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2017 Madagascar Tour - Itinerary

Tuesday, June 13 – Arrive at Ivato International Airport (TNR) in Antananarivo. Transfer to the 4-star Colbert Hotel for early check-in. This evening enjoy a welcome reception and dinner briefing about the culture and wildlife of Madagascar. *(dinner included)*

Wednesday, June 14 – Following breakfast will be a city tour with an English speaking guide. After lunch we will visit the Malagasy Academy's tiny but remarkable museum of natural history and anthropology, and the Queen's royal compound (including the last remaining portal in the city's ancient fortifications). Tonight you can relax and enjoy dinner on your own. *(breakfast and lunch included)*

Thursday, June 15 - Transfer after breakfast to the airport for the one hour flight to Toliara (also called Tulear), the capital of the Atsimo-Andrefana region. Board vehicles for a 3-4 hour scenic tour to Isalo. Once you check-in to the Jardin du Roy or its sister property Relais de la Reine join us for a welcome cocktail reception and orientation briefing. *(breakfast, lunch and dinner included)*

Friday, June 16 - After breakfast, you will meet your guide and drive to the starting trail for a 3-4 hour hike. You will enjoy natural pools, waterfalls and be on constant watch for groups or lemurs. We will offer an optional afternoon training run on part of the course. All meals will be enjoyed at the hotel today. *(breakfast, lunch and dinner included)*

Saturday, June 17 – Following breakfast will be morning drive into town for a sapphire mine tour provided by a Swiss gemologist. This area produces some of the world's purest sapphires, which were first unearthed only 25 years ago. A boom town continues to flourish alongside the mining areas. In the afternoon is race check-in and briefing around the pool at Jardin du Roy. Pre-race pasta dinner for all! *(breakfast, lunch and dinner included)*

Sunday, June 18 - Race Day! The start at 7:00am is outside your doorstep at Jardin du Roy and the finish will be at Relais de la Reine, which is a short walk from the Jardin du Roy Hotel. The post-race party with buffet dinner will include entertainment and an awards ceremony. *(breakfast, lunch and dinner included)*

Monday, June 19 - Depart your hotel today for the return drive to Toliara (Tulear) Airport. The group flight to Antananarivo (Tana) is currently scheduled to depart at 2:25PM and arrive at 4:05PM. A dayroom or overnight is necessary depending on your return flight home. Please note: all international flights must depart on Tuesday, June 20 since we don't return to Tana until the late afternoon. . For those extending their time in Madagascar on the extension, you will be divided into two groups. Please see the Extension Itinerary for additional details. *(breakfast included)*

Tuesday, June 20 – International departures home