:** Be amazed by orchids, endemic flora, and reptiles
  Distance: 750 m
  Duration: 15 min
  Level: Easy

**When to visit?**

- Year round
- Best time for birdwatching: August to November
The Malaso Circuit: The Malaso Circuit is easily accessible and makes a good introduction to the Park. It starts in front of the “Isalo’s house” which has exhibits of the natural and cultural history of the massif. Then, it passes through an area rich in botanical species before reaching the famous rock formations.
Distance: 42 km by car – 2 km walking
Duration: 4 hours
Level: Intermediate

The Natural Pool circuit: The circuit begins with a climb through the cliffs and then, winds among clumps of Tapia trees where silkworms live and weave their cocoons. Along the path, you can see rocky caves that have been used as the natural burial chambers for the local Bara and Sakalava people.
Distance: 3 km
Duration: 3 hours
Level: Difficult

The Canyon Circuits: These circuits lead to the Maki Canyon and the Rat Canyon. They lead through deep, rugged gorges and offer an exciting challenge for the adventurous hiker. Aside from the luxuriant plant life, you may spot some of the groups of lemurs that live in the canyons.
Distance: 17 km by car – 1, 7 km trekking
Duration: 2.5 hours
Level: Intermediate

When to visit?
- Year round
- Best time for birdwatching: September to November

Accommodation
- Camping sites and cottage in the Park
- Hotels around the Park

ISALO NATIONAL PARK

Isalo National Park’s massif extends over 81,540 hectares in the southwest of Madagascar. The massif is made up of Jurassic limestones and is cut through by deep canyons. Some people call it the “Colorado of Madagascar”. The Park is located in an arid area, but has considerable water resources supporting a diversity of eco-systems. Inside the Park, you will see different types of lemurs, great variety of birds and such unique plants as the pachypodium which is able to survive during the periods of drought by storing water in its bulbous stem.
Established in 1991, it was the fourth National Park to be created in Madagascar. In 2007, it was listed as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a Flagship Park in the Madagascar National Park network. It is situated in the southeast of Madagascar, between the regions of Haute Matsiatra and Vatovavy-Fitovinany.

**Circuits**

- **Amboditanimena loop circuit**: Spot wild ducks and lemurs.
  - Distance: 3-7 km
  - Duration: 2-4 hours
  - Level: Intermediate
- **Sahamalaostra loop circuit**: Enjoy the landscape and the Pandanus forest.
  - Distance: 7 km
  - Duration: 4 hours
  - Level: Intermediate
- **Soarano – Valohoaka circuit**: Perfect for bird watching.
  - Distance: 26 km
  - Duration: 3-4 days
  - Level: Sport circuit
- **Talatakely loop circuit**: Discover lemurs, waterfalls, reptiles, amphibians, and enjoy the forest.
  - Distance: 8 km
  - Duration: 2-3 hours
  - Level: Intermediate
- **Vatoharanana circuit**: Enjoy a good walk and waterfalls.
  - Distance: 12-14 km
  - Duration: 8 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

**When to visit?**

- Year round

**Accommodation**

- Camping sites and cottage in the Park
- Hotels around the Park
ANDRINGITRA NATIONAL PARK
The Massif of Andringitra Ranges from 650 m to 2658 m of altitude. Andringitra is one of the biological hotspots of Madagascar, a natural laboratory where relic and more recent species cohabit, which accounts for the originality of its fauna and flora. It is home to Peak Boby, the second summit of Madagascar (2658 m).

Circuits:
- **Asaramanitra circuit**: Marvel at the sacred waterfall, and discover caves hidden under the forest floor.
  - Distance: 6 km
  - Duration: 4 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

- **Diavolana circuit**: Opens into a lunar landscape, discover lemurs and wild flowers.
  - Distance: 13 km
  - Duration: 10 hours
  - Level: Difficult

- **Isahavato circuit**: Discover rare mountain palms and natural pools.
  - Distance: 15 km
  - Duration: 12 hours
  - Level: Intermediate

- **Imarivolanitra circuit**: This circuit leads to the summit of Peak Boby.
  - Distance: 28 km
  - Duration: 2 days
  - Level: Sports circuit

When to visit?
- year round

Accommodation
- Andriampotsy camping area and cottage in the Park
- Hotels around the Park