

# Madagascar

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Madagascar due to crime and civil unrest. Some areas have increased risk.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

(+261) 33 44 320 00; US Embassy Antananarivo, Lot 207 A, Point Liberty, Andranoro, Antehiroka, 105 Antananarivo, Madagascar; <https://mg.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

### Telephone Code

261

### Local Emergency Phone

Police 117, Fire & Rescue 118

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Madagascar: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

### Climate

Tropical along coast, temperate inland, arid in south

### Currency (Code)

Malagasy ariary (MGA)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E



Type C



Type E

### Major Languages

French, Malagasy, English

### Major Religions

Christian, indigenous, Muslim

### Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

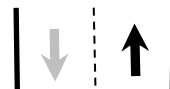
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right



### Tourist Destinations

Ile Sainte Marie; Isalo National Park; Tsingy de Bemaraha; Avenue of the Baobabs; Royal Hill of Ambohimanga

### Major Sports

Soccer, rugby, track and field, basketball, tennis

### Cultural Practices

Personal space is much less than an arms length away unless you are sick. Eye contact is usually limited between the majority of the separate groups of Madagascar, mainly out of respect. If you point your index finger it is rude unless it is bent.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is expected for tour guides and drivers. Tip the guide the equivalent of 15,000-20,000 AR (\$7-10 USD) per day and the driver 5,000-10,000 AR (about \$5 USD) per day. Bellboys and housekeepers should receive about 2000 AR per bag or per day as a tip.

### Souvenirs

Vanilla, baobab seeds, Batik/handwoven fabric and hand-beaded slippers; gold or silver hairpins, brooches, and other jewelry; pewter goods

### Traditional Cuisine

Romazava — beef and green leaves stew

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