



MONTTOUR Trek

A THREE-DAY TREK

Ranking average



Monttour is the name of a hill, baptised as such during a ceremony to inaugurate a new tourist site in 2011. **MONTTOUR** is a three-day trek with nights in two different villages, with the highlight being the hike to the summit of Monttour.

Summary

Most people can do the **MONTTOUR** trek, but bear in mind that there is a lot of uphill walking. The highlight of this trek is to see the sun rise on the Monttour hill. We have saved that for the last day. First, after the boat trip you can stretch your legs walking to the first village, located near a graphite mine, which you will visit the next day. Then you are up for a walk to Marovato village, through both man-made landscape – rice fields, plantations, villages - and through what remains of the once vast forest. A dip in a lake near a cascade is optional. After a good night sleep you'll climb the Monttour. The grandson of a local king who lived at the summit about a hundred years ago chose this name. It is short for 'Montagne Tourist' – Tourist Mountain. On the way down you may spot the Indri-indri family that lives here. And certainly the Beraty cave will be shown to you. Here people used to hide in times of trouble. Most recently during the uprising against the French colonial power in 1947. Once you've descended to Marovato village it is time to head back to Gismay.



**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 the Beraty cave
- Climbing the Monttour hill

**Included:**

- All transport (including boats and ferries)
- 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 booklet with the history of the Beraty cave

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

