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Montagne d'Ambre National Park: Sanford's brown lemur, crowned lemur, ringtailed mongoose (comes to the picnic area), Montagne d'Ambre mouse lemur (just outside the park), greater dwarf lemur (tons, just outside the park), and Montagne d'Ambre fork-marked lemur (just outside the park)

Night walks aren't allowed inside the national park (although I'm sure you could easily walk on the main road without anyone noticing/caring), but a lodge called Domaine de Fontenay has a private reserve that serves as a corridor for the park and night walks can be arranged here at a cost of 70,000 ariary per person. I recommend this, as we saw two aye-ayes during a two-hour walk!

Andrafiamena Protected Area (Black Lemur Camp): Perrier's sifaka, Daraina sportive lemur, Sanford's brown lemur, and crowned lemur

• Two trackers from a local village go out early to find a habituated group of Perrier's sifakas for tourists to see. We encountered several unhabituated groups while hiking through the forest.

Ankarana National Park: Ankarana sportive lemur, Sanford's brown lemur, crowned lemur, and Tavaratra mouse lemur (just outside the park)

Loky Manambato Protected Area (Camp Tattersalli): Golden-crowned sifaka (my last sifaka), Daraina sportive lemur, fat-tailed dwarf lemur, Daraina fork-marked lemur (possible split from Montagne d'Ambre fork-marked lemur), crowned lemur, Tavaratra mouse lemur, and aye-aye (see my video here: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQmpJT2Aasw</u>)

• Regarding the aye-aye, two trackers check known nests, or search for new ones. To determine if an aye-aye is inside a nest, one of the trackers climbs the tree and gently pokes the nest with a stick. If there's movement, they

know an aye-aye is using the nest, and take tourists to the tree before dark. I've seen an aye-aye in three locations now (the other two being Farankaraina Forestry Reserve and the private reserve of Domaine de Fontenay, as noted above), and I think Camp Tattersalli is the surest bet.

Eden Lodge: Sambirano fork-marked lemur (this species is said to be quite difficult to see, but there are tons around Eden Lodge), black lemur, and northern giant mouse lemur

Sahamalaza-Iles Radama National Park: blue-eyed black lemur (I'm only missing one true lemur), Sahamalaza sportive lemur, and northern giant mouse lemur

• Very few tourists come here (we were the 29th and 30th for the year!), but it's definitely the best place to see the blue-eyed black lemur. Several groups are very habituated as a result of ongoing research, allowing for extended, fantastic views. The park is a bit difficult to reach, and requires camping once there, but I really recommend a visit.

Lokobe Strict Nature Reserve (Nosy Be): Nosy Be sportive lemur (my 11th species) and black lemur