Exotic Madagascar: Exploring the Red Island

August 3 - 14, 2018
Madagascar is called the “Red Island” for its ochre-colored soil, but it could easily be “blue” for its sapphire mines, “green” for its lush forests, and any color of the rainbow for the unique flora and fauna that exist only here. You’ll discover all this as well as the traditions of the Malagasy, the world’s only Afro-Asian culture. Our adventure with UA Alumni Travel takes us to national parks, beaches, arboretums, and research stations where lemurs, chameleons, and flying foxes inhabit one of the world’s most fascinating biodiversity hotspots! Join us, as we discover the varied and vibrant landscapes of the “8th continent” together.
WHY MADAGASCAR? 70% of its 200,000 species are found nowhere else on the planet. Unique to the island are more than 50 types of lemurs, 99% of its frog species, and 36 genera of birds.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Lemur’s Park, a botanical park where nine species of lemur can be observed roaming freely.
- Explore the sandstone canyons and waterfalls of Isalo National Park.
- Learn about sustainability and biodiversity in Ranomafana National Park at a facility run by Dr. Patricia Wright.
- Experience a taste of Malagasy life while exploring Ambatolampy and visiting a local pot factory.
- Investigate Madagascar’s over 12,000 plant species (80% endemic), one of the most diverse floras in the world.
- Visit the seaside town of Toliara and take in captivating views of the blue-green waters of the Mozambique Channel.
- Engage with the Malagasy people, thought to have inhabited the island for 2000 years.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

ACTIVE: involves long distances and/or extensive movement, walking, hiking, and/or stair-climbing.
AUGUST 3 – DEPART USA

AUGUST 4 – ANTANANARIVO
Arrive in Madagascar on a very early morning flight. After clearing immigration and customs, meet your local guide and transfer to the hotel. Check in and have some free time to rest and freshen up from the long flight. Have a late brunch and then this afternoon visit Lemur's Park. This botanical park, set on 12 acres, was created more than 10 years ago to increase public awareness of the importance of protecting the lemur species of Madagascar. Nine different species can be observed roaming freely here. The trained park guides will share information about the park and different species during the visit. Return to the hotel for dinner this evening. Overnight at Relais Des Plateaux or similar.

AUGUST 5 – ANTSIRABE
This morning, transfer to Antsirabe; en route visit the small town of Ambatolampy to visit the aluminum pot factory and experience a taste of Malagasy life. One craftsman can make as many as 20 of these robust pots per day! Have lunch in town and then continue to Antsirabe. Check in at the hotel and have dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight at Couleur Cafe. (BLD)

AUGUST 6 – RANOMAFANA
After breakfast transfer to Ranomafana. En route visit an authentic village of silk weavers. Upon arrival be welcomed by the community and then have a typical lunch in a typical home. After lunch, learn about the special silks produced here and see all aspects of the process. Bid the villagers farewell and then continue to Ranomafana National Park. The immensity of the park is clear as you approach. On the way to the hotel, stop by the beautiful waterfalls for a photo stop and then check in at the hotel. This evening we have a special traditional Tanala dinner prepared and served in a special pot, family-style. Only 4% of Madagascar’s population is Tanala, so tonight’s meal is a rare treat. Overnight at Centrest Sejour. (BLD)

AUGUST 7 – RANOMAFANA
Today, you’ll hike in the 102,000 acre Ranomafana National Park. Please note that hikes are moderately difficult uphill hikes on the way in. The pace will be based on physical ability of participants. Ranomafana is one of Madagascar’s best known and...
most important parks. Created in 1991 following the 1986 discovery of the golden bamboo lemur, Ranomafana has served as a model for subsequent parks and reserves in Madagascar and abroad. The rainforest is home to the critically endangered greater bamboo lemur, golden bamboo lemur, and 11 other species including the mouse lemur, gray bamboo lemur, and others. This afternoon, have lunch at Centre ValBio (CVB), a world-famous research station established in 2003. Run by Dr. Patricia Wright, the accomplished American primatologist and conservationist, the CVB focuses on biodiversity, community health, environmental arts, and reforestation. After lunch is an informational presentation on the flora, fauna, and research efforts in Ranomafana. Tour the facilities, including a visit to the green rooftop terrace for outstanding views of the park and birdwatching. This evening eat dinner at a local restaurant and take a nocturnal walk in search of the mouse lemur and chameleons. Overnight at Centrest Sejour. (BLD)

AUGUST 8 – ISALO
After breakfast, head to the Great South, and Madagascar’s most visited park: Isalo National Park. The drive is along some of the best roads in the country and the scenery is breathtaking. The park itself is over 200,000 acres of beautiful landscapes: sandstones, canyons, fauna and flora, natural swimming pools, and waterfalls. The Isalo massif is a continental sandstone plateau dating back to the Jurassic times. Begin with an exploration hike to the Cascade of the Nymphs. Hike through the canyon to the waterfalls, which are inhabited by many rare birds, butterflies, and lizards. From the top there is a panoramic view over the green canyon. Throughout this trek, you might be able to spot lemurs. The highlight is a swim in the dark waters of the Cascade of the Nymphs. Continue to the hotel for dinner. Overnight at Centrest Sejour. (BLD)

AUGUST 9 – ISALO
Spend the day exploring the riches of Isalo National Park. Begin with the Canyon des Makis circuit, which combines nature and cultural history. Trek over rice fields, incised rocks, gorges, and the huge lhorombe Plateau, enjoying panoramic views. The hike will take you to a former royal village where you can learn about the history and traditions of the Bara people. Explore the gorges and discover the unique flora of the forest, seeking out the numerous colonies of lemurs and other wildlife. At the end of the trek, take a dip in the canyon’s pool. Enjoy a hot picnic lunch and then trek to the Cayon des Singes and visit its natural pool. This trek is full of varied landscapes with different forms of sandstones. The trail is dotted with the famous dwarf baobab. After an hour walk with short climbs, stop to rest in a spectacular valley resembling the famous Death Valley. The overlook shows miles of azure sky, rocky desert, and winding greenery. Continue to the natural pool with its white sandy bottom and tropical vibe for a swim before making the trek back to the starting point. Transfer back to the hotel for dinner. Overnight at Relais de la Reine. (BLD)

AUGUST 10 – TOLIARA
This morning after breakfast head east to visit the beautiful Antsokay Arboretum, created in 1980 by amateur Swiss biologist Hermann Petignat. The 100-acre site is dedicated to conservation of the country’s endemic fauna, by supporting conservation and research projects, and through environmental education programs. On a guided tour through the botanical trail, witness the ingenuity of this diverse flora that has adapted to the heat and drought of this region, sometimes in extraordinary ways. The arboretum has a collection of over 900 plant species from the southwest of Madagascar; 90% are endemic to the region and 80% have medicinal properties. Many among these succulent species are recognized as endangered. In addition to the excellent flora, over 30 species of birds can be found here, as well as 2 nocturnal lemur species, and 25 species of reptiles. After exploring the trails, the small museum, interpretation center, and gift shop, sit down for lunch at the poolside restaurant. After lunch continue to the seaside town of Toliara, situated near the Tropic of Capricorn. Continue to your seaside hotel for dinner. Overnight at Caliente Beach. (BLD)

AUGUST 11 – ANAKAO
This morning head to Toliara’s commercial harbor for the 1-hr boat transfer to Anakao Ocean Lodge, a tranquil, beachfront property situated on the Mozambique Channel. The transfer, via two speed boats,
is done to avoid very bad roads. This afternoon is at leisure to enjoy beautiful Andovoke Bay, a perfect half-moon beach originating from coral and disappearing into the brilliant blue-green sea. The lodge also boasts an on-site spa, traditional vezo dugout sailing canoes, and snorkeling gear. Beach towels are provided as well. Over night at Anakao Ocean Lodge. (BLD)

AUGUST 12 - ANAKAO
Eat breakfast early this morning, then depart at 6 AM for the 1.5-hr drive in 4x4 vehicles to Tsimanampesotse National Park and its 100,000+ acres of wetlands, arid landscapes, baobab trees, and spiny forest. The park is the country’s first to be classified as an important Ramsar site, to protect the wetland of Lake Tsimanampesotse. It is also home to over 100 bird species, such as nocturnal mongoose, the Red-shouldered and Lafresnaye’s Vanga, and a year-round colony of Greater Flamingos. Other highlights include four lemur species (Ring-tailed Lemur, Verreaux’s Sifaka, Gray-brown Mouse Lemur, White-footed Sportive Lemur), five of the country’s nine Coua species, blind cave-dwelling fish, and much more! This park is also the only protected area within the limestone plateau and coastal area along the Southwest coastline. Have a picnic lunch onsite and later this afternoon return to the lodge for dinner and time to relax. There is an optional stop along the way stop at Ambola Bay, to see and swim at an amazing beach if interested. Over night at Anakao Ocean Lodge. (BLD)

AUGUST 13 - ANTANANARIVO
This morning wake up early for the boat transfer back to the harbor, and then head to the airport for your flight to Antananarivo. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for dinner and a rest. This evening, transfer to the airport for overnight flight back to the U.S. Over night at Relais Des Plateaux or similar. (BLD)

AUGUST 14 - ARRIVE USA
Arrive back in the U.S. or begin your optional extension to South Africa.

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Holbrook Travel can assist with making your flight arrangements upon request. Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

Pricing
$5,670 per person

Price is based on double occupancy, 10 participants. Single occupancy offered at additional cost of $1000. Optional Pre- or Post-night at Relais Des Plateaux of $150.

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Dear Arizona Alumni and Friends,

Join us on a lifetime experience to the fascinating island of Madagascar. From the moment you arrive, you will sense the difference in this magical land of unique species, fascinating history, and enduring culture. Madagascar is a dream destination for nature and wildlife enthusiasts alike.

Nowhere else on earth will you find as much biodiversity in such a small area, with 70% of its 200,000 species endemic to the island. In addition to the iconic lemurs, chameleons, and baobab trees, you’ll get to experience firsthand the breadth and brilliance of Madagascar’s natural wonder, as you explore its wonderfully rich and intricate ecosystems.

Please join us on this expedition to the “Red Island.” As our group is strictly limited – only 12 participants – please make your reservation as soon as possible to guarantee your spot!

Warm regards,

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UA ALUMNI TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM
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Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on the tour listed below. I/ we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Holbrook Travel, Inc. and mail deposit check to: The University of Arizona Alumni Association, Attn: Alumni Travel, 1111 N. Cherry Ave, Tucson, AZ 85721. For questions please call toll free 800 - 451-7111.

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Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): ☐ Y ☐ N

Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s)________________________________________ Date________________

Method of Payment ☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA
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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Holbrook Travel, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Holbrook Travel. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure (check or credit card).
The University of Arizona Alumni Association
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Tucson, AZ  85721

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Your Tour Price:
- International airfare from your departure city;
- costs of passports and visas;
- personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified;
- communications charges; gratuities to your Holbrook Travel Tour Guide which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per guest, per day);
- and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

International Air Transportation
- Estimated airfare: $2,975 from Tucson to Antananarivo.
- Holbrook Travel offers group airfare and ticketing. Group transfers between the airport and hotel are included in your program cost. A note about online airfare: Occasionally, you may be able to find airfares online that are listed at a lower cost. In general, individual fares lack the flexibility of group airfare and often require immediate purchase.
- You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Holbrook Travel is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to: frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour “Land Only” is available. We recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own arrangements, The University of Arizona Alumni Association and Holbrook Travel, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Cancellations, Changes, and Refunds
- If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification.
- All cancellations need to be submitted in writing to UA Alumni Travel. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
  - Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $300 change; Cancel 95-0 days before departure: no refund.
- Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package.
- We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a $100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure. Trip cancellation insurance is available from UAAA and information will be sent after you reserve. You may research travel insurance online at travelinsure.com/cobrand/select/uaa. If due to unforeseen circumstances Holbrook Travel cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Health and Medical Issues
- We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate on a Holbrook Travel tour. All of our travelers involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day). You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance, in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, The University of Arizona Alumni Association and Holbrook Travel assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Holbrook Travel has a “No Smoking policy” on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

Required Information
- Upon reservation, you must provide your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender (for details, please visit tsa.gov). In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue. A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on this tour.

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