

MIAVANA
BY TIME + TIDE

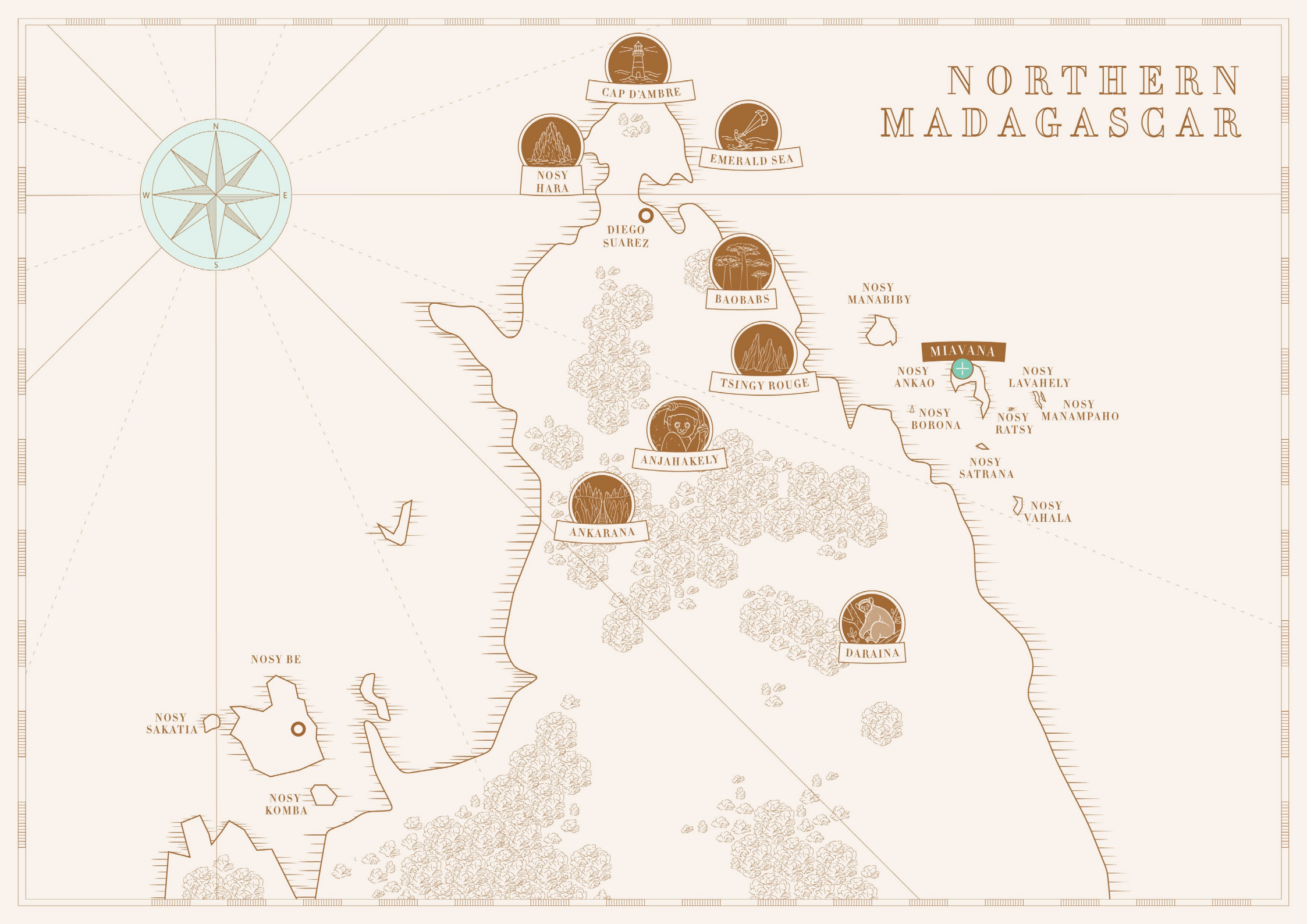
Off-Island Helicopter Adventures



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.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ANJAHAKELY
NOSY SATRANA
ANKARANA
NOSY VAHALA
DARAINA
NOSY BE
NOSY SAKATIA
NOSY KOMBA







DARAINA

Touch down on a forested ridge and step into a quiet world of lemurs, chameleons, geckos and endemic birds. Remote, peaceful, and deeply immersive, Daraina is perfectly suited to families with younger children and those with a love for lemurs.

Critically-endangered golden crowned sifakas are often seen up close and in lively groups, sometimes alongside crowned lemurs. Birdlife and distinctive Malagasy flora enrich the experience, with beautiful orchids blooming along the trail from mid-August through March.

+ *Walking duration: Approx 1.5 hours*
+ *Walking requirement: Easy. A gentle walk with wide, open trails*
+ *Best time of year: October – May. Visitors arriving from mid-August may catch orchids in early bloom along the trail*
+ *Suitable for: All Ages*

Choose this adventure if you want the best lemur experience with minimal walking.

ANJAHAKELY

After a scenic flight over Madagascar's northern landscape, touch down on the wild escarpment forest. This remote terrain rewards those who seek a true sense of the untouched bush, far from the well-worn trail.

Home to multiple lemur species, Anjahakely offers sightings of crowned, sportive, and bamboo lemurs. There is also the exciting possibility of seeing the Perrier's Sifaka, one of the rarest primates on earth, listed as Critically Endangered with fewer than 500 individuals estimated in the wild. Rich birdlife, reptiles, and distinctive Malagasy flora complete the experience.

+ *Walking duration: Approx. 2–3 hours*
+ *Walking requirement: Moderate. The trail includes a few steeper sections and gentle ups and downs*
+ *Best time of year: May – December. The dry season brings clearer conditions, more accessible terrain, and active wildlife*
+ *Suitable for: 10 years and older*

Choose this adventure if you enjoy hiking and would like to encounter multiple lemur species in a remote forest environment.













ANKARANA DISCOVERY

After landing at Ankarana Lodge, a short 4x4 transfer takes you to the entrance of Ankarana National Park. From here, follow a guided circuit through baobab forest, past towering limestone walls and towards one of the reserve's striking natural sinkholes.

This shorter route offers an introduction to Ankarana's distinctive landscapes, with opportunities to spot crowned, sportive and Sanford's lemurs, alongside birds and geckos. Follow a different trail on the return journey, discovering new perspectives of the limestone terrain and surrounding forest.

+ *Walking duration: 2.5 hours*
+ *Walking requirement: Easy – Moderate*
+ *Best time of year: May – November*
+ *Suitable for: 6 years and older*

Choose this adventure for a shorter walk combining striking scenery and wildlife opportunities.

ANKARANA EXPLORER

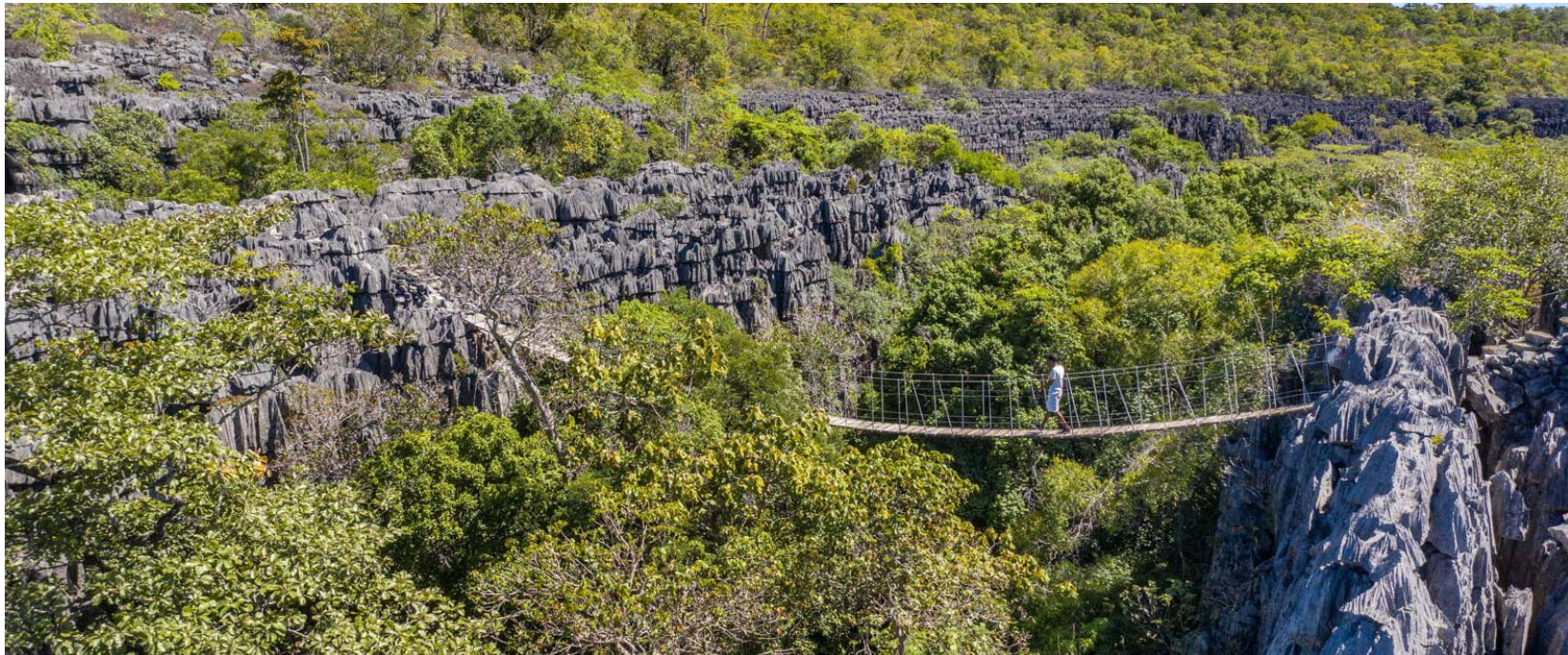
For those looking to explore further, this extended guided hike takes you deeper into Ankarana National Park, following more demanding trails through its limestone terrain and dry deciduous forest. The route includes a crossing of the hanging bridge, offering a different perspective of the reserve's striking tsingy formations.

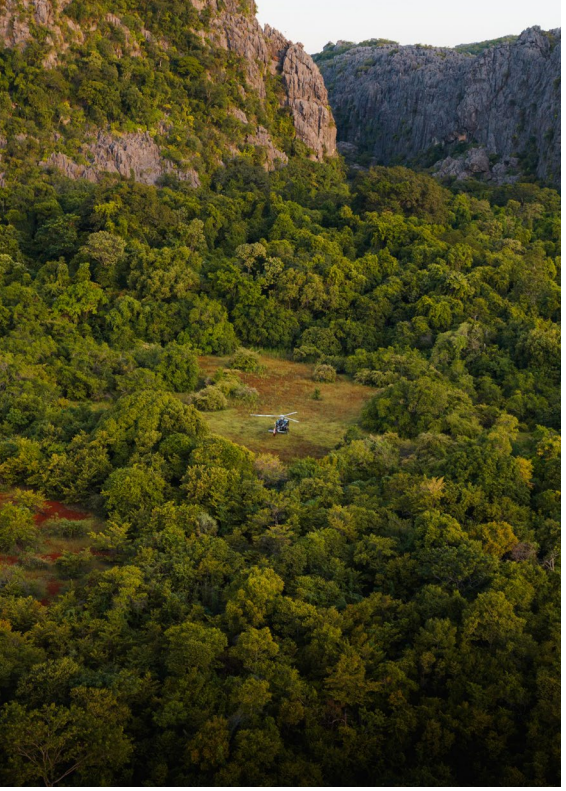
With more ground to cover, the experience focuses on the scale and diversity of Ankarana's landscape, from limestone walls and rugged pathways to sweeping viewpoints. Wildlife sightings are possible along the way, although the dramatic scenery remains the highlight. Return along an alternative trail before enjoying a selection of snacks ahead of your helicopter departure.

+ *Walking duration: 5 hours*
+ *Walking requirement: Moderate – Challenging*
+ *Best time of year: May – November*
+ *Suitable for: 12 years and older*

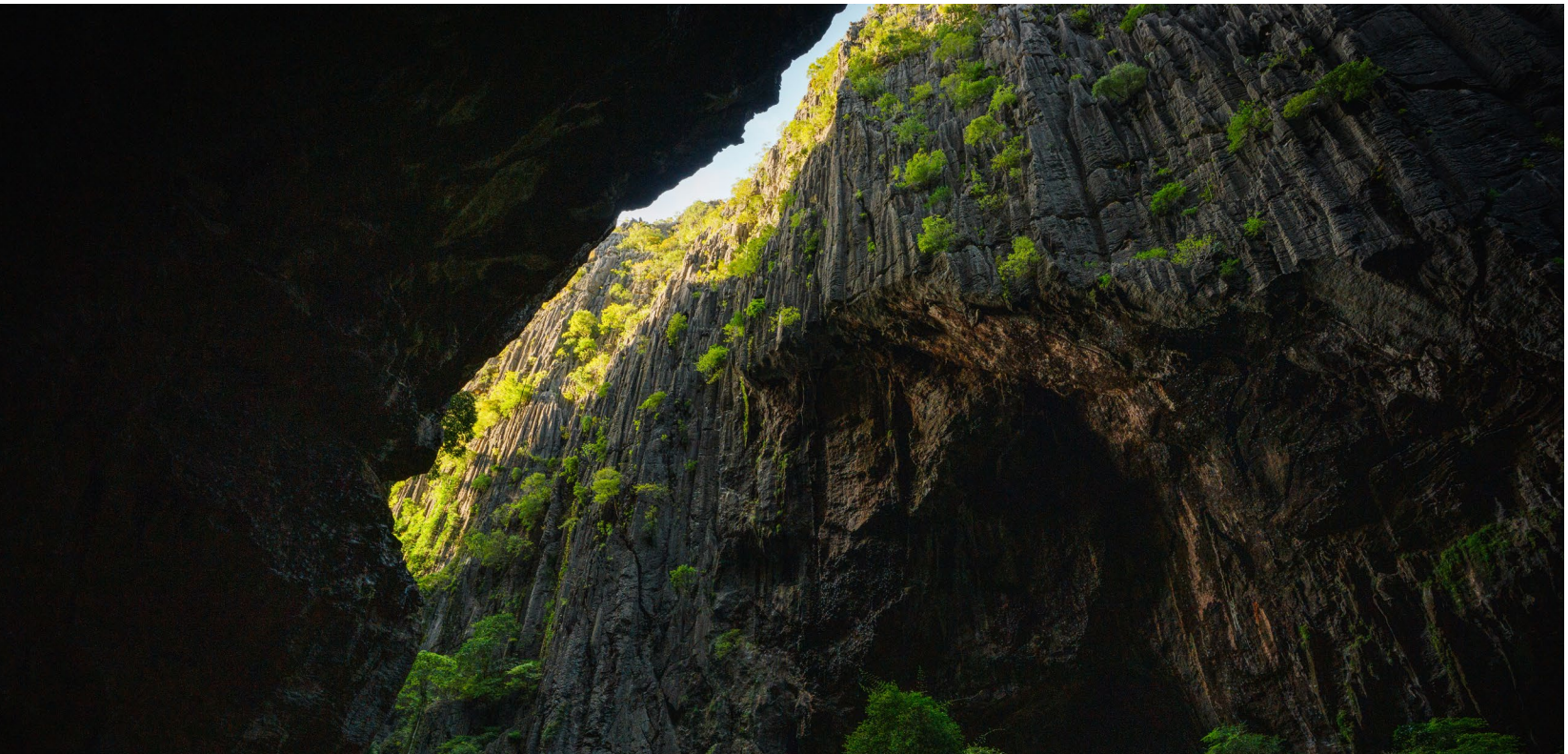
Choose this adventure for a challenging hike through Ankarana's dramatic limestone landscapes.











ANKARANA CAVE ADVENTURE

Discover a different side of Ankarana National Park with a guided exploration beneath its limestone landscape. Available by advance arrangement, this adventure takes keen hikers into the reserve's cave network, offering a closer look at the geological formations hidden below the surface.

The entrance into the cave is relatively straightforward, while the return climb requires greater physical effort and confidence on uneven terrain. Handrails provide support along sections of the ascent, making this experience best suited to fit adults who are comfortable with more demanding hiking conditions. Wildlife may be encountered along the route, although the cave itself is the central focus.

+ *Walking duration: Depends on how many caves you want to explore.*
+ *Walking requirement: Challenging*
+ *Best time of year: Subject to seasonal conditions*
+ *Suitable for: Adults only*
+ *Advance booking required*

Choose this adventure for a physically demanding exploration of Ankarana's underground caves.

TSINGY ROUGE

After landing nearby, enjoy a short and gentle walk through a valley of vivid red and white laterite formations, sculpted over centuries by wind and rain into one of Madagascar's most striking natural landscapes. With its easy terrain and quiet setting, Tsingy Rouge is ideally paired with another adventure.

Wildlife is minimal, though chameleons occasionally appear during the wetter season. October and November are particularly good for birdwatching, including bee-eaters. The real draw here is the landscape itself, unusual, photogenic, and completely unlike anywhere else in the region.

+ *Walking duration: 45 minutes – 1 hours*
+ *Walking requirement: Easy. A short walk on gentle terrain. Water crossings and short incline to viewpoint.*
+ *Best time of year: December – March. Seasonal chameleon sightings.*
+ *Suitable for: All ages, including young children*

Choose this adventure if you're interested in geology, striking landscapes and photographic opportunities, with very little walking. Ideal for combining with another adventure.







BAOBABS

Lift off on a scenic helicopter flight over Madagascar's remarkable baobabs, known in Malagasy as Reniala, the Mother of the Forest. Ancient, increasingly rare, and especially striking from the air, these iconic giants are best appreciated at low level, drifting slowly over a landscape that feels timeless.

Choose between a scenic flyover, ideal for combining with another excursion, or a landing in a clearing near the baobabs, where you can stop and enjoy a picnic surrounded by this grand setting. Landings are seasonal and subject to vegetation and weather conditions.

+ *Walking requirement: Minimal*
+ *Best time of year: Year-round. No landing between November and April due to the rain and thick vegetation*
+ *Suitable for: All ages, including young children*

Choose this adventure if you would like a scenic helicopter flight with breathtaking views of the baobabs from the air and land.

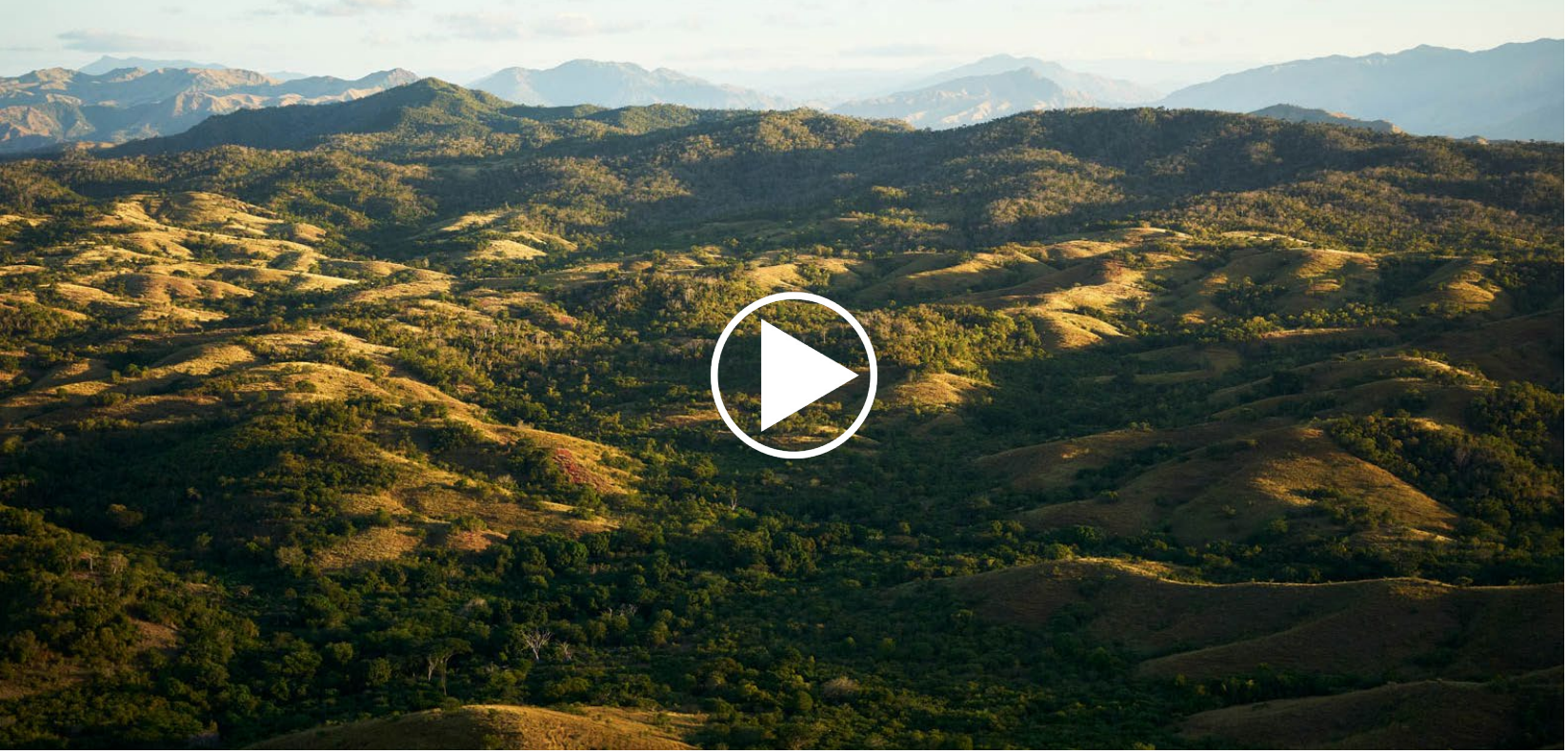
SECLUDED SUNDOWNERS

Land on a remote islet or secluded ridge, reachable only by helicopter, and savour sweeping views across the archipelago to Miavana in complete privacy. Sit back while your drinks and snacks are prepared, and as the sky turns pink, lift off and head back to your private island sanctuary.

+ *Walking requirement: Minimal*
+ *Best time of year: Year-round*
+ *Suitable for: All ages*

Choose this adventure if you are celebrating a special occasion or looking for a romantic experience.









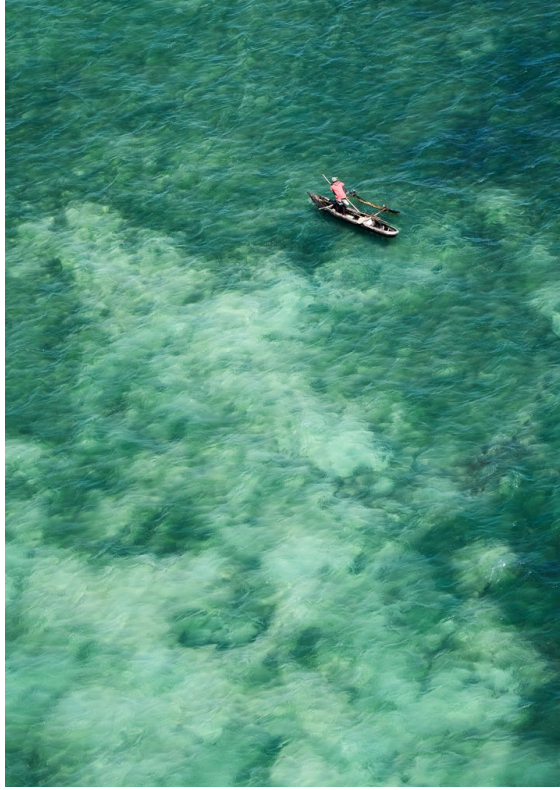
NORTHERN CIRCUIT ADVENTURE FLYING

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 landing at the Northern tip, a breath-taking collection of remote islands rising out of the calm Baie de Courrier, for a picnic lunch before returning back to Miavana. This adventure is best for explorers and photographers seeking the ultimate scenic route.

+ *Excursion duration: 3.5 hours*
+ *Walking requirement: Minimal*
+ *Best time of year: Year-round*
+ *Suitable for: All ages*

Choose this adventure if you would like to experience the scale and diversity of Northern Madagascar from the air and land.





CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Anything is possible. Discuss your personal interests with our helicopter pilots and guides and tailor-make your very own adventure. Choose any two of our local excursions, from Ankarana, Anjahakely, Tsingy Rouge, Daraina or the Baobabs, and combine them into one unforgettable off-island adventure, carefully curated to showcase Madagascar's extraordinary landscapes and wild beauty.











HELI-KITING

Miavana is the perfect launch point for modern-day adventure, offering the freedom to explore Madagascar's pristine, uncharted waters from an entirely new perspective. Heli-kiting unlocks exclusive access to remote kiteboarding locations, where you can land on deserted beaches and ride across vast, untouched seascapes with not another kite in sight. From the luminous Emerald Sea to hidden sandspits and winding mangroves, each outing is shaped by wind, tide, and discovery. A favourite journey begins on the uninhabited island of Manampaho, with an unforgettable downwinder tracing the coast back to Miavana and finishing at our own Kite Beach.

+ *Excursion duration: Approx.3–4 hours*
+ *Difficulty: Moderate – Advanced. Prior kiteboarding experience required*
+ *Best time of year: May – October, subject to wind and tide conditions*
+ *Suitable for: Experienced kiters. Please speak to your guide team for specific age and ability requirements*













HELI-FISHING

Our helicopters unlock access to waters few have ever explored, flying you far beyond the usual reach to fish in remote, untouched locations. Each trip is shaped around you, with the helicopter dropping you on secluded sandbanks or at a chosen point to meet a waiting boat, opening up areas otherwise only reached after long journeys by sea. Closer to Miavana, the helis connect you to exceptional fishing grounds on nearby islands and the mainland, best during the summer months. In winter, the adventure can extend to the west coast and Nosy Be, including the Mitsio Islands and Castor Banks, where sailfish and other prized species await, with options for a full day or even an overnight escape on the water.

+ *Excursion duration: Full day*
+ *Difficulty: Experienced fishermen only*
+ *Best time of year: April – October*
+ *Suitable for: Adults*
+ *Price on request*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OUR HELICOPTERS

+ Miavana owns two Robinson R66 helicopters and an Airbus H130 helicopter.
+ All three are single-engine helicopters.
+ Please note that you will always be accompanied by a guide on excursions, with the exception of Ankarana where a local guide is sourced. Our guides will share their local knowledge on fauna and flora and are available to translate along the way.
+ Therefore, maximum capacity is 3 people in the R66 and 6 people in the H130, unless otherwise stated.
+ 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 change and 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!





Time and tide wait for no man,
start your journey today.

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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)



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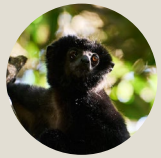


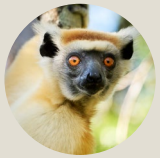
NOSY SATRANA

ANJAHAKELY

NOSY VAHALA

ANKARANA





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	HELICOPTER	
MIAVANA BY TIME + TIDE	**R66** Max 3 Guests ***With the exception of Daraina & Baobabs where max 2 Guests*	**H130** Max 6 Guests ***With the exception of Daraina & Baobabs where MAX 5 Guests*
ANKARANA	$3 100	$5 495
TSINGY ROUGE	$3 100	$5 495
ANJAHAKELY	$3 100	$5 495
BAOBABS	$3 100	$5 495
DARAINA	$3 100	$5 495
SECLUDED SUNDOWNERS	$2 000	$3 600
NORTHERN CIRCUIT	$5 700	$10 400
COMBINATION EXCURSION		
SELECT ANY TWO FROM OUR LOCAL EXCURSIONS: *Ankarana, Anjahakely, Tsingy Rouge, Daraina or Baobabs* YOUR TWO CHOICES WILL BE COMBINED INTO ONE OFF ISLAND ADVENTURE	$3 900	$7 300