



## MADAGASCAR: 6-DAY MASOALA PENINSULA PRE-TOUR

12 - 17 OCTOBER 2019



**Helmet Vanga** is a member of one of the five endemic avian families of Madagascar. We will be looking for it on this tour.

The Masoala Peninsula pre-tour can generate the unbelievable **Helmet Vanga**, **Brown Mesite**, and **Short-legged Ground Roller**, as well as the largest – and most bizarre – nocturnal lemur, the Aye-aye, and a stack more.

This pre-tour to our **Best of Madagascar: 14-day Birding and Wildlife Tour 2019** can also be booked as a stand-alone tour.

### Itinerary (6 days/5 nights)

#### Day 1. Flight to Maroantsetra

We fly to Maroantsetra and transfer to our hotel.

Overnight: Masoala Resort, Maroantsetra

#### Days 2. Boat transfer to Masoala National Park

Today we will take a boat trip across Antongil Bay, Madagascar's largest bay. We travel past the island of Nosy Mangabe and eventually reach the Masoala Peninsula, which contains Madagascar's largest tract of lowland rainforest and also its largest national park in the form of Masoala National Park.

Overnight: Ecolodge Chez Arol, Masoala

#### Days 3 – 4. Birding Masoala National Park

We bird the incredible forests and remote tropical beaches of Masoala National Park for some of Madagascar's most awesome birds, including **Madagascan Pratincole**, **Crested Coua**, **Blue Coua**, **Helmet Vanga**, **Short-legged Ground Roller**, **Brown Mesite**, **White-browed Hawk-Owl**, and many other sought-after birds. There are also some incredible lemurs here, including Red-ruffed Lemur and Red-fronted Lemur.

Overnight: Ecolodge Chez Arol, Masoala

#### Day 5. Boat Transfer to Maroantsetra, flight to Antananarivo

We return via the wonderful boat trip to Maroantsetra and from there fly to Antananarivo. Transfer to our hotel.

Overnight: Relais des Plateaux, Antananarivo

#### Day 6. Departure, or day 1 of main trip

Today either your international flight will leave for home or you will start on our Madagascar main tour.

<b>Duration:</b>	6 days
<b>Limit:</b>	6 – 8
<b>Date:</b>	12 – 17 October 2018
<b>Start:</b>	Antananarivo (Tana)
<b>End:</b>	Antananarivo (Tana)

**Price:** €1968 per person sharing, assuming 6-8 participants, plus €620 for the domestic flights, which we will book for you

**Single supplement:** €98  
At request clients can upgrade to the new lodge in Masoala, given a significant surcharge.

#### Price includes:

Meals

Accommodation  
Guiding fees  
Entrance fees  
All transport while on tour  
Bottled water throughout the tour

**Price excludes:**

International flights  
Return flight Tana/Maroantsetra/Tana  
Items of a personal nature, e.g. gifts  
Drinks  
Laundry  
Personal insurance  
Gratuities

*Please note that the detailed itinerary below cannot be guaranteed as it is only a rough guide and can be changed (usually slightly) due to factors such as availability of accommodation, updated information on the state of accommodation, roads, or birding sites, the discretion of the guides and other factors. In addition, we sometimes have to use a different international guide to the one advertised due to tour scheduling.*