

55th AGA – Post-AGA Tour

23–28 September 2024

Nosy Be Island, Madagascar

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Day 1 — 23 September: Arrival in Antananarivo (Dinner)

A member of the ASISTEN Travel team, an award winning Madagascar tour operator and Destination Management Company, will welcome you and participants taking the Southern Madagascar tour in the international arrivals hall at Ivato International Airport, Antananarivo. Look out for a sign with your name after you exit the restricted area with your luggage. You will then be led to your vehicle for your private transfer to the Radisson Blu Antananarivo Waterfront Hotel where you can relax or explore the nearby attractions.

Dinner and overnight at the Radisson Blu Antananarivo Waterfront Hotel.



Day 2 — 24 September: Antananarivo and Nosy Be (Breakfast and Dinner)

Breakfast at the hotel and then meet your guide at 08:00 in the lobby.

The day will start with a visit to Antananarivo's central business district (CBD) and downtown. You will visit the city's main CBD and administrative neighbourhoods, which spread out from the city's railroad station at Soarano, the Avenue of Independence and the place of the 'Zoma' (Friday market), the largest open air market in the world. You will have the opportunity to climb one of the many stairways called 'totobato' which will lead you to the CBD, the street of jewellers and the presidential palace.

At 14:00 you will be transferred to the Ivato International Airport for your domestic flight to Nosy Be.

A member of the Asisten team will welcome you at Fascene International Airport. Lookout for a sign with your name after you exit the restricted area with your luggage. You will then be led to your vehicle for a private transfer to the Palm Beach Resort and Spa. Enjoy a warm welcome with music by local musicians, a coconut drink and cold towels as you check in.

Dinner and overnight at the Palm Beach Resort.



Day 3 — 25 September: Lokobe Reserve (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Breakfast at the resort and then meet your guide at 08:00 in the lobby.

Lokobe Reserve. We will leave the hotel and go to the harbour to take a speedboat towards Lokobe which covers around 740 hectares and includes the last remaining lowland rainforest found on Nosy Be island. The reserve is known for the black lemur and there are other nocturnal species such as the gray-backed sportive lemur and some mouse lemurs. Lokobe is also home to some endemic birds like the Madagascar pygmy kingfisher or the Madagascar long-eared owl as well as spectacular panther-chameleons, local endemic frogs and several snakes. We will have a walk in the reserve to spot some wildlife. Lunch will be taken on Nosy Komba, an authentic small island. Time for relaxing will be available before returning to your resort.

Dinner and overnight at the Palm Beach Resort.



Day 4 — 26 September: Nosy Be (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Breakfast at the resort and then meet your guide at 08:00 in the lobby.

Nosy Komba and Nosy Tanikely excursion. This day is devoted to an excursion to the islands of Nosy Tanikely and Nosy Komba. Nosy Tanikely is a small island which is part of the Nosy Be archipelago. This inhabited island is a marine reserve and offers one of the most impressive snorkeling experiences. It's an open air aquarium. Surrounded by some coral reefs, the undersea biodiversity is very rich and you may even have the chance to spot some sea turtles while you are snorkeling.

We will continue to Nosy Komba reserve to have a close up experience with the *Eulemur macaco* or black lemur. First of all, however, we will have lunch at a local restaurant. Then we will discover several species of endemic reptiles including the colourful chameleons and turtles. For the more adventurous, you may have a chance to meet the Madagascar ground boa *madagascariensis*, a species of the Boidae (boa) family, which is endemic to the island of Madagascar. A short walk will take you through a small village and a great handcraft market.

Dinner and overnight at the Palm Beach Resort.

Day 5 — 27 September: Lemuria Land (Breakfast and Dinner)

Breakfast at the resort and then meet your guide at 08:00 in the lobby.

Lemuria Land. Today we will be going to Lemuria Land: a natural and botanical reserve full of centenarian ylang ylang trees which are famous on the island of Nosy Be. The tour will take you on a discovery of the endemic wildlife of Madagascar, not only a large variety of endemic lemurs, but also reptiles: the finest specimens of chameleons, crocodiles, various species of turtles and lizards. Then we go to a traditional hut in the region that is called "kaz butterflies" where you will discover a static display of insects and beautiful butterflies of Madagascar. With a bit of luck, you will also witness the arrival of the collection trucks loaded with ylang ylang flowers, or perhaps you will see the release of essential oils from the still following extraction from the flowers.

Dinner and overnight at the Palm Beach Resort.

Day 6 — 28 September: End of the Package (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the resort.

Transfer to the Fascene International Airport for your departure flight.

55th WACA AGA — Post-AGA Tour (Nosy Be) Package Details

Date: 23–28 September 2024.

Cost: USD 1,900.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy supplement USD 495.00.

Registration Deadline: 30 May 2024.

Registration Form: can be downloaded from the Events section of the WACA website www.waca.org or requested by e-mail from Mr. Keith Miller, WACA Administration Manager at wacaworld@outlook.com.

Payments: a deposit of USD 500.00 per participant is required to be confirmed on the package. It can be made by cheque, money order or bank draft in United States dollars made payable to the World Airlines Clubs Association and sent with the duly completed Registration Form to: World Airlines Clubs Association, c/o Mr. Keith Miller, 644 Westwood Avenue, Dorval, Quebec, Canada H9P 2M5.

The balance of payment can be made in the same manner as above and must be sent by 15 June 2024 at the latest.

Payment can also be made by bank transfer to WACA's bank account as follows:

Bank of Montreal, 2005 Peel Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 1T7.

Account name: World Airlines Clubs Association.

Account number: 4600-790.

Transit number: 01581-001.

Swift code: bofmcam2.

*It is most important to note that bank transfer charges **for both** the issuing and receiving banks must be borne by the participant. WACA's Bank of Montreal charges USD 16.00 for each transfer received.*

Regretfully, WACA does not have the capability to accept payments by credit card. Payment by PayPal is also not an option due to the high service charge incurred.

Note: deposits are subject to a USD 50.00 cancellation fee up to 1 April 2024. No deposit will be refunded after that date.

Package Includes

- Five night's accommodation based on double occupancy at the hotel and resort as indicated in the programme.
- Five breakfasts, two lunches and five dinners.
- Four tours in air-conditioned coaches with English speaking guides and site entrance fees included.
- Domestic flight from Antananarivo to Nosy Be with Tsaradia in economy class (*one checked bag allowance of 20 kg maximum and one piece of hand luggage of 5 kg maximum*).
- Airport transfers from/to hotel or resort.
- WACA fee of USD 20.00 per participant.

Package Excludes

- International airfares.
- Personal expenses, e.g. laundry, telephone calls, Internet connection, etc.
- Meals, drinks, optional tours, etc. unless specified in the programme.
- Gratuities for guides and drivers.
- Travel and personal insurance.
- Visa fee.
- Any other miscellaneous items as applicable.

Should you have any questions about this post-AGA tour, or require any further details, please send an e-mail to maga@intnet.mu or jpierrot@hotmail.com.