



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

# 1. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Tourist visas are generally available on arrival for many nationalities, depending on the duration of your stay:

From 0 to 15 days: €10 or \$10 From 16 to 30 days: €35 or \$37 From 30 to 60 days: €40 and \$45

An entry and residence visa is required for stays of less than two months. The tourist visa is very easy to obtain and can be picked up directly at the airport on arrival.

# How to get one?

#### Online:

You can apply on the official E-visa website (http://www.evisamada.gov.mg/). You'll be given a disembarkation authorization, which you'll need to present at the airport in Madagascar in order to pay for your visa on the spot. The PAF will then give you your secure sticker.

#### On site:

After leaving the plane, you will be directed to the aisle entitled "Foreign passport, non-resident". You will need a valid passport, an e-ticket, a return or onward ticket (with presentation of the ticket and visa for the following country) and an accommodation address. The visa fee will be paid at the airport counter. Once you've received your disembarkation authorization, go to the PAF counter, where you'll be given your security sticker.

### 2. VACCINATIONS AND HEALTH

Ensure routine vaccinations are up to date

We suggest international traveller to get vaccinated for yellow fever, typhoid, and hepatitis A/B for a better protection

Malaria prophylaxis is recommended as well.

# 3. CURRENCY AND BANKING

Cash The official currency is the malagasy Ariary (MGA)
Credit cards are not widely accepted, especially in rural areas
ATMs are available in major cities, but it's advisable to carry credit cards.

# 4. LANGUAGE

The official languages are malagasy and French English is not widely spoken, so learning basic Malagasy phrases can be helpful.

# 5. TRANSPORTATION

Domestic flights are common for covering large distances quickly
Taxis and local buses are common in cities, while it's by non-motorized "sailing boatry" on
the west coast, or motorized "lakana" boats on the east coast.

# 6. ACCOMODATION

Madagascar has a various types of accommodations from basic hotel to posh accommodation for a safe and comfort stay.

Accommodations structures never ceased growing over here, as a fresh luxury hotel were recently implemented on the island like: RADISSON BLUE HOTEL and Mantis.

Book accommodations in advance, especially during peak tourist seasons

#### 7. CLIMATE

Madagascar has a tropical climate with a rainy season from november to march The best time to visit is during the dry season from April to October.

### 8. SAFETY

Be cautious of petty theft, especially in crowded areas.

Follow local advice on safety, especially in remote areas.

Keep valuables under lock and key or use safe in hotel – never leave cash or valuables lying around. Lock up bags when travelling.

## 9. CULTURAL ETIQUETTE

Respect local customs and traditions
Ask permission before taking photos of people

# 10. ELECTRICITY

The standard voltage is 220V, and the outlets are typically European-style.

# 11. <u>INTERNET AND COMMUNICATION</u>

Wi-fi is available in urban areas, but it might be slower in rural regions Purchase a local SIM card for better connectivity

# 12. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Respect the unique ecosystems and wildlife.
- Practice responsible tourism to minimize your impact.
- Dispose of waste properly
- Be considerate of other visitors
- Leave only footprint,