

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Below you find (in alphabetical order) information to help you to prepare your holiday. For more information you can always contact us.

- ATM

There are ATMs in all major cities. Getting money from an ATM is only possible with a credit card. A Visa card is most convenient.

- Currency

The local currency is Ariary.

1 euro = 2794 Ariary (July 2011)

- Electricity

220 volts, keep in mind that the stream can sometimes fail.

- Health

Depending on the country of origin a vaccination against cholera (or just a stamp) is required. For further information on vaccinations and malaria prevention we refer you to a relevant service in your country. We recommend you not to drink tap water, bottled mineral water is widely available.

- Internet

There are cyber cafes in the major cities. Some hotels offer internet facilities as well. Generally the internet in cyber cafes is cheap, the speed of the connection varies.

- Passport

You must be in possession of a passport which is valid for at least 6 months upon departure from Madagascar.

- Phone

You can get a very cheap SIM card in Madagascar. Probably its a lot cheaper to use this instead calling with you own SIM card. There are several providers, including Orange, Telma and Zain.

- Photography and filming

Because of the varied landscape and lots of animals you probably make many pictures in Madagascar. Also in the cities and on the way there are many moments you want to capture. We advise you to ask permission when you want to photograph or film the local people. Sometimes the people ask you to send them the pictures. It would be very appreciated when you do this.

- Restaurants

Restaurant come in all varieties. Besides traditional Malagasy restaurants there are for instance Italian, Chinese and Indian restaurants.

For breakfast you pay about 5 euro, for lunch and diner about 10 euro. But for a lot less you can have good food as well.

- Safety

In general, the Malagasy are honest people, but there are always people with bad intentions. The major cities in Madagascar are not less safe than a large western city. Of course you can be robbed like that could happen anywhere, but with a little common sense you can greatly reduce the chance of this. Don't wear expensive or flashy jewelry and wear a moneybelt under your clothes. In Antananarivo we advice you to take a taxi in the evening. Make a copy or scan of your important documents, this way it's easier to replace them after loss or theft.

- Visa

A visa up to 1 month you can get (at the moment for free) at arrival at the airport. A visa up to 3 month is also available at the airport, but not for free.

- What should not be missing in your luggage:

Keep in mind when you pack your clothes temperatures may be very different.

Even in places where it's warm during the day, the evenings can be cool.

Furthermore are recommended:

- walking shoes,
- sandals/flipflops,
- thin rain jacket/poncho,
- sun hat/cap,
- sunscreen,
- insect repellent,
- flashlight/headlamp,
- binoculars,
- travel sheet.