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Wild Madagascar: Carnivores & Endemic Mammals

with Jon Hall

Madagascar | 17 Days | September 19 – October 5, 2026

Start and End in Antananarivo (Tana)

Optional Post-Trip Extension: Andasibe Wildlife: From Mouse Lemurs to Indri

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Travel with Jon Hall

Jon began his quest to see every mammal species on Earth in 1992. Now, more than 30 years, 120 countries, and 2,300 species later, he is a leading voice in the global mammalwatching community.

His website, mammalwatching.com, has become the hub of this growing ecotourism movement, which is not only fun and adventurous, but also contributes meaningfully to science and conservation worldwide.



BRIEF ITINERARY

DAY 1 Arrive Antananarivo (Tana)

DAY 2 Tana / Mangily

DAY 3 Mangily / Tsimanampetsotsa National Park

DAY 4 Tsimanampetsotsa National Park / Toliara

DAY 5 Toliara / Tana

DAY 6 Tana / Kirindy

DAY 7 Kirindy

DAY 8 Kirindy / Morondava

DAY 9 Morondava / Tana

DAY 10 Tana / Maroantsetra

DAY 11 Maroantsetra / Farankaraina

DAY 12 Farankaraina / Masoala

DAYS 13 – 15 Masoala

DAY 16 Masoala / Maroantsetra

DAY 17 Maroantsetra / Antananarivo (Tana)

Join an optional post-trip extension to explore Andasibe-Mantadia National Park

ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Carnivores and Elusive Mammals

Target some of Madagascar's most sought-after species, including the Fossa, Falanouc, Spotted Fanaloka, Ring-tailed Vontsira, Grandidier's Vontsira, and iconic lemurs such as the Aye-aye, Red-ruffed Lemur, and Verreaux's Sifaka.

Unforgettable Nocturnal Encounters

Enjoy expertly guided night walks across multiple ecosystems to search for Madagascar's incredible nocturnal fauna—including mouse lemurs, tenrecs, dwarf lemurs, rare bats, and the Malagasy Giant Jumping Rat.

Scenic Wonders and Iconic Landscapes

Witness unforgettable natural landmarks such as the limestone formations and salt lakes of Tsimanampetsotsa and the towering baobabs of Baobab Avenue at sunset—some of the island's most iconic vistas.

Seamless Travel in a Complex Destination

Navigate one of the world's most logistically challenging wildlife destinations with ease thanks to expert planning, carefully timed flights, and 4WD and boat transfers that maximize your time in the field.

Wild Madagascar:

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This expertly crafted 17-day expedition offers a rare chance to discover Madagascar's extraordinary predators and elusive mammals in some of the island's most remote, seldom-visited regions. Focusing on Madagascar's unique carnivore guild, the itinerary targets the apex predator Fossa, along with Falanouc, Ring-tailed Vontsira, Spotted Fanaloka, Granddier's Vontsira, and several rare endemic bats and rodents.

Our route ventures beyond typical tourist paths—from the alien spiny forests and limestone plateaus of the southwest to the rain-drenched, wildlife-rich rainforests of the northeast, including Masoala National Park and Farankaraina. Carefully timed flights, boat journeys, and rugged 4WD transfers cover vast distances efficiently, maximizing sightings of Madagascar's rarest species. Each day combines expert-led excursions, immersive wildlife encounters, and comfortable camp and lodge stays for a truly comprehensive exploration of one of the world's most enigmatic wildlife destinations.

Itinerary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

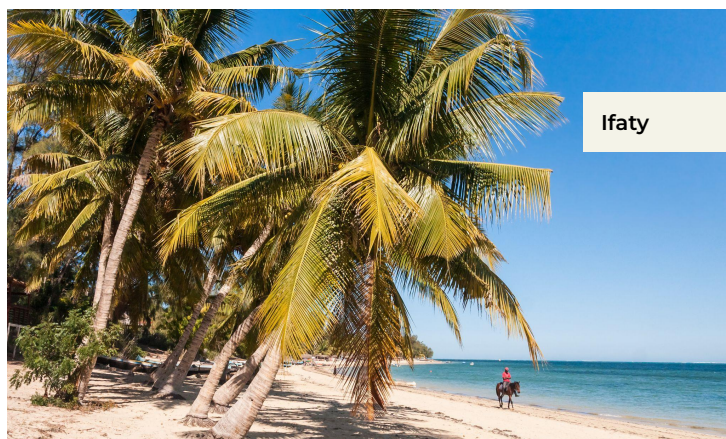
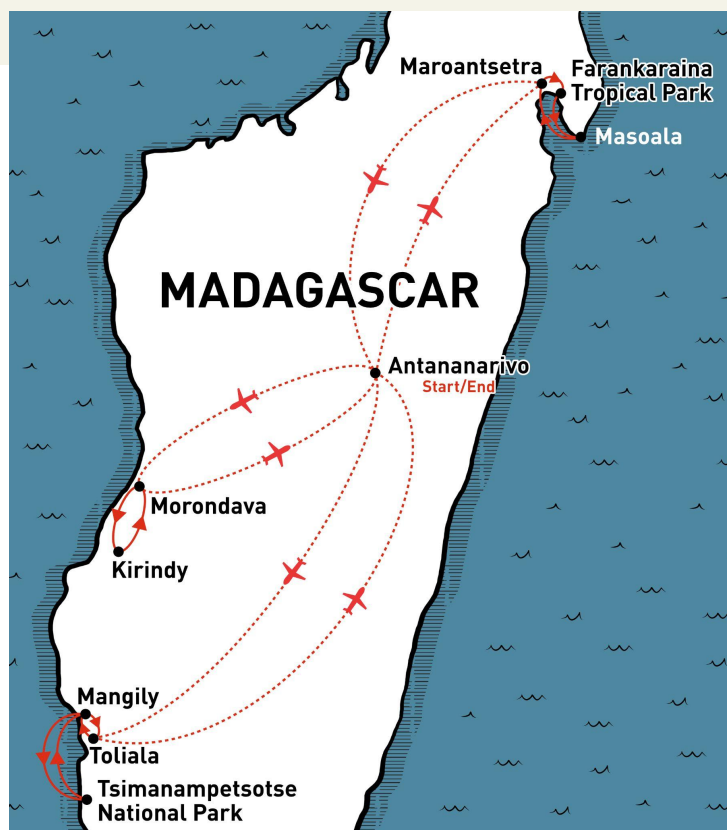
Arrival in Antananarivo (Tana)

Upon arrival in Madagascar's capital, Antananarivo (locally known as Tana), transfer to the nearby Relais des Plateaux, our hotel for the night. The rest of the day is at leisure—an opportunity to rest and recover from international travel. In the evening, we'll gather for a welcome dinner and a briefing on the incredible adventure ahead.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Tana / Toliara / Mangily (Ifaty)

This morning we fly south to Toliara, then transfer to the coastal village of Mangily (Ifaty), where we check into our beachside lodge. In the late afternoon, we explore the remarkable Spiny and Baobab Forest, a hotspot for Madagascar's endemic wildlife. We'll search for species such as the **Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec**, **Petter's Sportive Lemur**, and **Grey Mouse Lemur**, along with rare birds and reptiles like the Long-tailed Ground Roller and Antimena Chameleon.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Mangily / Tsimanampetsotsa National Park

After breakfast, we board a boat to Anakao, then continue by 4WD to Tsimanampetsotsa National Park. This unique landscape of limestone formations, dry forest, and salt lakes is home to iconic species like the **Ring-tailed Lemur and Verreaux's Sifaka**, as well as **Radiated Tortoises and rare waterbirds**.

As night falls, we embark on a night walk in search of **Grandidier's Vontsira, Grey-brown Mouse Lemur, Common Tenrec, Lesser and greater Hedgehog Tenrec, Large-eared Tenrec, and Mahafaly long-eared and Rufous Trident Bat**. Overnight in Tsimanampetsotsa Camp.



Verreaux's Sifaka

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Tsimanampetsotsa National Park / Toliara

We spend the morning exploring the park further before returning to Toliara. This afternoon, settle into Bakuba Lodge, where you can relax and enjoy sweeping views of the coast.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Toliara / Tana

Today we depart Toliara and fly back to Tana, returning to the familiar comforts of Relais des Plateaux, conveniently located near the airport. The remainder of the day is at leisure—relax at the hotel, enjoy the gardens or pool, or take time to recharge before the next stage of our journey.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

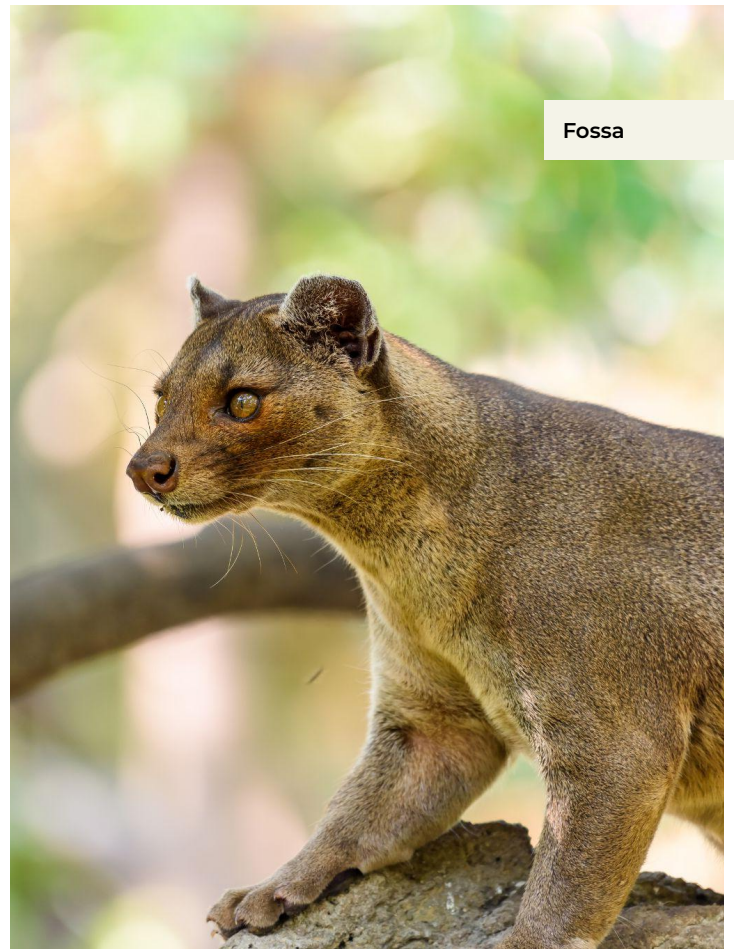
Tana / Morondava / Kirindy

We take a morning flight to Morondava and continue by vehicle to Kirindy Forest—one of Madagascar's best locations for observing rare carnivores. After settling in at Kirindy Ecolodge, we embark on a night walk in search of elusive species such as **Fossa, Western Big-footed Mouse, Lesser and Fat-tailed Dwarf Lemur, Pale Fork-marked Lemur, Red-tailed Sportive Lemur, and Grey/Mme Berthe's Mouse Lemur**. Along the way, we'll keep an eye out for unique reptiles and amphibians.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Kirindy

Today, we explore Kirindy on morning and afternoon walks, where we are likely to see **Verreaux's Sifaka, Red-fronted Brown Lemur**, and possibly **Fossa** and the elusive **Narrow-striped Boky**. The iconic **Baobab trees** provide a dramatic backdrop to our adventure. In the evening, we embark on another night walk in search of the **Malagasy Giant Jumping Rat and Western Tufted-tail Rat**.



Fossa

Ring-tailed Vontsira



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Kirindy / Morondava

Enjoy a final morning walk in Kirindy before returning to Morondava. Along the way, we stop at the iconic **Baobab Avenue** to witness the breathtaking sunset. Overnight at Palissandre Côte Ouest.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Morondava / Tana

We depart Morondava and return to Tana, where we check in once again at Relais des Plateaux. Settle in and enjoy the rest of the day at your own pace—whether that means relaxing at the hotel, organizing photos, or simply enjoying a bit of downtime before our next adventure.

Grandidier's Vontsira



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

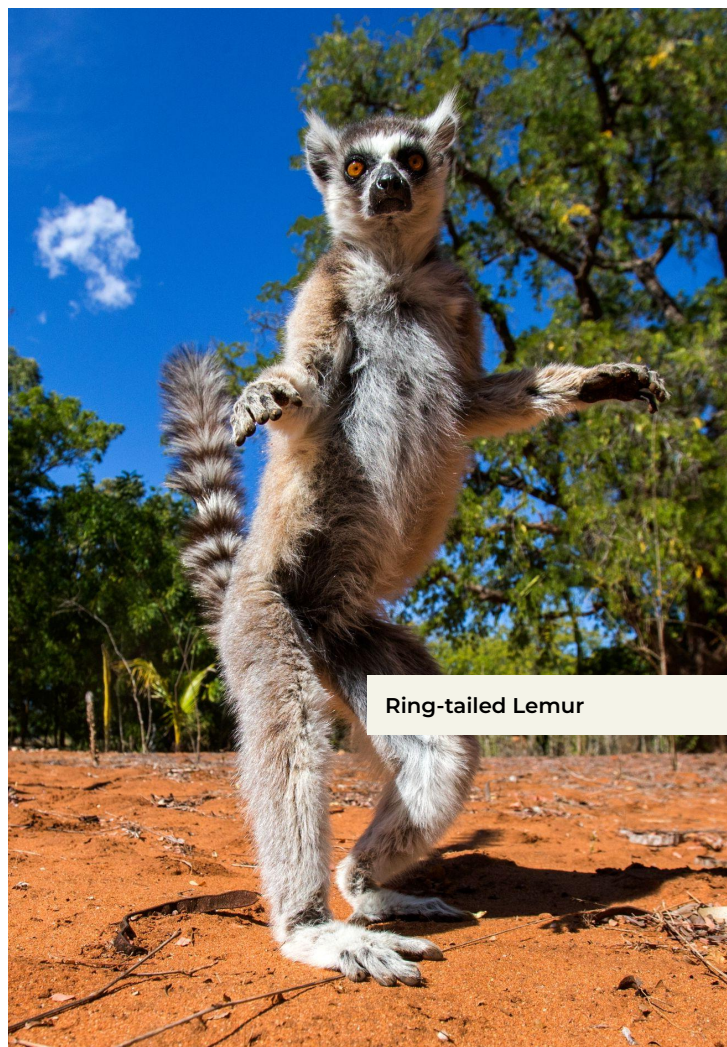
Tana / Maroantsetra

Today we fly to the remote northeastern town of Maroantsetra. After checking into our hotel, there may be time for a short walk through town to look for the regionally endemic Tomato Frog and enjoy a glimpse of local life before heading into the rainforest.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Maroantsetra / Farankaraina

Travel from Maroantsetra to Farankaraina, where we set up camp and explore the surrounding lowland rainforest. Daytime sightings may include **Ring-tailed Vontsira**, **White-fronted Brown Lemur**, and **Red-bellied Lemur**. Our night walk is a highlight, as we search for the iconic and elusive **Aye-aye**, along with **Greater Dwarf Lemur**, **Masoala Fork-marked Lemur**, **Anjahely Mouse Lemur**, and more.



Ring-tailed Lemur

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Farankaraina / Masoala

We travel by boat to Masoala National Park and begin exploring the Ambodiforaha Community Reserve. Key targets here include the rare **Falanouc**, **Red-ruffed Lemur**, and **Northern Bamboo Lemur**. After dark, we search for nocturnal mammals such as **Masoala Woolly Lemur**, **Seal's Sportive Lemur**, **Spotted Fanaloka**, **Lesser, Webb's & Tanala Tufted-tail Rats**, and more. The diversity of Masoala is extraordinary, with both day and night offering excellent mammal-watching opportunities.



Endemic tree frog, *Boophis rhodocelis*

THURSDAY – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1-3

Masoala

We spend three full days immersed in the rainforest of Masoala—Madagascar's largest and most biodiverse protected area. Our days will be filled with opportunities to observe an incredible range of species, including **Red-ruffed Lemur**, **White-fronted Brown Lemur**, **Masoala Fork-marked Lemur**, **Northern Bamboo Lemur**, **Greater Dwarf Lemur**, **Anjahely Mouse Lemur**, **Masoala Woolly Lemur**, and **Seal's Sportive Lemur**. The park also offers a chance to see elusive carnivores and insectivores like the **Falanouc**, **Brown-tailed Vontsira**, **Ring-tailed Vontsira**, **Spotted Fanaloka**, **Lowland Streaked Tenrec**, and **Common Tenrec**, as well as rare rodents such as **Lesser, Webb's, and Tanala Tufted-tail Rats**.

Between rainforest adventures, you'll have time to relax by the beach or swim in the clear waters near the lodge. Each night concludes with a guided walk, offering a chance to encounter the forest's most secretive nocturnal species.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Masoala to Maroantsetra

Return by boat to Maroantsetra, stopping en route to view a roost of **Madagascar Flying Foxes**. Settle into Manga Beach Hotel and gather for a final group dinner to celebrate the remarkable journey we've shared.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Maroantsetra / Tana / Depart

After breakfast, fly back to Antananarivo (Tana) to connect with your international departures—or continue with Jon Hall on an optional post-trip extension to Andasibe.



Madagascar Flying Foxes

Why I love this trip...

Baobab Avenue



"Madagascar is one of the world's great natural wonders. Every piece of forest is bursting with bizarre life forms found nowhere else. It is a place that every mammalwatcher should visit and a place where every visit will help vital work to conserve the island's wildlife. We will of course see many lemurs on this trip but I am particularly excited to be leading what must surely be the first trip to especially target six of Madagascar's seven superb carnivores. "

Jon

PRICE

\$7,490 per person
add \$1,090 for a single room

DEPOSIT

\$1,500

Group size: 6 travelers

INCLUSIONS

- 16 nights accommodations
- All meals provided (beverages not included)
- All excursions, transportation, and local wildlife guides
- Taxes, permits, and park fees
- Arrival and departure transfers
- WiFi where available

This trip price includes a \$500 tax-deductible contribution to [Mammalwatching.com](https://mammalwatching.com), supporting the global mammal watching community.



Andasibe Wildlife: From Mouse Lemurs to Indri

Post-Trip Extension

3 Nights | October 5 – 8, 2026

Operated by Miru Adventures



Goodman's Mouse Lemur

Extend your journey with an exploration of Andasibe-Mantadia National Park — one of Madagascar's most accessible and wildlife-dense rainforests. This post-trip extension offers remarkable opportunities to encounter iconic species such as the Indri and Diademed Sifaka, along with rare nocturnal lemurs, dazzling frogs, and a host of other endemic wildlife in a lush, biodiversity hotspot.

Itinerary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Maroantsetra / Tana / Andasibe

Arrive in Tana and continue by road to Andasibe-Mantadia National Park and check in to the Andasibe Cyperus Hotel. In the evening, we explore VOIMMA Community Reserve, searching for **Goodman's Mouse Lemur**, **Weasel Sportive Lemur**, **Eastern Woolly Lemur**, and **Hairy-eared** and **Crossley's Dwarf Lemur**. We will also have a chance of seeing vibrant frog species such as **Fiery Bright-eyed Frog**.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Andasibe National Park

We spend the day exploring the renowned old growth forests of Analamazaotra Reserve, where we hope to encounter the **Indri**, **Diademed Sifaka**, and **Eastern Gray Bamboo Lemur**. We'll also search for up to 9 other lemur species, as well as **Ring-tailed Vontsira**, **Tailless Tenrec**, and **Greater Hedgehog Tenrec**. Other highlights may include the **Mossy Leaf-tailed Gecko** and **Madagascar Tree Boa**.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Andasibe to Tana

Enjoy a final morning exploring Andasibe before driving back to Tana, where we'll check in to Relais de Plateau. Enjoy a final dinner and reflect on all the incredible wildlife we had the opportunity to observe – bringing our Madagascar journey to an end.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Antananarivo (Tana) / Depart

Transfer to Andasibe airport and depart homeward.

PRICE

\$1,090 per person

Add \$390 for a single room

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights accommodations
- All meals provided (beverages not included)
- All excursions, transportation, and local wildlife guides
- Taxes, permits, and park fees
- WiFi where available

