

## MASOALA KAYAKING EXPEDITION

### 12 days / 11 nights



This kayaking expedition takes us to the discovery of the Masoala peninsula, the last remnant of primary forest of the Big Island. Accompanied by experienced guides, we will navigate through a myriad of beautiful bays, we will go back several rivers totally wild to observe the endemic fauna. Finally, we plunge into the marine national parks in the Bay of Antongil. This trip is an opportunity to experience the Betsimisaraka culture.

*Feasibility: October & November*

#### **DEPARTURE DATE :**

- 25/10 to 03/11
- 08/11 to 17/11
- 25/11 to 04/12

**B: Breakfast**

**L: Lunch**

**D: Dinner**

#### **D1: TANA / MAROANTSETRA**

Arrival in Tana and correspondence flight Tana / Maroantsetra. Arrival and transfer to the hotel, free lunch. During the afternoon, city tour and preparation equipment. Free dinner.

Night at COCO BEACH (or alternative).

#### **D2: MAROANTSETRA / NAVANA BAY (B - L - D)**

Navigation : 15km 4H

Navigating by kayak to the beautiful Bay of Navana, staying inside the river delta. We leave the kayaks and walk the last 5km over the rainforested hills of the Farankarina Forest Reserve and down to the beach. Transfer by boat across the bay to the tented camp, arriving in the late afternoon for a refreshing shower and a well earned cold drink.

Overnight camping at Navana Camp.

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**D3: NAVANA BAY (B - L - D)**

Navigation : 8km 2H

A morning kayak across the bay of Navana and along the coast to the beautiful beach at Farankaraina and then back to the camp. Set off on a cultural walk down the ‘road of tombs’ and through the traditional farmlands and villages, stopping for a picnic lunch in a shady spot. Return to the camp, 6km walk (3h), for a relaxing evening and sundowners on the viewpoint hill.

Overnight camping at Navana Camp.

**D4: NAVANA BAY / TAMPOLO (B - L - D)**

Navigation : 5km 2H

Transfer by boat to Tampolo (3h). Arrival and picnic lunch. In the afternoon snorkeling in the Tampolo Marine National Park. Then a late afternoon kayak to view the primary rainforest of the Masoala National Park in the golden light of sunset. Overnight camping at Tampolo.

**D5 : TAMPOLO / MASOALA NP (B - L - D)**

Navigation : 5km 4H

Morning hike in the rainforest of Masoala National Park to discover the endemic fauna : Red ruffed Lemur, the famous Helmet Vanga, several species of chameleons and geckos. Picnic lunch. During the afternoon boat ride up the Tampolo river. Return to the camp. At the sunset, we go for a night walk to discover the nocturnal wildlife of the primary forest.

Overnight camping at Tampolo.

**D6 : TAMPOLO / ANTALAVIA / TAMPOLO (B - L - D)**

Navigation : 14km 4H

An early breakfast and set off in the kayaks around Tampolo point for the Antalavia river, stopping on the the “sacred island” and to explore a mangrove river and on the beach at Maroantoko cove and then paddle into the estuary and up to the cascades of the Antalavia river for a swim in the clear fresh water. A picnic lunch on the shady beach at the river mouth and then the option of walking (11km 3h) or boating back to the camp.

Overnight camping at Tampolo.

**D7: TAMPOLO / NOSY BEHENTO (B - L - D)**

Navigation : 5km 2H

Featured transfer to Nosy Behento and installation of the camp and lunch. In the afternoon snorkeling in the Masoala Marine National Park and exploration of the island by kayak.

Overnight camping at Nosy Behento.

**D8: NOSY BEHENTO / CAP MASOALA / NOSY BEHENTO (B - L - D)**

Navigation : 20km 6H

After a morning swim or snorkel and breakfast, set off on the kayaks to the final destination, Cap Masoala, paddling past islands and exploring a mangrove swamp and after rounding Cap Masoala, stop on the white sand beach with turquoise water for a picnic and swim, before kayaking back to the island camp

Overnight camping at Nosy Behento.

**D9: NOSY BEHENTO / FAMPOTIBE / NOSY BEHENTO (B - L - D)**

Navigation : 16km 5H

Another beautiful morning snorkeling session and breakfast and then set off on the kayaks to the Fampotibe river. A picnic lunch on the beach at the river mouth and then launch the kayaks into

the huge river estuary for a short kayak up river to visit the remote village of Fampotobe and then back out to sea for the kayak back to the island camp. Evening sundowners on the sacred point of the island and a starlight dinner on the beach.

Overnight camping at Nosy Behento.

**D10: NOSY BEHENTO / TAMPOLO (B - L - D)**

Navigation : 4km 2H

Transfer by boat to Tampolo (3h). Picnic lunch and snorkeling during the afternoon. Then a last evening kayak to the "secret cove" lookout at Tampolo Point. A traditional meal of 'ravitoto' eaten on ravinala leaves for the last dinner and night on the Masoala peninsula.

Overnight camping at Tampolo.

**D11: TAMPOLO / MAROANTSETRA (B)**

Transfer by boat to Maroantsetra (3h). Arrival and transfer to the hotel, and free lunch. Free afternoon at the hotel. Free dinner.

Night at COCO BEACH (or alternative).

**D12: MAROANTSETRA / TANA**

Transfer to the airport for the flight Maroantsetra / Tana. Arrival in Tana and city tour, then transfer to the airport for the international flight.

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**PRICE :**

**Base2 : € 2.749 per person**

**Base3 : € 2.730 per person**

**Base4 : € 2.725 per person**

**Base5 : € 2.719 per person**

**Single Supplement : € 40**

**INCLUDED :**

- All accommodation and meals as mentioned
- Expedition support vessel to carry the camp gear and provisions and for the transfer between the camps and back to Maroantsetra.
- Official guide and permits for the Masoala National Park
- Experienced and English speaking sea kayak guides.
- Quality kayaking equipment (sit on the top kayaks with back rests, paddles, dry bags, life jackets)

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- Quality camping equipment (tents, mattresses and hammocks)
  - Dining tent with table and chairs
  - Fresh water shower and flush toilets
  - All meals, tea, coffee, drinking water, cold soft drinks
  - Transfers airport/hotel/airport
  - Touristic taxes

**EXCLUDED:**

- International and domestic flights. For your information, the cost for the flight Tana/Maroantsetra/Tana is approximately 312Euros per person.
- Free meals in Maroantsetra.
- Personal camping gear and bedding
- Drinks and tips