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MADAGASCAR

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# VISAS

It is necessary for most foreign nationals to have a visa for entry into Madagascar. Visas can be purchased prior to arrival for some nations, but we recommend obtaining your visa on arrival. Your passport must be valid for at least six months past your departure date from Madagascar. Please check with your country's embassy for the latest visa information.

## CURRENT VISA FEES

Prior to travel, please confirm the cost of your visa, as well as whether or not you are able to purchase your visa on arrival.

European, UK and US passport holders into Madagascar:

30 day visa    US \$35.00    |    90 day visa    US \$50.00

In addition to visas:

Tourist tax on arrival    US \$30.00

On arrival into Madagascar at either Antananarivo or Nosy Be Airports, you will be asked to present your passport and proof of a return flight. A printed flight itinerary is best.

Travellers obtaining a visa on arrival are recommended to check their passports after it has been stamped by the immigration officer to ensure that the correct number of days stay have been authorised for your stay in Madagascar. We cannot accept responsibility for any disruptions caused by visa issues.



# INSURANCE

We strongly advise that you take out comprehensive travel insurance before departing for Madagascar. The policy should cover the full dates of travel, including international flights. We recommend obtaining a policy that covers emergency evacuation, medical emergencies, repatriation expenses, and damage/theft/loss of personal luggage/money/goods. Depending on your personal circumstances, it may be advisable to obtain a policy that covers cancellation for any reason. Time + Tide is unable to accept liability for any issues that may arise of the aforementioned eventualities.

Time + Tide carries public and passenger liability insurance for all guests staying at Time + Tide Miavana and travelling in our boats and helicopters. However, we cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to any personal possessions whilst guests are in our care.

We do our utmost to ensure your experience is entirely safe and enjoyable, however we do operate in a very remote location and must account for the element of unpredictability associated with that. Guests are urged to take note of all safety advice and read the safety information in all camps.

## CANCELLATION AND CURTAILMENT

If for any reason, you cancel a trip close to departure date, you could lose the entire cost of your trip. Should you have to leave before your holiday is finished, we cannot refund you the cost of the portion of the package you do not complete. In the eventuality of this, insurance may cover you, depending on the reason for cancellation and curtailment



# HEALTH

At Time + Tide, whilst we are in no way qualified to give medical advice, what follows here are a few tips and guidelines for staying healthy on holiday. Please note that a travel insurance policy covering medical emergencies and emergency evacuation is an essential prerequisite for your time in Madagascar.

At Time + Tide Miavana have basic first aid facilities and staff on hand who have first aid training. We also have a doctor and nurse located on the island to attend to any medical issues that may arise. You are strongly advised to consult your doctor prior to travel and get accurate, up-to-date advice on inoculation and anti-malarial requirements.

## MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Prior to your arrival, please notify us of any medical conditions you have that may impact your safety or well-being. This includes any food, drug or environmental allergies, especially nuts, fish, shellfish, bees, or any other commonly encountered allergens.

## DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

If you have specific dietary requirements, please let us know before you arrive. With prior warning, we can accommodate most reasonable requests for alternate dietary options.

## INOCULATIONS

Inoculations generally advised for Madagascar include MMR, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, varicella (chicken pox), typhoid, and polio. Inoculations sometimes advised include tuberculosis, hepatitis A and B, rabies, cholera, and meningococcal meningitis. It is advisable to begin any round of inoculations you may need several months prior to travel to ensure the inoculations have sufficient time to become effective before travelling. If you have travelled from a country where yellow fever occurs, then you may be asked to produce an International Certificate of Vaccination when entering Madagascar. Please be prepared accordingly.





# COMMON MEDICAL CONCERNS

## MALARIA

Malaria is caused by a mosquito borne parasite. It is endemic across parts of Madagascar, but we currently have had no reported cases on the island of Nosy Ankao. We very strongly urge you to consult your doctor to determine which option is best for you. It is generally advised that you take an oral prophylactic. Malarone and doxycycline are the most effective and widely used prophylactics.

When visiting the national parks or nature reserves on the Madagascan mainland, we recommend that you use a combination of physical and topical measures to maximise your protection. Wear clothing that covers your limbs and liberally apply insect repellent to reduce the occurrence of bites.

The incubation period for the malarial parasite is 12 - 14 days. If contracted, it is important to get treatment quickly. If you develop flu-like symptoms, seek medial attention immediately.

## YELLOW FEVER

There is no risk for yellow fever in Madagascar. If you have recently travelled to an affected country, then you will be required to present an International Certificate of Vaccination on arrival into Madagascar. Please be prepared accordingly.

## DEHYDRATION

It is advisable to drink at least two litres of fluids per day. In addition to water, it is important to have sufficient salt and sugar intake.

## DIARRHOEA

This is a common problem that can arise when travelling abroad. Time + Tide Miavana has very high levels of hygiene, but sometimes travellers can react to a change in diet or water. We advise you bring suitable medication, just in case.

## SUNBURN

The African sun can be very strong and sunburn can occur through clouds and even a light shirt. We advise you use high strength sun cream and wear a hat.



# SAFETY

Your safety is very important to us, so while staying at Time + Tide Miavana, please adhere to any safety instructions provided by staff members. We offer a wide range of activities, which carry varying levels of risk. All activities are undertaken at your own risk. When participating in wilderness activities, it is important to listen to your body and recognise if you are feeling unwell, particularly when scuba diving or hiking in warm weather.

## HELICOPTERS

Time + Tide Miavana is only accessible by helicopter. We also offer helicopter excursions to nearby nature reserves. When riding in the helicopters, adhere to all safety instructions given by the pilots. When in the immediate vicinity of the helicopters, never walk around the rear of the helicopter where the tail rotor is located. Stay very alert of your surroundings.

## WILDLIFE

The wildlife in Madagascar is generally non-threatening. There are no venomous snakes, and no large terrestrial predators. When participating in any wildlife viewing activities, it is important to respect the wildlife. Do not approach, touch or feed the wildlife and keep noise to a minimum.

## SCUBA DIVING

Time + Tide Miavana is a spectacular destination for scuba diving. Whether you are a novice or an experienced diver, it is vital that you follow all safety measures, briefings and instructions provided by our dive guides. If you have not dived in the past six months, you will be required to conduct a refresher dive with our team prior to doing additional dives. We do not have a compression chamber on the island.

While diving, it is possible to encounter marine life that are potentially dangerous. The waters around Time + Tide Miavana are home to animals such as napolean wrasse, humpback whales, manta rays and moray eels. If encountered in the wrong context, they can pose a threat to divers.



# WHAT TO PACK

## CLOTHES

Time + Tide Miavana has a daily laundry service, so you do not need to bring large amounts of clothes with you. We suggest a combination of beachy clothing, casual evening wear and a few outfits for hikes and other adventurous activities.

- Shirts or tee shirts
- Shorts or skirts
- Swimming suits + beach cover up
- Lightweight, long trousers
- Lightweight, long-sleeved shirt (good for covering up in the African sun)
- Casual or dressy casual evening clothes
- Lightweight sweater + lightweight jacket (in cooler months - May to Nov)
- Sun hat
- Sunglasses + case and cleaning cloth
- Undergarments + socks
- Light scarf
- Sandals or flip flops
- Lightweight walking shoes
- Exercise clothes if desired (gym available at Time + Tide Miavana)

## PERSONAL CARE

- General toiletries
- High strength sunscreen
- Moisturiser + lip salve (with SPF)
- Insect repellent
- Any personal medications with original labels if prescription
- Simple personal first aid kit, including antihistamine cream + tablets
- Glasses or contact lenses if needed - always bring a spare pair in case of damage
- Feminine hygiene products if needed





## GENERAL

- Small day bag for bringing out on activities
- Binoculars (for hikes in the national parks)
- Luggage ID tags
- Luggage locks (ensure they adhere to airline regulations)

## DOCUMENTS

- Passport
- Health certificates if needed
- Airline tickets
- Spending money + bank cards (be sure to alert your bank of your travels)
- Proof of travel insurance
- Photocopy of your passport

## SCUBA DIVERS

- Diving certification cards
- Any personal diving gear desired (we are fully stocked, but you are welcome to bring your own gear if preferred)
- Underwater camera equipment if desired

## CAMERA EQUIPMENT (FOR ENTHUSIASTS)

- A telephoto lens for photographing wildlife (200-300 mm recommended)
- Wide angle lens for landscape photography
- Spare memory cards (you can't have too many!)
- Camera cleaning equipment
- Dust proof bag + resealable zip bags for smaller equipment
- Spare batteries + charger
- Underwater casings if desired



# SEASONS

We have two distinct seasons, with different activities that work best in each season. Our activities team will recommend experiences tailored to your interests and the time of year.

## MID NOVEMBER TO APRIL

From mid November to April, the days are warm, with potential for rain, which falls mainly overnight. This season is best for scuba diving, fishing, snorkelling, watching sea turtles nest and guided nature walks for lemurs and other wildlife.

## MAY TO MID NOVEMBER

From May to mid November, the weather is cooler, with very comfortable temperatures. With seasonal southeasterly winds, this season is excellent for kitesurfing and windsurfing. This is also an extraordinary time for wildlife enthusiasts. The humpwhales are breeding in Nosy Ankaos waters, giving spectacular displays of breaching. On the adjacent island of Nosy Manampaho, there is a seasonal nesting colony of tens of thousands of terns, where you can partake in a guided nature walk. This is also an excellent time of year for guided nature walks for lemurs and other wildlife.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Min Daily Temperature</i>	<i>Max Daily Temperature</i>	<i>Avg Rainfall</i>
JANUARY	31°C / 88°F	23°C / 73°F	260 mm
FEBRUARY	31°C / 88°F	23°C / 73°F	260 mm
MARCH	32°C / 90°F	23°C / 73°F	200 mm
APRIL	32°C / 90°F	23°C / 73°F	60 mm
MAY	30°C / 86°F	20°C / 68°F	30 mm
JUNE	29°C / 84°F	20°C / 68°F	10 mm
JULY	29°C / 84°F	20°C / 68°F	15 mm
AUGUST	30°C / 86°F	20°C / 68°F	15 mm
SEPTEMBER	30°C / 86°F	20°C / 68°F	15 mm
OCTOBER	31°C / 88°F	21°C / 70°F	10 mm
NOVEMBER	32°C / 90°F	23°C / 73°F	40 mm
DECEMBER	33°C / 91°F	23°C / 73°F	150 mm



# EXPLORE + DISCOVER

## SEASONALITY

At Time + Tide Miavana, we have two distinct seasons, with different activities that are best suited to each season. Please refer to our Seasons page for more detailed information about temperature, weather and animal species.

Our activities span the horizons of land, sea and air to celebrate the best of this incredible region. Join us and explore a destination at the ends of the Earth.

## IN THE AIR

Several extraordinary national parks are a short helicopter flight away on the mainland. With our knowledgeable guides, you can explore the region's rare wildlife, remarkable landscapes and fascinating natural history.

*All air excursions at \$2400 per flight hour*

## DARAINA

See the beautiful golden crowned lemur. You must be fit and passionate about the environment to fully enjoy this excursion. You will also visit Fanamby's Black Lemur Camp, our partners who operate a unique community conservation project.

## AMBER MOUNTAIN

Visit this phenomenal rainforest nestled in a unique mountainous region. Seven lemur species and ten different chameleon species occur here, including the world's smallest terrestrial vertebrate, the tiny Brookesia chameleon.

## ANKARANA EAST

Experience an unrivalled wilderness with a guided trip to Ankarana National Park. Guests will see unique geological formations, including fossils, the unique Madagascan Tsingy, caves and dry deciduous forest. You must be fit and interested in ecology to get the most from this visit.





## ON THE WATER

### FISHING

Whether you are a pro or a novice, Time + Tide Miavana is an excellent destination for fishing. We have top of the line equipment and a passionate, experienced team. Try your hand at deep sea fishing, jigging, popping, trolling or flyfishing on the reef flats. Around Nosy Ankao, you will find species such as sailfish, marlin, mahi mahi, giant trevally, dogtooth tuna and barracuda. All of our fishing is catch and release.

*\$500 for full day fishing expeditions*

### WATER SPORTS

At our Activities Centre, you will find equipment for a range of exciting watersports, including kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, surf-skiing, wakeboarding, kitesurfing and windsurfing.

## UNDER THE WATER

### SCUBA DIVING

The waters of Nosy Ankao are a marine paradise perfect for scuba diving and snorkelling. Diverse underwater terrain and a confluence of currents support outstanding biodiversity. Many of the reefs we dive at are virtually unseen by other humans. Sea turtles, manta rays and spinner dolphins thrive in these waters alongside species such as napolcan wrasse, bumphead parrotfish and Spanish dancers.

We are a PADI qualified dive centre. Divers who have not dived for 6 months or longer will be required to complete a refresher dive with our instructors. It is vital that you bring your dive certification card to the island.

### SNORKELLING

Coral reefs fringe the island, so you can snorkel right from the beach in front of your villa. When you arrive, our activities team will kit you out with snorkelling gear that you can keep throughout your stay.

### OPEN WATER COURSE QUALIFICATION

Upon completion, students are qualified to dive to 18 metres with other qualified divers. The theory part of this course should be completed online before arriving.

\$400 for the qualification



### ADVANCED OPEN WATER COURSE

This course helps open water qualified divers improve their existing skills, such as buoyancy and diving to greater depths (30m extendable to 40m with deep specialty). The theory part of this course should be completed online before arriving.

*\$300 for the qualification*

### PADI DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING

A closely guided introduction to diving for guests 10+ years of age looking to make their first foray into the underwater world. Max depth 12m.

### BUBBLE MAKER

Children 8-9 years old can don full scuba gear and jump in to explore our house reef while very closely supervised by one of our PADI instructors. Max depth 2m.

## ON LAND

### LIGHTHOUSE

Built in 1937 by the colonial French, this offers the perfect viewpoint with 360 degree views of the ocean and the mountains beyond on the mainland. This is a great spot for sundowners.

### CABINET DES CURIOSITIES

Housing rare items such as an extinct elephant-bird egg, pygmy hippo skeleton and other cultural and natural artefacts celebrating Madagascar's rich heritage.

### IN VILLA SPA TREATMENTS

Trained therapists pamper you in the privacy of your own villa. Our treatments feature African botanical products. Choose from a selection of massages, facials, body treatments, manicures, pedicures and Thai yoga-therapy.

### GUIDED NATURE WALKS

In the island's forested heart, our guides will introduce you to the local birds, chameleons, lemurs, non-venomous snakes and orchids.

### GUIDED BIRDING

Every year, nearby island Nosy Manampaho is taken over by tens of thousands of nesting terns. It is a very special experience to go on a guided nature walk here.



# NEED TO KNOW

## ACCESSING THE ISLAND

Access to Nosy Ankao is only via helicopter. We operate two Robinson 44 helicopters, with highly experienced pilots. They will meet you on your arrival into either Nosy Be or Diego Suarez Airports. From there you will depart for Nosy Ankao, home to Time + Tide Miavana. From Nosy Be, it is a 1 hour flight, and from Diego Suarez, it is 30 minutes. Be sure to have your camera ready - it's a very scenic flight along the ocean, mountains and beaches.

## COMMUNICATIONS

At Time + Tide Miavana, we have very limited wifi and limited phone signal if you are using a local SIM card. Please note that the wifi is island speed!

We strongly believe that unplugging from the hectic pace of modern life and reconnecting with nature and each other is a central part of the Time + Tide Miavana experience. We encourage you to unplug during your stay and enjoy the wonders of the resort and northern Madagascar.

## CHARGING

Madagascar runs on 220 volts. Throughout the villas, there are international, multi adaptor plug points for your convenience. We operate on a combination of solar and generator power.

## TIPPING

When staying at Time + Tide Miavana, tipping is entirely at your discretion. If you wish to tip, we suggest an amount of \$10 per person, per day. Many people work hard to make your stay at Time + Tide Miavana a magical experience. As such, all tips are equally distributed throughout the entire staff, both those you have and haven't seen. Before your departure, you may place any tips into an envelope and leave it at the front desk for the manager to distribute. If there are any staff members that you feel have provided exceptionally good service, you are welcome to tip them an additional amount.