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## Annular Solar Eclipse, Madagascar

8 days, 7 nights (6 nights in Madagascar)

*Itinerary: Antananarivo / Ankarafantsika / Majunga/ Antsanitia Resort / Antananarivo*

**Day 1: 27 August 2016: International flight from London Heathrow to Antananarivo**

**Day 2: 28 August 2016: International flight - Antananarivo**

Arrival on your international flight at Antananarivo airport, to be met and transferred to the hotel, which is near the airport.  
Overnight: Le Relais Des Plateaux (B)



Antananarivo. Le Lac Anosy et les jacarandas en fleurs.

Anosy Lake

**Day 3: 29 August 2016: Antananarivo to Ankarafantsika**

You take the road (450 Km) with a stop for picnic lunch in a place chosen by you, but recommended by your driver. In the afternoon, you arrive at the Ankarafantsika National Park where you take your dinner and spend the night.

Overnight: Bungalow inside the Ankarafantsika National Park (B/D)



The entrance to Ankarafantsika National Park

**Day 4: 30 August 2016: Ankarafantsika**

Great discoveries! The Big Lavaka, which is the result of thousands of years of erosion giving rise to an immense and magnificent colourful canyon which you will find hard to resist photographing. You can also enjoy the baobab trees *Adansonia madagascariensis*, unique to Madagascar, as are many of the local plant and animal species.

Overnight: Bungalow inside the Ankarafantsika National Park (B/D)



Bungalow inside Ankarafantsika National Park

**Day 5: 31 August 2016: Ankarafantsika - Majunga**

After breakfast, you leave Ankarafantsika National Park and drive to Majunga. You will arrive at Majunga about midday when you can begin to discover this city on a guided tour. When the city tour is over, you return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Antsanitia Resort (B/D)



Antsanitia Resort

**Day 6: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016: Majunga**

A major scientific event will occur on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 - an annular solar eclipse which will move from west to east from the Atlantic up to the Indian Ocean, and will be visible from the island of Madagascar! For this, you should be ready for viewing with your solar eclipse glasses (supplied), with this event passing overhead from 08:00 am until 10:30 am.

Later, in the afternoon, you will visit the Red Circus which is near the Amborovy beach. For the appreciation of a real tropical sunset this is the place to be. The Cirque Rouge (Red Circus) is a multicoloured circular rock formation that recalls somehow the red coloured American canyons. Right after leaving the beach, you will be suddenly surrounded by hillocks where large gullies have been carved. Erosion has made the sandstone surface display a wide range of colours, from white, pink, orange to ochre shades. Women from the nearby Amborovy village usually come here to collect some of the colourful sand for filling bottles, which are sold to tourists. As already mentioned, the setting is absolutely fabulous when the sun's rays at twilight, hit the cirque, bringing out the natural, vibrant colours of the sand. After this visit, you'll return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Antsanitia Resort (B/D)



The Cirque Rouge (Red Circus)

**Day 7: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016: Majunga to Antananarivo**

After breakfast, your guide driver accompanies you to Majunga airport for your transfer. When the airport check-in is completed, your guide driver will return to Antananarivo by road. This will be the driver from the hotel Le Relais Des Plateaux who greeted you at the airport.

Overnight: Le Relais Des Plateaux (B/D)



Antananarivo city

**Day 8: 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016: Antananarivo Airport for your international flight back to the UK**

Appropriately timed transfer to airport for international flight back to the UK. (B)

**TOUR COST: £ 1,320 per person, based on 2 people sharing Double/Twin room** (Land arrangements only, not including international flights, but we will be happy to make flight bookings for you, too. Please ask us for a quote a time of booking)

**Single supplement: £ 480**

**Included in Tour Cost:**

• 'Meet and greet' at Antananarivo airport upon arrival in Madagascar and assistance upon departure.

• Transfers from airport to hotels and vice versa

• Accommodation from day 1 to day 7

• Breakfasts & Dinners from day 1 to day 7 (Day 1 breakfast dependent on arrival time in Madagascar)

• All activities specifically listed in the itinerary

• Entrance and guide fees when visiting parks and sites listed in the itinerary

• Private air-conditioned vehicle (private SUV, or, private minibus depending on size of the group); all petrol and insurances for the cars. The guide/driver's payment for the duration of the above tour

• Local taxes and gratuities in tourist hotel

• Internal flight from Majunga to Antananarivo

• Solar eclipse glasses

**Not included in Tour Cost:**

- **International flights, or, visa fees** (currently no visa necessary for British passport holders)
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Holiday insurance (for cancellation, luggage, medical expenses, etc.)
- Sightseeing and excursions other than those specified
- Alcoholic drinks
- Mineral water

