

## Indri-Indri – In the kingdom of the legendary Indri

Small Nature groups, all year tour, daily departure / 420 Euro per person sharing.



In the eastern highlands of Madagascar on the road from Antananarivo to Toamasina is the village of Andasibe. Here is the best place for excursion to see the legendary Indri Indri. The Analamazaotra reserve and the Mitsinjo Association Forest station, where the Indri is best to see are close to the Orchid Garden and the National Park Mantadia. The Mitsinjo Association is engaged into reforestation of the corridor between the forests of Mantadia and Zahamena.

### Quick view:

**Best time to visit and small group departures:**

All year, best season March to November

4 days / 3 nights

From Antananarivo to Antananarivo

Daily departure on small nature and wildlife groups

**Towns:**

Antananarivo  
Moramanga

**Highlights:**

Exotic Reptile Farm  
Andasibe-Mantadia NP  
Indri reserve, Analamazaotra  
Mitsinjo Association Forest station

### **Day 1,**

#### **Antananarivo – Andasibe, 'into the country of the Betsimisaraka'**

This morning we start our 140 km drive eastward through the highlands to Andasibe. On the way we will stop off at a Exotic Reptile Park. Here you can see some of the endemic chameleons, snakes, insects and reptiles of Madagascar. Andasibe, a former logging village, is the base for exploring the Andasibe-Mantadia NP, also known by its pre-colonial French name, Perinet Special Reserve. After lunch, we drive past villages belonging to the Betsimisaraka ethnic group. This group, unified from rival groups into a single entity by the son of an English pirate and a Malagasy princess, was once the most powerful group on the east coast of Madagascar with a name meaning 'the many inseparable ethnic groups'. Tonight we take a night walk to look for night active lemurs and other night active animals.

### **Day 2,**

#### **Andasibe-Mantadia NP, the mythic Indri**

The eastern rainforest Reserve of Andasibe-Mantadia is one of the last strongholds of the mythical Indri-Indri lemur, the largest of all lemurs. The animals and birds are most active in the early morning and there should be good opportunities to see and hear the lemurs. The black and white coated Indri-Indri is an extraordinary Lemur, known for its wailing call. Indri's are active on and off throughout the day but are best seen in the morning. Later we visit Mantadia National Park that is as well in the region to see the Diadema Sifaka – a rare lemur of the island. Mantadia also contains a wide variety of fauna and flora in the moist mountain forest, including beautiful and varied insects, spiders, butterflies, reptiles and many orchids. After searching for the lemurs and other fauna we walk into the orchid park to admire Madagascar's beautiful flora.

### **Day 3,**

#### **Mitsinjo Association Forest station**

This morning we will also rise up early to visit the Mitsinjo Association Forest station that is as well in the region to see once more the Indri. This short-tailed primate may reach an age up to 60 years and lives in families from two to six individuals. Also we hope to see chameleons, frogs and other animals. After searching for the lemurs and other fauna we walk into the orchid park to admire Madagascar's beautiful flora.

### **Day 4,**

In the morning we return to Antananarivo, the capital and largest city of the country. Antananarivo, thankfully mostly to 'Tana' was abbreviated, in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, built on several hills and surrounded by rice fields. Today Antananarivo is the only metropolis and economic and political center of Madagascar.

### Prices per person sharing:

Small Nature groups, all year tour, daily departure / 420 Euro per person sharing. Single room surcharge 50 Euro.

This tour can start daily

Typically you will be sharing your experiences with between six to 12 like minded travellers and you'll have a tour manager with you. Whether you are travelling alone or with friends it's good value, and a great way to meet new people. While itinerary is scheduled there is some flexibility and you'll have plenty of privacy. This trip will appeal to travellers of all ages who enjoy meeting new people as well as experiencing new cultures.

If you prefer an individual tour please ask for an offer.

#### *Included:*

*English speaking tour manager*

*Overnight in the mentioned or similar hotels in double room*

*Breakfast Day 2 – 4 and 1 ½ l of mineral water per person per day*

*Going by car or Minibus, all transfers*

*All entrance fees*

*Local guides in all visited parks*

#### *Not included:*

*International and domestic flights*

*Drinks except mentioned*

*Beach activities*

*Private expenses*

The tour can be changed according to circumstances.

### List of the hotels, lodges and camp sites

(Information mostly from third party)

Town or place	Hotel, Lodge or camp site	Some words about the place
Andasibe	Andasibe Forest Lodge	A beautiful facility, located in the middle of the forest on a small lake. From the patio you have a direct view of the rain forest.