



BEACH PACKAGES

St Marie Beach Package

Madagascar is not only known for its endemic flora and fauna, but is also renowned for its endless coastline, white sandy beaches, sparkling clear turquoise water and restaurants serving seafood feasts on the sand. To round off your holiday in Madagascar with a spectacular beach-stay, we suggest heading off to the sublime Île Sainte Marie for a seven day break.



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The slender 57 km long island lies 8 km off the coast of eastern Madagascar and is the perfect spot for diving, fishing and beach getaways. Sainte Marie oozes considerable charm – particularly in the small villages that dot the interior.

For the outdoor-lovers, the island is crossed with tracks and palm lined covers, and offers many opportunities to explore on foot or even on mountain bike. From August / September, you may spot Humpback whales during their annual migration. Unwind, and savour the tranquil atmosphere and sultry sunsets of St. Marie.

HIGHLIGHTS:

St Marie, optional activities (own expense): Pirate cemetery, snorkelling, Scuba diving, deep sea fishing, whale watching, tours of the island

QUICK FACTS

Tour type:	Private Beach Package	Meals:	6 x Breakfast 5 x Dinner
Duration:	7 days	Vehicle:	4WD vehicle
Start & End:	Antananarivo, Madagascar	Group Size:	Min. 1

DEPARTURE DATES 2017

Every day, subject to flight availability

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Meal Key

B – Breakfast **L** – Lunch **D** – Dinner

Day 1: Antananarivo Arrival

You will be met on arrival to Ivato airport and transferred to your hotel in Antananarivo, where you can relax from 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).

Classic Accommodation: IC Hotel or similar (en-suite rooms with hot water and balcony. Restaurant, bar and swimming pool)



Superior Accommodation: Carlton Hotel or similar (en-suite rooms with hot water. Restaurant, bar and swimming pool)

Meals:
Lunch: For your own account
Dinner: For your own account

Day 2: St. Marie	BD
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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.

With a private beach & pool, your hotel offers complete relaxation on this beautiful island. The hotel can arrange many excursions for you from boat tours to different parts of St Marie, to road trips, whale tours (in season) and quad bike tours.

Classic Accommodation: Vanivola "Hotel de Charme" or similar (Double/Twin Classique Bungalow with en-suite bathroom. Set on a private beach, with restaurant, bar and swimming pool)

Superior Accommodation: Princesses Bora Lodge or similar (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:
Breakfast: IC Hotel / Carlton Hotel or similar
Lunch: For your own account
Dinner: Vanivola "Hotel de Charme" / Princesse Bora Lodge or similar

Days 3 - 6: St. Marie	BD
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At leisure. Ask at reception about the many excursions on offer. The sea is safe for snorkelling, 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 hues of sunset. All these excursions are booked in your own time and are to your own expense.

There are many hotels along the main road to offer you variety for dinners and lunches, or you could take a stroll into the small town of Ambodifotatra to explore some boutiques or the local market (Tuesday and Thursday).

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Superior Accommodation: Princesse Bora Lodge or similar (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:
Breakfast: Vanivola "Hotel de Charme" / Princesse Bora Lodge or similar
Lunch: For your own account
Dinner: Vanivola "Hotel de Charme" / Princesse Bora Lodge or similar

Day 7: St. Marie – Antananarivo – Home destination	B
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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!

Meals:
Breakfast: Vanivola "Hotel de Charme" / Princesse Bora Lodge or similar

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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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:

Classic OPTION: Accommodation will be in mid-range hotels.

Day 1: Antananarivo: [IC Hotel](#) or similar (en-suite rooms with hot water and balcony. Restaurant, bar and swimming pool)

Days 2 - 6: St Marie: [Vanivola "Hotel de Charme"](#) (Double/Twin Classique Bungalow with en-suite bathroom. Set on a private beach, with restaurant, bar and swimming pool)

Superior OPTION: Accommodation will be in mid to upper range Hotels.

Day 1: Antananarivo: [Carlton Hotel](#) or similar (en-suite rooms with hot water. Restaurant, bar and swimming pool)

Days 2 - 6: St Marie: [Princesse Bora Lodge](#) (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 safari 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 90 days. Tourists staying for less than one month, can purchase a visa for 80'000 Ariary (around 23-27 €). 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. In addition to the entry visa, the Malagasy government is proposing the introduction of a frontier levy of 10 € in the near future, still to be confirmed and variable at short notice.

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 Real Madagascar Travel. 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.