



## **MADAGASCAR: 6-DAY BERENTY RESERVE EXTENSION**

**30 OCTOBER – 4 NOVEMBER 2024**

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*Berenty Reserve is famous for its lemur species such as Verreaux's Sifaka.*

The small, private Berenty Reserve, situated at the southern tip of Madagascar, is one of the island's best-known and most frequently visited nature reserves. Stretching along the Mandrare River, it is composed of deciduous riverine gallery forest and a small stretch of spiny forest, where virtually all the plants are covered in thorns.

Although most famous for its dense lemur population, with hundreds of individuals per square kilometer (research on lemurs has been continuing here for more than three decades), the reserve is also a haven for birdwatchers, boasting a high number of endemic species. With luck we might be able to find **Madagascan Sandgrouse, Madagascan Green Pigeon, Torotoroka Scops Owl,** and perhaps even **Madagascan Cuckoo-Hawk** here.

This extension to our **Best of Madagascar: 14-day Birding and Wildlife Tour** can also be booked as a stand-alone tour. It can also be combined, preceding the main tour, with our **Madagascar: 6-day Masoala Peninsula Pre-tour** and, preceding that, with our **Madagascar: 7-day Northwest (Ankarafantsika/Betsiboka Delta) Pre-tour.**



*White-browed Hawk-Owl can be found at daytime roosts.*

### Itinerary (6 days/5 nights)

#### Day 1. Arrival in Fort Dauphin

We will take a flight from Antananarivo or Toliara to Fort Dauphin. After arrival we will transfer to our hotel.

Overnight: Croix du Sud, Fort Dauphin



## Day 2. Transfer to Berenty, birding Berenty Reserve

An early departure will take us on our way for the two- to three-hour drive to the Berenty Reserve. Our interesting drive from Fort Dauphin with its rice paddies and tropical forests through vast sisal plantations to the famous dry spiny forest that once covered large areas of this part of Madagascar, but sadly today exists only in small patches, will probably allow us to find **Sakalava Weaver** and **Namaqua Dove** on the way.

In the afternoon and during an evening outing we will start to explore this magnificent park.

Overnight: Berenty Lodge, Berenty



*The fantastic **Red-capped Coua** has a loud and interesting call.*

## Day 3. Birding Berenty Reserve

Exploring Berenty Reserve for a full day, we hope to find **Madagascan Sandgrouse**, **Madagascan Green Pigeon**, **Madagascan Buttonquail**, **Malagasy Turtle Dove**, **Madagascan Sparrowhawk**, **Giant, Crested, Running, and Red-capped Couas**, **Chabert, Hook-billed, and Sickle-billed Vangas**, **Grey Emutail**, **Grey-headed Lovebird**, **Subdesert Brush Warbler**, and **Humblot's Heron**, and possibly also **Madagascan Cuckoo-Hawk**, which is, however, difficult to find.

On night outings we will hunt for **Rainforest Scops Owl**, **White-browed Hawk-Owl**, and **Torotoroka Scops Owl**.

Lemurs will keep us entertained throughout the reserve. During the day we will marvel at the antics of **Ring-tailed Lemur** and **Verreaux's Sifaka**, while at night we might be lucky enough

to encounter **White-footed Sportive Lemur**, **Grey Mouse-lemur**, and **Grey-brown Mouse-lemur**.

Overnight: Berenty Lodge, Berenty

#### **Day 4. Birding Berenty Reserve, transfer to Fort Dauphin**

We will spend the morning once more at Berenty Reserve, searching for species we might have missed before.

In the afternoon we will transfer back to Fort Dauphin.

Overnight: Croix du Sud, Fort Dauphin



*Vangas such this Sickie-billed Vanga will be high on our target list on this tour.*

#### **Day 5. Flight to Antananarivo**

Today we will fly back to Antananarivo and transfer to our hotel.

Overnight: Relais des Plateaux, Antananarivo

#### **Day 6. Departure**

Today your international flights will leave for home.

*Please note that the itinerary 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 from the one advertised due to tour scheduling.*

**Duration:** 6 days  
**Limit:** 6 – 8  
**Dates:** 30 October – 04 November 2024  
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**Start:** Antananarivo (Tana)  
**End:** Antananarivo (Tana)  
**Prices:** €2,969 per person sharing, assuming 6-8 participants, plus about €915 for the domestic flights, which we will book for you (2024)  
€3,295 per person sharing, assuming 6-8 participants, plus about €1,015 for the domestic flights, which we will book for you (2025)

**Single supplements:** €327 (2024)  
€362 (2025)

**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/Fort Dauphin/Tana  
Items of a personal nature, e.g. gifts  
Drinks  
Laundry  
Personal insurance  
Gratuities (please see our [tipping guidelines blog](#))