







# Fact sheet

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### Location

Located on the West coast of Madagascar 120 Km North of Majunga, Anjajavy is a remote fishing village on an extraordinary peninsula.

### Environnement & weather

The 960-hectare private reserve surrounding Anjajavy le Lodge includes 4 types of nature's gems:

- 1. A dry deciduous forest made of palissandre trees, ebony trees, baobabs and other plants endemic to Madagascar
- 2. A mangrove forest which is a protective coat for the reserve
- 3. The tsingy: unique limestone rock formations
- 4. Beautiful beaches

The reserve is also home of a wide variety of lemurs, reptiles and other endemic flora and fauna.

Madagascar's west coast enjoys sunshine almost all year round.

### **Combinations**

Anjajavy is the best place to sample all that Madagascar has to offer: you'll be able to experience many of the highlights and attractions of this beautiful country in one place. Here are our suggestions to make the most of your time here:

- a 7 10 night stay as a stand-alone destination
- a 5 7 night stay after a 3-5 day tour of Madagascar's National Parks
- a 4 night stay at the end of a trip around Madagascar

### Classification

Anjajavy le Lodge is member of Relais & Châteaux and ranks as a four stars plus establishment on European standards. It is ideal for the demanding eco-tourist.

Anjajavy le Lodge is one of Madagascar's luxury Lodge, it is the perfect place to end up any trip around this fascinating and exciting country.





### Accommodation

The Lodge is made up of individual rosewood villas, all facing the sea.

#### THE VILLAS

On the ground floor, each villa provides a large sea-facing terrace, a living room/bedroom.

The bathroom has a large corner bath, shower and separate restrooms.

A small staircase provides access to the first floor loft room, which can be used as children accommodation or guest room for up to two additional people.

Villas are maintained at an ideal temperature by silent air-conditioning systems.

#### Ground floor:

- Lounge
- Queen size bed with cotton mosquito net
- Bathroom with bath, hair dryer and separate lavatory
- Table and chairs, kettle for the tea and refrigerator

#### First floor/mezzanine:

Ideal for the children or guest room

- Loft room with table and chair
- Twin bed

#### Terrace:

- Large terrace
- Hammock, deckchairs and table
- Foot shower

### Communication and power supply

Our guests can use the Lodge's phone or skype. A satellite television with a bouquet of channels is available in the private lounge. All rooms have lights and electricity supply. The Lodge operates with 220V power sockets and European plug point. It is possible to connect to the Internet by WIFI in the central building of the Lodge.



### Air transfers

Anjajavy lays at the heart of the Boeny Sakalava territory and can only be accessed by air. Anjajavy le Lodge operates its private flights on a rate per seat basis from Antananarivo.

Private flights are possible from most of Madagascar airports and notably that of Majunga and Nosy Be, which are close.

The journey will last approximately 90 min. from Antananarivo, 1 hour from Nosy Be airport or 40 min. from Majunga airport. It offers magnificent sights of Madagascar's western coastline and inlands. Guests are welcomed at Anjajavy le Lodge's private landing strip and they are then transferred by car on a 30 min. trip to the Lodge across the forest.

**REGULAR AIR TRANSFERS** 

(Schedules are subject to change without notice)

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning Antananarivo – Anjajavy : 07:00 – 08:30 Anjajavy – Antananarivo : 09:30 – 11:00

#### LUGGAGE, WEIGHT - For safety issues, the company requires :

No more than 20 kg luggage allowance per pers. without any overweight possibility. Please prefer flexible and non-bulky luggage. Terms and conditions apply; please see the Public Rates Sheet.

Size: 140 cm linear (length + width + depth).

Safety regulations stipulate that all passengers must be able to fasten their seatbelts without the use of any seatbelt extension that is prohibitive; body waist must be therefore less than 140 cm. The seating width must not be more than 45 cm in respect of other passenger seating on the next seat. Each passenger will be weighed according to light aircraft aviation regulations. Body weight above 110 kg: If all measurements stated above (seatbelt and seating width) are respected, the flight shall take place after extra fees are paid: 15 euros by extra kg.

### Madagascar visa

A valid passport with an expiry date at least six months after the return date together with one complete blank page is required. A visa is compulsory and can be obtained through the Malagasy Republic Embassy or Consulate, or upon arrival at Antananarivo - Ivato airport.

### Health

No vaccination is required. An anti-malaria treatment is recommended even if the area is deemed preserved. Ask your doctor for advice.

There is a qualified resident doctor at the Lodge for guests.





### Water based activities

Anjajavy le Lodge has a wonderful beach .This is just perfect for a swim. The Marina, on the Mozambic Channel, protected from the wind, is also a good spot. With a relatively low gradient beach, the tidal difference is about 4 m. A wide variety of activities is available from the beach in front of the Lodge and from the marina.

#### FREE-PAYING ACTIVITIES:

Water skiing, wake board Private boat

#### Fishing

- 3 hours: in a 15 km radius for small haul fishing
- Half day excursion: 3 hours to reef plateau 30 km away for small haul, long haul, poppers and angling.

 Full day excursion: 6 hours to reef plateau 30 km away for small haul, long haul, poppers and angling.

#### **Boat excursions**

- Moramba bay: a guided boat trip along the coast with outstanding scenery of eroded islands and beautiful rock formation jutting out of the sea. Refreshments are included.
- Mangrove tours: guided sunset boat trip (1 hour) through the protected mangroves with cocktail included. Excellent for birdwatching. (depending on tide)

#### **FREE ACTIVITIES:**

Catamaran sailing, Snorkelling Kayak in the sea or mangrove, Windsurfing, Paddle surf Swimming pool, Badminton, Volley Ball Pétanque, Billard





### Land based activities

Excursions and walks (with or without guide)

Within the 960 hectare private natural reserve, the Lodge offers a wide variety of wonderful walks that guests can do on their own with a clear map, or with one of the Lodge's guides. Excursions and walks are opened to everyone and most do not require any special physical aptitude. Sign-posted paths from the Lodge lead guests to the forest and surrounding bays.

Examples of walks (maps are provided for self guided tours)

- 1. Bird watching
- 2. Through tsingy (*limestone rock formations*) covered forest to discover the main endemic species of Malagasy flora and fauna.
- 3. Discovering the majestic baobabs, where the hairy crabs (endemic) and wonderful birds are found. This walk also includes exploring a small cave for the most adventurous quests.
- 4. A guided adventure walk heading out on foot to discover an underground world of stalagmites and stalactites and the subfossil skeleton of an extinct giant lemur.
- 5. The bay-to-bay walks along Anjajavy le Lodge's peninsula with its wild, untouched bays.
- 6. Antafiamoara: «The Port of Amulets» and the giant tortoises
  This ancient residence of a wizard turned illegal logging smuggler was acquired in
  March 2016 by the Lodge. This creates a wonderful historic story to be a part of.
  Apart from its strategic interest in the protection of the forest of the Great Protected

Area of Anjajavy, this site includes a range of anthropological and eco-tourism elements of great interest.

During this excursion, you will visit a young coconut grove and small caves at the base of magnificent tsingy. You will learn about the first project aimed at repatriating the Giant tortoise back into Madagascar. Twelve individuals of the species Aldabrachelys gigantea - extinct in Madagascar for 750 years - were introduced to Anjajavy Reserve by the Lodge in July 2018.

7. Guided night walks are also offered to discover the nocturnal inhabitants of the reserve that include mouse lemurs, fat tailed dwarf lemurs, Milne Edwards Sportive lemurs, greater hedgehog tenrec, Madagascar flying foxes and Commerson's leafnosed bat, amongst others.

#### Private picnic in a cove

A Robinson Crusoe day can be arranged for clients with a private picnic on one of the beaches: As you arrive, the cove's waiter will receive you and prepare a fine barbecue. He will then goes away and leave you to enjoy the privacy of this dream nest, swinging in the hammock or laying under the beach mosquito net (15min walk per cove).

#### Star bed in private cove

Your private dinner, al fresco, facing the sea and the setting sun and your room, open, between sea and forest, under the stars.

#### Visit of local villages

Anjajavy le Lodge is very involved with the local community and guests are encouraged to visit the local villages and support their tourism initiatives.





### Dining

Anjajavy le Lodge offers a fine dining experience. Meals are French inspired and highly dependent on seasonal availabilities. Malagasy dishes are on offer for those who wish to experience the excellent local specialities.

Breakfast offers everything from fresh seasonal fruit, croissants and yoghurts to a full cooked breakfast.

The lunch menu offers 3 to 5 choices per course. Meals are usually plated and the menu changes every day.

Dinner is a fine dining three courses meal with two choices per course.

Dinner in the Oasis and private picnics can also be arranged, especially for honeymooners.

### The Oasis

The Oasis is a genuine Garden of Eden. It is a perfect place to relax or unwind after a busy day enjoying some of the various activities on offer at Anjajavy le Lodge. Kept at a constant humidity by water sprays, the Oasis offers a refreshing environment in which to escape the heat of the day.

A variety of aquatic plants, papyrus reeds, tree ferns, climbing plants and palm trees are home to humming birds, lemurs, malachite kingfishers and many other species. This is also the setting for our afternoon tea with refreshing soft drinks, teas and cakes. Designed by Camille Muller, the French landscape designer, who bears Madagascar in his heart, the Oasis is the result of the search for harmony within the diversity of experiences on offer in Madagascar.



### Children's facilities and policy

Children policy: Children of all ages are welcome at Anjajavy le Lodge.

**Accommodation:** Children are comfortably accommodated in the upstairs bedroom of each villa. They share the main bathroom.

Babysitting: Can be arranged on request at the Lodge.

**Swimming pool:** The pool area is not fenced off nor supervised by a lifeguard.

Children's meal: Our chef can arrange special menus for children.



## Anjajavy Vers Morambo bay (12 km) Foret d'Ambondro **Ampasy** Aire Protégée Reserve Nord Antafiamoara Anjajavy A Hameau Ambondro Antety Aire Protégée d'Antsangabe d'Amboaboaka

# The Protected Area of Anjajavy: decree n°2018-367

#### AN ANJAJAVY LE LODGE INITIATIVE

Since its birth in 2000, Anjajavy le Lodge has made it its mission to protect the peninsula's natural environment in order to safeguard the many benefits it provides, while maintaining a healthy environment for local communities.

The activities of the Lodge are thus intimately linked to the preservation of the legacy of Anjajavy. First through the creation of the private reserve, which today is 960 hectares (2,372 acres) in size. Then in 2016, with the idea of creating a new protected area of Anjajavy including the local populations.

The eco-tourism excellence of Anjajavy aims to protect and enhance the exceptional natural and cultural heritage of Anjajavy in a delicate and inclusive way, with and for the communities bordering the protected area.

### THE CREATION OF CO-MANAGED PROTECTED AREA INITIATED BY THE LODGE: A UNIQUE INITIATIVE IN MADAGASCAR

Known for having a high level of endemism, Anjajavy plays a dynamic role in conservation considered by experts as a success story.

Anjajavy le Lodge offers high-end eco-tourism as a vector for development. A strong entrepreneurial vision in a socially, traditionally and economically favourable context as well as the relative isolation of the peninsula are both factors in this success. For the last 20 years, the local villages have a continuous development in services to the community.

Since 2010, the cooperation between the Lodge and elected officials and representatives of the villages has increased and works particularly well. A representative council discusses projects, allocates revenues, establishes the rules of the reserve and communicates with the villagers.

It is in this context that the creation of an official Protected Area was born on April 17, 2018, following the adoption of a governmental decree for the definitive protection of the Protected Area «Anjajavy» of IUCN V Protected Area (Harmonious Landscape). The total protected area of the Reserve is 9773 ha.

At the same time, the Natural Conversation Centre of Anjajavy is developing new promising projects.





### **Community Projects**

Since its creation, Anjajavy le Lodge has been financing voluntary entrepreneurship for boat transport, traditional fishing, apiculture and vegetable growing through micro credits. Since 2009, Anjajavy le Lodge and its clients have collaborated in the construction of a market, security post and a secondary school.

The clinic of the Lodge also provides medico-technical support to midwives as well as emergency medical services for the four neighboring villages with a population of more than 5000 people in total.

The aim of the Anjajavy community project is to promote sustainable development in remote villages in the vicinity of the Lodge.

Schools, clinics, wells, sanitations, solar stations are constructed, maintained and operated by the local NGO Ecoles du Monde which is funded by dynamic international campaigns but also from quest's donations directly to the Lodge.

On the other side the Lodge employs almost one hundred local people and purchases provisions from surrounding villages. The Lodge supports the development of micro-businesses. Community projects operate in highly diverse fields: fishing, market gardening of fruits and vegetables, handicrafts, trade.

The on-site doctor of the Lodge cares for the local staff and their families and for emergencies of the villages. The Lodge is doing sensitization of adults for the respect of fishing calendars and fishing methods (namely for prawns, crabs, lobsters and against sea turtle hunting) and of women about family planning. The Lodge is also educating kids about the protection of the environment & health.

Anjajavy le Lodge contributes actively to the fight for reforestation and against forest fires.

For example since 2009, the Lodge has contributed to the extinction of 4 forest fires and reforested 60 000 native trees from its tree nursery and 200 000 mangrove trees.



### Disabled facilities

One of the villas, close to the main dining and recreational area, is suitable for guests with limited mobility.

### Anjajavy le Lodge Accolades

Relais & Châteaux Environmental Trophy

Trip Advisor "Travelers choice Top 10 of Lodges of Africa & Indian Ocean" in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017

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