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Essentials

Currency: MGA - Malagasy Ariary

Languages: The official languages of Madagascar are Malagasy and French.

ANTANANARIVO

Antananarivo, or Tana as it's popularly known, is Madagascar's vibrant capital, that offers a blend of cultural richness and natural beauty. Explore historic sites and savour Malagasy cuisine. Enjoy lively markets, traditional music and warm hospitality that the city offers. Antananarivo is a gateway to Madagascar's captivating landscapes and biodiversity.



Things to see



01



Rova of Antananarivo (Queen's Palace)



Explore the historic royal palace complex with its traditional wooden architecture and panoramic views of the city.

02



Presidential Palace



A beautiful 19th century building which was an official french residence for many years. Admire its grand architecture.

03



Tsimbazaza Zoo and Botanical Garden



Discover native Malagasy flora and fauna, including lemurs, reptiles, and endemic plants, within a tranquil botanical garden setting.



Where & what to buy

Local Handicrafts

Shop for wood carvings, embroidered textiles and traditional handicrafts at La Digue Craft Market or Akoor Digue for unique Malagasy art.



Malagasy Vanilla

Purchase high-quality vanilla beans at La Maison du Vanille or Marché Artisanal for authentic Malagasy vanilla.

Madagascar Coffee

Purchase locally grown coffee beans at La Maison du Café or La Bonne Adresse for a taste of Madagascar's rich coffee culture.



madagascarcoffeecompany.com/

Experiences



01

Musée de la Photo

Opened in early 2018, this is Antananarivo's premier museum. It features four small rooms showcasing films (in French, English, or Malagasy) with archival photos depicting Madagascar's history. Explore themes like the country's largest cities, notable figures, early photo studios, Sakalava burial traditions, and cultural rituals.



02

Gare Soarano

Antananarivo's historic old train station is now a charming shopping centre. It also hosts art exhibitions by Malagasy artists and has upscale boutiques.





Eat Right



Ravitoto

Try this traditional dish of mashed cassava leaves with pork or beef at La Varangue or La Boussole for an authentic Malagasy meal.



Romazava



Enjoy a hearty beef and leafy greens stew at Akany Avoko Faravohitra or La Maison de Celine for a taste of Madagascar's cuisine

Koba Ravina

Indulge in this sweet and sticky peanut and banana cake wrapped in banana leaves, available at local markets like Analakely or La Digue.

