



BABAKOTO Trek

A FIVE-DAY TREK

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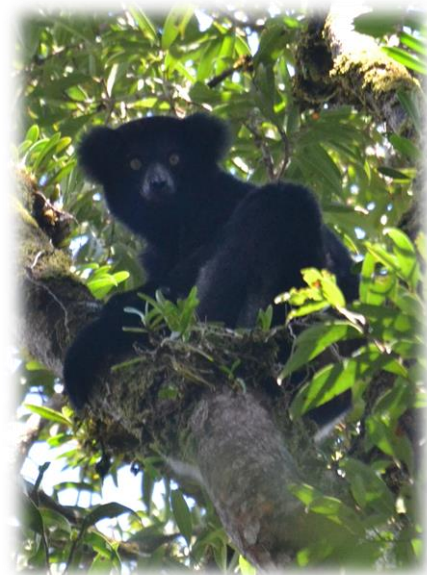


Babakoto is the Malagasy name for the **Indri-indri**, an appropriate name for this trek as you will spend one night in a tent in the jungle to be woken up by the Indri-indri's early morning song. The **BABAKOTO** trek is a five-day challenging trek through the jungle where few tourists have ever set foot, with nights spent in three different villages and one night in a tent in the forest.

Summary

The five-day **BABAKOTO** trek is the one for you if you are an experienced hiker in good health. If you have sufficient time to really experience the primary rainforest and the culture of Madagascar, and you do not mind living in a basic and remote setting for a few days, you will visit places where few others have ever travelled and where you are likely to see lemurs, chameleons and other animals endemic to Madagascar, especially as you will be spending a night in a tent in the natural habitat of the Indri-indri. They will surely wake you up with their songs in the early morning. But that is for later. First you'll arrive in Fetraomby village, where after the boat ride, you can stretch your legs to visit the 'pierre bizarre' (weird stone).

Women having difficulty to get pregnant go here to pray. To visit this sacred place a short ceremony to honour the ancestors is. Next day you will head for the Andriantantely forest. That will take you through mainly man-made landscape – rice fields, plantations, villages, crossing small streams. But then ... you will be submerged in the unspoiled rainforest where the Indri-indri reigns. In addition, you will see the bees after which the forest of Andriantantely was named (tantely meaning both 'bee' and 'honey'). The last day will bring a four-hour hike through stunning primary forest, to enjoy the breath taking vegetation and wildlife one last time. The journey will take you to the banks of the river Ivohitra, where a bamboo raft will carry you back to the asphalt jungle.



**Activities and sights:**

- Walking in the jungle
- Fauna and flora
- Visiting different villages
- Music and dance
- Explanations of the use of trees and plants for medical purposes
- Visiting a sacred place, including traditional ceremony
- Picnic near the waterfall and swimming in the lake
- Returning from the jungle on a bamboo raft
- **Special:** spending a night in a tent in the Andriantantely tropical rainforest

**Included:**

- All transport (including boats and rafts)
- English or French-speaking guide during the entire trek
- Local guide during the hikes in the jungle
- Local porters to carry your luggage and the food for the picnic
- All meals during the trip
- Accommodation all nights
- Performances by local dance and music groups
- Traditional ceremonies and entrance fees
- A comprehensive description of the trek

Excluded:

- Your stay at Centre Lambahoany, if applicable
- Entry fees for any other events
- Change of transport or stay if those planned are available (Reason: the guides and other locals have made preparations and thus got expenses, also if things are cancelled at the last moment)
- Drinks, other purchases, tips

