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Yacht Catherine





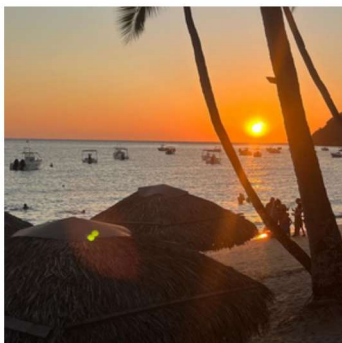
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WELCOME TO YACHT CATHERINE

Welcome to Yacht Catherine, a relaxed, friendly charter operating around Nosy Be and the surrounding islands.

This guide is designed to help you understand how things work on board, what is included, what to pack, and what to expect day to day – especially useful if this is your first Madagascar sailing experience.

Life on Catherine is informal, flexible, and guided by weather, tides, and your skipper's local knowledge.



ROUTE AT A GLANCE

Your exact route will be confirmed on board, but cruises typically explore:

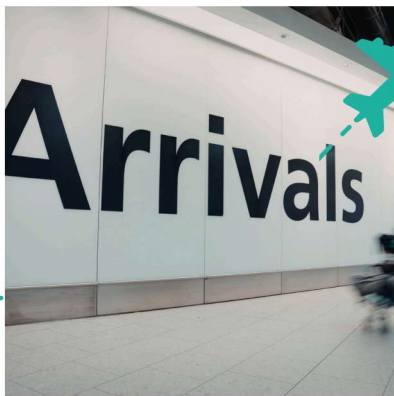
- Nosy Be and nearby islands
- Island hopping and beach stops
- Time ashore at small villages for arts & crafts
- Snorkelling bays and quiet anchorages

⚠ Important:

Routes are always weather- and sea-condition dependent. Final decisions are made by the skipper for safety and comfort.



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ARRIVALS

On arrival at Nosy Be Airport:

- Clear immigration and collect luggage as normal.
- Exit the arrivals hall.

Meet & greet:

You will be met personally by the owner or the captain.

They will be holding a sign with your surname clearly displayed.

Transfers:

You will be escorted directly to your transfer and onward to the yacht. If there are any delays, simply remain near the arrivals area – your host will wait

What to wear on arrival day

- Light clothing
- Shorts or trousers that can get wet
- Easy-to-remove shoes or sandals



BAR & DRINKS

Charged (cash honesty bar):

- All soft drinks
- Beers
- Wine
- Spirits & cocktails

Bar prices are payable on board, in cash.

A detailed drinks list with 2026 prices is available

Bringing your own alcohol:

You are welcome to bring wine or spirits.

No corkage fee is charged.



EMERGENCY

Emergency Contacts & Medical

- Nearest hospital: Nosy Be
- For onboard issues: Inform the skipper or crew immediately



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INCLUDED VS EXCLUDED

Included:

- Drinking water
- Tea & coffee
- Use of snorkelling gear
- Kayak
- Swimming towels
- Fishing on route (leisure cruises)
- Crew services
- Meals

Extras (payable on board):

- All drinks except water
- Certain excursions ashore
- Fishing charters (specialised trips)
- Tips for crew (optional)
- Park Fees

- Nosy Iranja: The fee is 5,000 Ariary per person, payable in cash.

- Nosy Tanikely: The fee is 40,000 Ariary per person. Cash is not accepted at this location; however, you can pay online upon arrival. Alternatively, the captain can assist you with a transfer via Orange Money if you prefer to provide him with the cash directly.



WATER SPORTS & EQUIPMENT

Available on board:

- Snorkelling masks & fins
- Kayak

Fishing

Leisure cruises:

Casual fishing is done on route using onboard equipment.

Dedicated fishing charters:

Serious anglers are expected to bring their own gear on prearranged fishing charters.



MONEY & TIPPING

Tipping guidelines

There is no fixed local standard.

As a general guideline, we recommend between 12 and 15 Euro per crew member per day, but this is entirely at your discretion and depends on service and experience.

Cash tips are appreciated and usually given at the end of the cruise.

Payments on Board

Cash only

Accepted currencies:

- Euro
- Malagasy Ariary (MGA)
- No credit cards are accepted.

👉 It's advisable to withdraw cash at the airport on arrival.

POWER & WIFI

Power & charging

- Power outlets are available in cabins.
- Plug type: Standard 2-point (round) plug.
- Best practice: charge devices when power is available; avoid high-watt appliances.

WIFI

- No guaranteed Wi-Fi on board.
- Mobile signal is intermittent and depends on proximity to Nosy Be.
- Expect limited or no connectivity at anchor in remote areas.

PACKING CHECKLIST

Essentials:

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Hat & sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Personal medications
- Snorkelling gear if specific about fit

Nice to have:

- Snorkelling rash vest
- Light jacket for evenings
- Cash in small denominations
- Your favourite wine or spirits
- Motion sickness medication (just incase)





FINAL NOTES

CONTACT INFORMATION

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What sets Catherine apart is the presence of **Sue, the boat's owner**, on every charter. Her personal hosting style ensures a warm, attentive, and seamless experience from start to finish.

We wish you calm seas and an exceptional journey.



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