

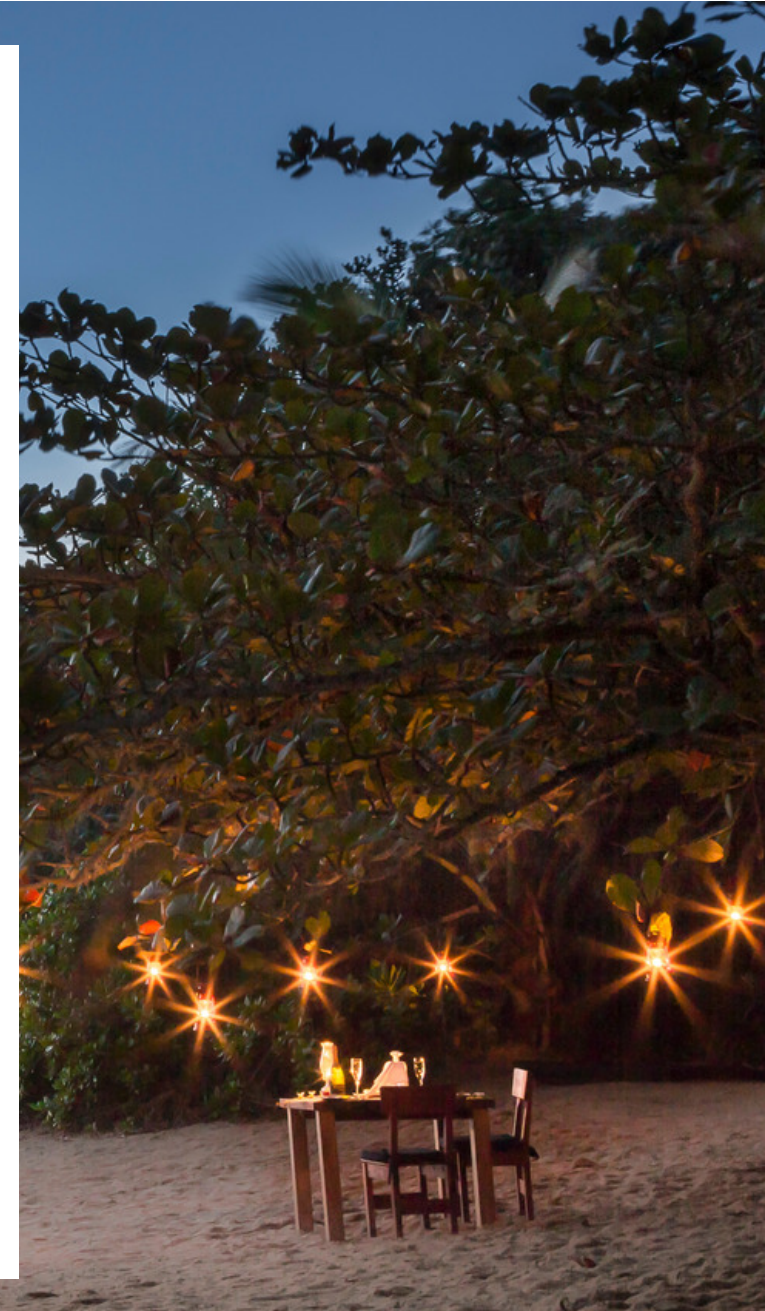


Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge

Activities

Manafiafy Beach and Rainforest lodge benefits from a unique location between rainforest, ocean and breathtaking mountain scenery. This allows for an exciting variety of activities.

Whether it's exploring the wildlife filled rainforests, coastal habitat or local villages there is always something for everyone.



Mangrove Trip

Manafiafy sits at the end of a 50km long Mangrove network. Take a guided kayak or motorboat through this natural water wonderland in search of some of Madagascar's endemic bird species.

Don't forget to take your camera, as when you look a little deeper you will find over 100 different amphibians and reptiles, many also unique to Madagascar.

Departure time: At sunset.

Equipment: Sunscreen, a hat, mosquito repellent and a camera.

Duration: 1.5 hours to 4 hours depending on the means of transportation.



Whale Watching

From July to November the seas come alive as humpback whales breach and play just off the shores of Manafiafy.

From the shore they are visible from the rocks and the specially designed whale-watching tower, however a short boat ride offers the ultimate up-close whale-watching experience.

Departure time: Early in the morning around 6 am

Equipment: Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses and camera

Duration: Excursions typically last 1-3 hours depending on the proximity of the whales.

Costs: 2 people: €100.00; 3 people €130.00; 4-6 people €155.00



Forest Walks

Further around the Bay lies one of the last remaining blocks of southern littoral rainforest. It's only a short boat ride or drive to see this fascinating eco-system. Spotting critically endangered species such as Southern Woolly Lemurs and Collared Brown Lemurs is made easy when accompanied by one of Manafiafy's expert guides. Finish off the forest walk with a delicious barbecue on an untouched beach.

Departure time: At around 9am.

Equipment: Sun screen, solid footwear mosquito repellent, a camera and a bathing suit

Duration: 2 to 3 hours.



Night Walk

In Madagascar forest walks are not only reserved for the day, night-time brings a whole new dimension to the forests. As the Southern Woolly and Collared Brown Lemurs settle in for the night and Mouse Lemurs, Sportive Lemurs and Fat-Tailed Dwarf lemurs wake up to feed. Chameleons, geckos and Tenrecs also use the cover of darkness to find their next meal. Manafiafy's Guides will make sure you don't miss a thing.

Departure time: At sunset.

Equipment: Long pants, solid footwear mosquito repellent and a camera.

Duration: Approx. 1.5 hours.



Flying Foxes

45 minutes' drive from Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge huge colonies of about 500 large, fruit-eating, Flying Foxes can be seen roosting in the forest adjacent to the mangroves network.

In its red list of threatened species, the International Union for Conservation of Nature has classified Flying Foxes as "Vulnerable" since their numbers appear to be declining.

Departure time: Either we leave the Lodge at dawn or around 4 pm to experience their most active phases.

Equipment: Long Pants, mosquito repellent, a camera and binoculars.

Duration: 2 to 3 hours.



Village Walk

Culture lovers can join a guided walk around Manafiafy Village. Only 15 minutes' walk from the Lodge this enchanting experience offers an insight into life in a typical Antanosy village.

A special highlight is the excitement of the village as the fishermen return with their catch, lots of fun and laughter and keen bargaining.

Departure time: The village can be visited any time, around 11 am the fishers return with their catches.

Equipment: Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses and a camera.

Duration: Between 45 minutes up to 1.5 hours.



Sundowner

After an exciting day full of new experiences, there is nothing better than watching the sunset on the nearby mountains with your favourite drink in hand.

Departure time: At around 5.30 pm.

Duration: Around one hour.



Private Island Camping

This is a must for guests with a sense of adventure. You are whisked away by boat at sunset to a small isolated island in the Indian Ocean. Enjoy a private dinner under the stars prepared by your very own personal chef before retiring to a beautiful tent suspended between the palms. Ever wanted to sleep under the stars on your private island? Now's your chance.

Departure time: At afternoon.

Equipment: Sunscreen, a hat, mosquito repellent, a camera, bathing suits and sleepwear

Duration: From the afternoon up until the next morning.

Costs: \$250.00 per person



Deep Sea Fishing

With a cool box filled with refreshing drinks, head out on the open waters of the Indian Ocean for a spot of deep-sea fishing.

The bait fish species include: Dorado, grouper, red snapper, sea bass, sea bream and South African kob. Trawl species are among others: Yellowfin Tuna, Barracuda, Giant Trevally, King Mackerel, Rainbow Runner, Sailfish and Wahoo.

On return hand your catch over to the chef who will prepare it for your next meal.

Departure time: Early in the morning around 6 am.

Equipment: Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, waterproof shoes with a little support.

Duration: Up to five hours.

We will bring the fishing equipment.

Costs: €265.00 for the boat

