



PERFUMED ISLES OF MADAGASCAR

A PRIVATE TRAVEL JOURNEY WITH COX & KINGS

Nosy Be • Nosy Iranja • Mitsio Archipelago

TOUR DETAILS

6 Days / 5 Nights

START / FINISH

Nosy Be / Nosy Be

COUNTRIES VISITED

Madagascar

Prices 2011

From \$2,380 per person double occupancy

WHAT'S INCLUDED

All accommodation as per the itinerary

Full board dining daily

Speedboat transfers to/from Nosy Be

Non-motorized water sports

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

International Airfare from the United States

Visa fees

Travel insurance

Airport taxes and excess baggage fees

Gratuities and Drinks

Spa Treatments and Motorized Sports

Personal expenses not included, such as massages, meals/activities/drinks not specified



Tsarabanjina Island

From Nosy Be, known as the Perfumed Isle for its abundance of Ylang Ylang, access two of the most pristine islands of the Indian Ocean by scenic boat ride.

Nosy Iranja is to the south. A private island with 30 bungalows and shifting sands, Iranja is a living island. Stroll across its sandbar at low tide to the neighboring island's small village and lighthouse, remarkably designed by Gustav Eiffel, and survey the unsullied seas.

To the north is Tsarabanjina, part of the Mitsio Archipelago. Delight in the unique rock formations of this island chain while exploring its perfect waters. The 21 bungalows offer barefoot splendor in this virtually undiscovered, unspoiled paradise.

Witness the laying and hatching of sea turtle eggs, visit the local village and school, Scuba dive, game fish and enjoy other water sports, stargaze at twilight, indulge in massage and reflexology, explore and trek Nosy Iranja Be, and add this experience to our Mysteries of Madagascar for a complete Malagasy journey.

Days 1-5 – Nosy Be, Madagascar

NOSY IRANJA OR TSARABANJINA – 5 nights, Full Board

Day 6 – Depart Nosy Be

Day 1

Arrive Nosy Be, Madagascar

Arrive Nosy Be, and transfer by boat to **Nosy Iranja or Tsarabanjina**

Nosy Iranja – Whether by its continually shifting sands, the neighboring island village, hatching sea turtles or occasional bioluminescent dinoflagellates (glowing plankton), Nosy Iranja is very much a living island. Its 30 bungalows, each tucked discretely into the vegetation, are large and welcoming with a simple tastefulness. The main areas are open to the sea and inviting. On a quiet side of the island, turtle nests protect soon-to-be-hatched sea turtles, and seasonal whale migrations pass through annually.

At low tide, a sandbar connects Nosy Iranja to her larger sister island, Nosy Iranja Be. This interim land bridge is like a portal offering you a daily cultural experience with the village on the other side, or a visit to the old light tower, designed by Gustav Eiffel. You may see women “herding” fish off the sandbank or men poling their traditional wooden dhows out to fish. This noncommercial island experience offers more than a beach, yet you can retreat to the understated luxury of the resort at your desire, completely undisturbed.

Tsarabanjina – 21 bungalows, each 485 square feet, look out onto the sea with private terraces built from rosewood and a thatched roof. They are built on the north and south beaches. Every bungalow is unique, each one bearing the name of a flower, a tree or a fish. Each consists of the main bedroom equipped with fans, a bathroom with shower and separate toilet, and a private terrace with deck chairs and a coffee table.

Tsarabanjina is a sacred islet. On the small peninsula of the eastern beach is found the tomb of the Sakalava kings of the Mitsio islands. Up to this day the people of the Mitsio islands venerate this place. Les Quatre Frères (The Four Brothers islets), facing Tsarabanjina on the northwest side, are mythical rocks where a large number of birds, such as northern gannets, white-

tailed tropic birds, and frigate birds, come to build their nests. These islets, except one, are well known for scuba diving. On Tsarabanjina, enjoy over half a kilometer of pristine white sand beaches and azure waters.

Days 2-5 At Your Leisure
Activities on offer, or pure relaxation, **Nosy Iranja or Tsarabanjina**.

Day 6 To Nosy Be and Depart
Transfer by boat to Nosy Be and depart.

End of Travel Arrangements
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Tsarabanjina Island and Les Quatre Frères



Nosy Iranja Bungalow



Nosy Iranja Beach © Megan Bryant

Private tours depart daily subject to availability. Please call for details.

When to go: Nosy Be is part of the Northwest Sambirano climatic region, which experiences a rainy season of December through April and drier months May through November. This is a tropical micro-climate with frequent occasional heavy rain alternating with sunshine. The temperature is fairly temperate and warm most of the year.

Recommended add-on journeys:

Mysteries of Madagascar – 12 Days / 11 Nights
Mauritius: Princely Isle – 6 Days / 5 Nights

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Tsarabanjina Bungalow