

MIAVANA



# MIAVANA BY TIME + TIDE

*Helicopter Adventures*





## HELICOPTER ADVENTURES

### *Take to the skies*

Step into the shoes of a modern-day explorer and embark on our helicopter excursions transporting you to the northern reaches of Madagascar. Several extraordinary national parks and unique attractions are just a short scenic flight away. With our knowledgeable guides, you can explore the region's rare wildlife, remarkable landscapes and fascinating natural history. Madagascar is like no other place on earth.



# NORTHERN MADAGASCAR

## FLIGHT TIMES (ONE WAY) FROM MIAVANA TO:

*Diego Suarez (Approx. 30 minutes)*

*Nosy Be (Approx. 60 minutes)*

*Ankarana (Approx. 40 minutes)*

*Anjahakely, Black Lemur Camp (Approx. 30 minutes)*

*Daraina, Tattersali Camp (Approx. 25 minutes)*

*Tsingy Rouge (Approx. 25 minutes)*

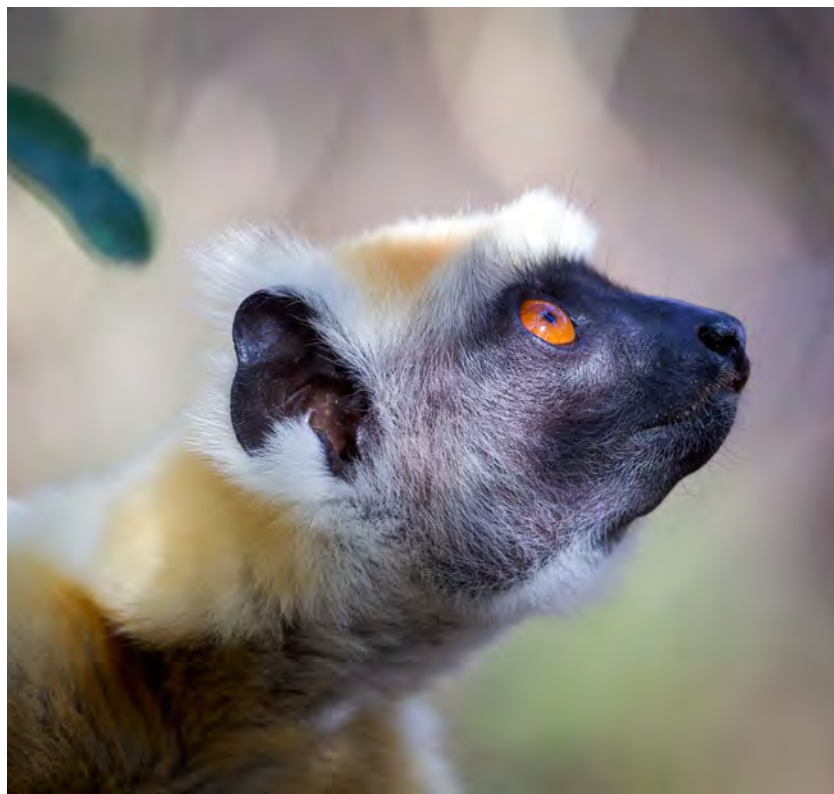
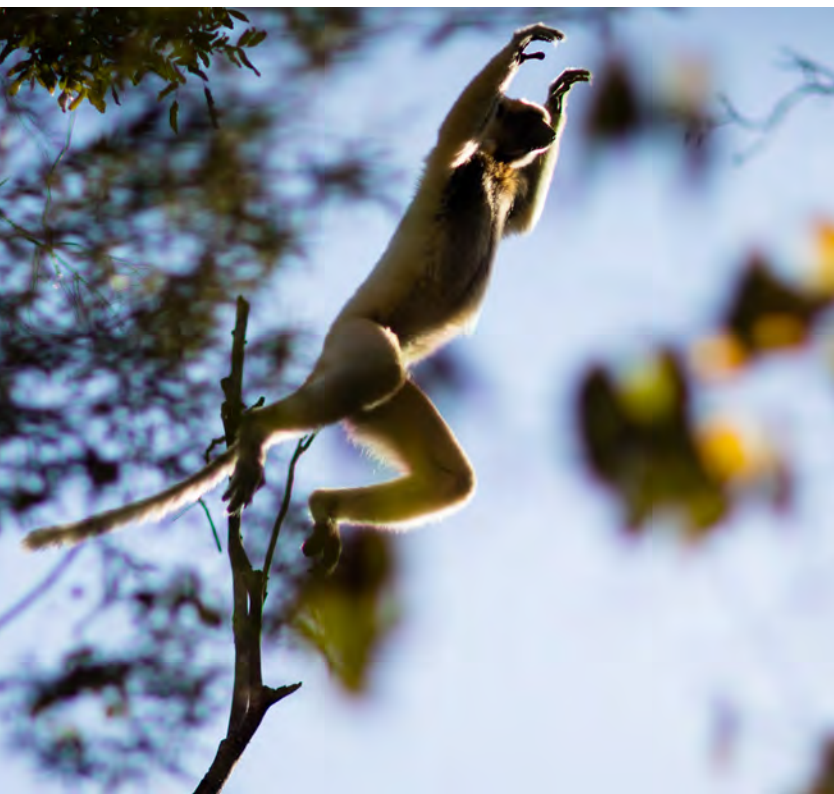
*Baobabs (Approx. 25 minutes)*





## DARAINA

Just across the turquoise seas and emerald forests lies Tattersali Camp, a unique community project run by our partners Fanamby in the Daraina reserve. Set out with our experienced terrestrial guide on a short nature walk exploring this protected area with Fanamby's local rangers well off the beaten track, in search of the Golden Crowned Sifaka, a critically-endangered species found here and nowhere else. You can also spot the Crowned Lemur and Ankarana Sportive Lemur as well as beautiful grey-bark Baobab trees.



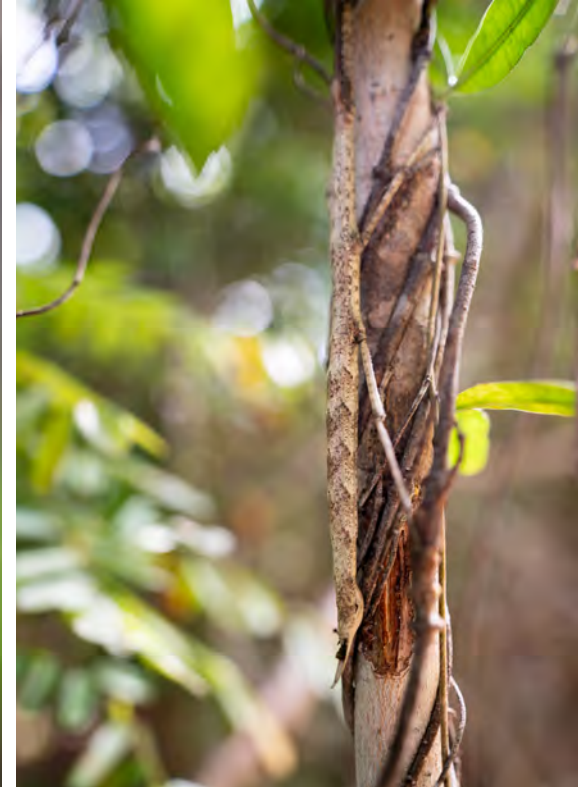
- + *Approx. flying time: 50 minutes*
- + *Approx. duration of the entire excursion: 2.5 hours*
- + *Fitness level: Low – Moderate*
- + *Best time to go: Year-round*
- + *Recommended departure time: 06h00*



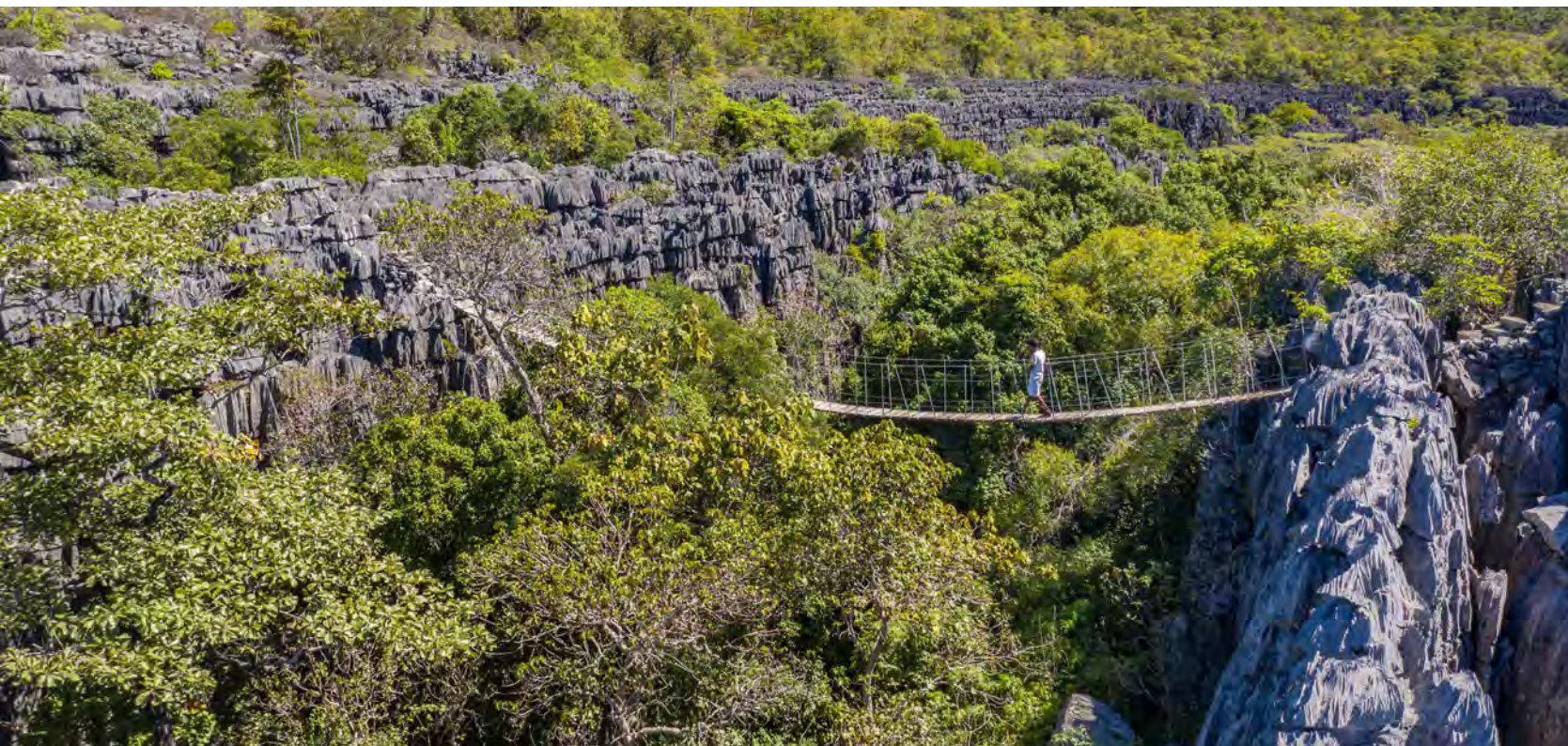
## ANJAHAKELY

A lemur excursion par excellence. Anjahakely has a number of lemur species but the primary goal is to see the critically-endangered Perrier's Sifaka. This is one of the world's few black lemur species, after which Fanamby's Black Lemur Camp is named. Other notable species include the Crowned Lemur, Ankarana Sportive Lemur and Milano Sportive Lemur, as well as the Bamboo Lemur. Guests choosing this excursion over Daraina need to be relatively fit and passionate about the environment.

- + *Approx. flying time: 60 minutes*
- + *Approx. duration of the entire excursion: 3.5 hours*
- + *Fitness level: Moderate*
- + *Best time to go: Year-round*
- + *Recommended departure time: 06h00*







## ANKARANA

Ankarana is known for its extraordinary spiny limestone landscape called 'Tsingy' as well as its extensive underground network of caves and rivers, some of which contain fruit bats and crocodiles. Land at Ankarana Lodge and take a 4x4 transfer to the National Park for a guided hike. Lemurs (Crowned and Ankarana Sportive), chameleons and leaf-tailed geckos can be found in Ankarana's dry, deciduous forests. This is a region of extremely high biodiversity, fossils and fascinating human history. Guests need to be fit and interested in ecology in order to get the most from this visit.

- + *Approx. flying time: 1 hour and 15 minutes*
- + *Approx. duration of the entire excursion: 5 hours*
- + *Fitness level: Moderate - High*
- + *Best time to go: Mid-March to December*
- + *Recommended departure time: 06h00*





Image: Rod Waddington

## TSINGY ROUGE

Tsingy Rouge is a photogenic phenomenon. An unusual natural geological formation of red laterite, a type of stone and soil rich in iron and other minerals. The 'Lavaka' were caused by the erosion of the Irodo River, leaving behind soft strata with magnificent red and white formations. A hidden gem, where the beauty is also that you are unlikely to find many other visitors. The excursion involves a short gentle walk and is great on its own, or combined with another excursion on the way back to Miavana.

- + *Approx. flying time: 50 minutes*
- + *Approx. duration of the entire excursion: 2 hours*
- + *Fitness level: Low*
- + *Best time to go: Year-round*
- + *Recommended departure time: 15h30*



## BAOBABS

Known in Malagasy as “Reniala” meaning “Mother of the Forest”, baobabs are an ancient and majestic species endemic to Madagascar. Threatened by habitat loss and in danger of disappearing, they fortunately can still be witnessed in abundance in a remote part of Northern Madagascar near Antanivelatra. Enjoy an immersive nature walk while learning about this endangered species and stop for refreshments in the shade of one of these towering trees. Surely there can be no better tree for a bucket-list picnic than a baobab.

- + *Approx. flying time: 50 minutes*
- + *Approx. duration of the entire excursion: 2.5 hours*
- + *Fitness level: Low*
- + *Best time to go: April to November/December*
- + *Recommended departure time: 07:00 / 15h30*







## SECLUDED SUNDOWNERS

Land on a secluded ridge on the mainland only reachable by helicopter and savour the remarkable views across the archipelago to Miavana in complete privacy. It's safe to say that no one else has set foot here before. Sit back and relax while we prepare your drinks and snacks, then as the skies start to turn pink, head back to your private island hideaway on Miavana.

- + *Approx. flying time: 30 minutes*
- + *Approx. duration of the entire excursion: 1.5 hours*
- + *Fitness level: Low*
- + *Best time to go: Year-round*
- + *Recommended departure time: 16h30*







## NORTHERN CIRCUIT ADVENTURE FLYING

Embark on our signature scenic helicopter flight transporting you to the northern reaches of Madagascar. From Miavana, fly over the aquamarine Emerald Sea with undulating coastline, around the Northern tip of Madagascar (Cap d'Ambre), past Windsor Castle and finally land on Nosy Hara, a breath-taking collection of remote islands rising out of the calm Baie de Courrier, for a picnic lunch.

- + *Approx. flying time: 2 hours*
- + *Approx. duration of the entire excursion: 4 hours*
- + *Fitness level: Low*
- + *Best time to go: Year-round*
- + *Recommended departure time: 06h00*



## CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Anything is possible. Discuss your personal interests with our helicopter pilots and guides and tailor-make your very own adventure. We can take you island hopping in search of the best fly-fishing spots, or heli-surfing to uncharted waters on an epic kiteboarding escapade. We can drop you off for a castaway picnic on a deserted beach, with a pair of fins for a spot of snorkelling, or you can simply enjoy a scenic flight across Northern Madagascar, snorkelling from the sky - spotting baobabs, rural villages, rice paddies, and exotic landscapes as far as the eye can see.



Image: KT Merry





## ULTIMATE COMBINATIONS

Combine Daraina and Anjahakely for the ultimate lemur trekking excursion, or Ankarana and Tsingy Rouge to see other-worldly landscapes in two tones of grey and red, or combine completely different experiences to get a taste of two adventures in one day.

### DARAINA + ANJAHAKELY

- + *Approx. flying time: 1 hr 20 mins*
- + *Approx. excursion duration: 6 hr*

### ANKARANA + TSINGY ROUGE

- + *Approx. flying time: 1 hr 20 mins*
- + *Approx. excursion duration: 6 hr*

### ANJAHAKELY + TSINGY ROUGE

- + *Approx. flying time: 1 hr 15 mins*
- + *Approx. excursion duration: 5 hr*

### BAOBABS + TSINGY ROUGE

- + *Approx. flying time: 1 hr 5 mins*
- + *Approx. excursion duration: 4 hr*



## GOOD TO KNOW

- + Miavana owns two Robinson 66 helicopters, operated by two experienced pilots.
- + Please note that you will always be accompanied by a Miavana guide on excursions to share their local knowledge on fauna and flora and to translate along the way.
- + Therefore, maximum capacity is 3 people for 1 helicopter and 7 guests for 2 helicopters.
- + Our helicopters are rated to fly during daylight hours, therefore you will always be back from your excursion by sunset.
- + Helicopter excursions are weather dependent and subject to availability, day of excursion arranged once on island.
- + Pack a comfortable pair of walking shoes, hat and sunglasses. A quick-dry long-sleeved shirt and lightweight long trousers are also recommended.
- + Get your camera ready!





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