

## MADAGASCAR ORCHID TOUR 2 – 12 October 2010

### DAY 1

**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 2: 14h10.** Depart O.R.Thambo Airport per Madagascar Air flight MD 125 for Antananarivo. ETA 18h00. After clearing customs, we transfer to the Au Bois Verte Hotel. Dinner own cost



### DAY 2

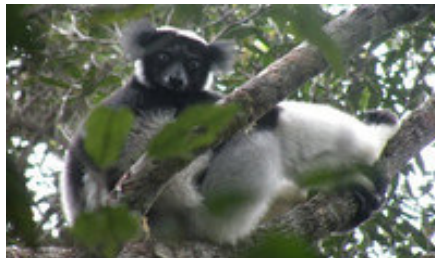
**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 3: 5h00,** Early morning road transfer to Andasibe home of the biggest lemur species, the Indri. As we start to descent we pass through Mandraka home of *Gastrorchis francoisii* and the start of the eastern forests. At Perinet we will be met by Joseph the local orchid expert where we will have breakfast at our hotel, the Vakona Lodge.



Johary, Joseph and Hendrik will lead the trek through the Mantadia primary forest to see orchids like *Angraecum viguieri*, many *Bulbophyllum* species, *Cynorkis uncinata* and *Eulophiella roempleriana*, arguably Madagascar's most beautiful orchid, growing high up in the *Pandanus utilis*. After a box lunch we are off to see the Indri and to

*Cymbidiella flabellata* growing in the sphagnum bog time permitting,

Overnight at Vakona Lodge BLD



### DAY 3

**MONDAY - OCTOBER 4:** Perinet –Anjozorobe. After breakfast we return to the Highlands We stop at some granite insulterers to see *Angraecum sororium*; *Angraecum rutenbergianum*, *Aerangis ellisii* and *Polystachia rosea* in situ. Drive on to Anjozorobe to find patches of the last remaining forests on the highlands. Overnight at Mananara Lodge. BLD



**DAY 4**

**TUESDAY - OCTOBER 5:** Anjozorobe. Full day to explore forest and see orchids like *Aeranthes nidus*, *Angraecum linearifolium* and *Aerangis citrata* with box lunch in the fields. Here we will also find quite a few of the 60 species of chameleons. Overnight at Mananara Lodge BLD

**DAY 5**

**WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 6;**Anjozorobe-Antananarivo. Drive back to Tana. After we have checked into the Au Bois Verte we are off to the flower market in town, lunch at the French Hotel, then to the zoo to see all the lemurs and other endemic animals. Overnight at Au Bois Verte B (Dinner own account)

**DAY 6**

**THURSDAY - OCTOBER 7:** Tana – Moroansetra. Morning to shop for gemstones before we transfer to airport for flight to Moroansetra (12h35-13h50). Here we will be joined by our local guide Ellison Pascal before we start our boat ride to Nosy Mangabe. Swimming and beachcombing for orchids before we have a few THREE HORSES BEERS for sundowners. We will also try to see the elusive *Aye-aye* at night. Camping full board (excluding drinks) BLD



**DAY 7 FRIDAY – OCTOBER 8:** Nosy Mangabe After breakfast we have a hard days climb ahead of us to see some rare and spectacular orchids like *Oeonia brauniana*, *Graphorkis ecalcarata* and *Eulophiella elisabethae* growing in the palm *Dyopsis fibrosa*. Full board camping BLD

**DAY 8**

**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 9:** Nosy Mangabe – Ambanizana. 06h00 boat transfer to Tampolo lodge on the east coast of the mainland. After booking into our bungalows on the beach and a tropical breakfast we stroll along the beach to see *Angraecum sesquipedale* *Grammangis ellisii* and other orchids growing on the beach. After lunch it is siesta time or snorkeling in the emerald sea.

Full board Tampolo Lodge BLD

**DAY 9**

**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 10:** Ambanizana. A short boat trip before Alison takes us into the forest to look for the rare *Gastorchis simulans* and other beauties like *Bulbophyllum hamellini*. Full board Tampolo Lodge. BLD



**DAY 10**

**MONDAY - OCTOBER 11:** Tampolo – Antananarivo. After a last dip in the Indian Ocean we take the boat back to Moroansetra to fly back to Tana (13h00- 15h15) for last minute shopping.

Overnight Au Bois Verte B (Dinner on own account)

**DAY 11**

**TUESDAY - OCTOBER 12, 06h20:** Antananarivo – Johannesburg. Hotel will provide early breakfast and transfer to airport for flight back to O.R. Tambo Airport, Johannesburg. Estimated time of arrival in Johannesburg is 14h00

Price: per person Twin Sharing Euro 2900 + airport taxes approx Euro 210

The above pricing is based on 12 people traveling together and is subject to change pending the group size

Single supplement: Euro 340

B: Breakfast      L: Lunch      D: Dinner

Order of itinerary may be rearranged following the final flight schedule for 2010. Subject to our terms and conditions which will be supplied on booking with the reservation form.

**Please note: Cut-off date for bookings is 15 June 2010**

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