

Option 1:

New ATBC Dates: July 30th to August 3rd 2019

THE CENTRE VALBIO TRIP PACKAGE ATBC 2019

(7 DAYS Stay at Centre ValBio or Setam Lodge; \$950) LIMIT 20-30 PEOPLE (AUGUST 4-10).

DAY 1 (Sunday, August 4) Depart for Ranomafana at 6:30AM on a scenic 9-hour ride through the countryside with a stop for lunch in Ambositra. Arrive at Centre ValBio just in time for a reception dinner.

DAY 2 (Monday, August 5) After a 6:30AM breakfast at Centre ValBio, take an early morning forest walk in Ranomafana National Park with our best trail guides. You are guaranteed to see many lemur species including the critically endangered golden bamboo lemur, greater bamboo lemur, red-bellied, brown, red-fronted lemurs and maybe Milne-Edwards sifakas. You will also see a variety of endemic birds, reptiles, plants, and insects. After lunch, take a tour of Centre ValBio's biodiversity collections center, green roof, molecular labs, education and health departments, tree nursery, and upper campus. Experience live cultural music and dances of the local Tanala tribe leading up to dinner.

DAY 3 (Tuesday, August 6) After 6:30AM breakfast at Centre ValBio take a steep day hike led by Dr. Patricia Wright to the pristine forest of Ranomafana National Park (with a packed lunch) in search of black and white ruffed lemurs, ring tailed mongoose, and unique bird species followed by Centre Valbio dinner.

DAY 4 (Wednesday, August 7) 6:30AM breakfast at Centre ValBio then split into two groups to either walk the waterfall trail to see orchids or see sifakas and birds in Vohiparara. Eat lunch and visit a local village for a basket-weaving workshop. Take a bus trip to downtown Ranomafana and enjoy a fancy dinner at Hotel Thermal.

DAY 5 (Thursday, August 8) 6:00AM breakfast at Centre ValBio, then split into two groups to either go to the waterfalls or take a bird walk in Vohiparara to see velvet asity, vanga shrikes, souimanga sunbirds, blue coua, and much more. We will leave at 11am and eat a packed lunch at the Arboretum to see rare plants species, chameleons, and tenrecs. Visit Fidy's sculptural wood shop and traditional medicinal plant gardens. At 3pm ride to Kianjavato to tour the Biodiversity Conservation Fund to see the rare aye-aye, greater bamboo lemurs, black and white ruffed lemurs and reforestation.

DAY 6 (Friday, August 9) 6:00AM breakfast at Centre ValBio, followed by a two-and-a-half-hour bus trip to Anja Community Reserve to see ring-tailed lemurs, chameleons, and extraordinary boulder landscapes. Eat lunch in Ambalavao and visit the handmade paper factory and natural silk shop. Come back to Ranomafana for the final dinner party at Centre ValBio.

DAY 7 (Saturday, August 10) 6:30AM breakfast at Centre ValBio then depart for Antananarivo. Enjoy lunch in Antsirabe.

ALL MEALS EXCEPT DAY 7 DINNER ARE INCLUDED. BEER AND WINE ARE EXTRA TO BE PURCHASED AT CENTRE VALBIO. THERE IS FREE HIGH SPEED WIFI AT CVB. CENTRE VALBIO HAS DORM ROOMS WITH SHARED TOILETS AND SHOWERS. OUR STAFF SPEAK ENGLISH AND SOME FRENCH AND WILL BE HAPPY ANSWER ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS DURING YOUR STAY.

Option 2:

ATBC Dates July 30th to August 3rd 2019

THE CENTRE VALBIO TRIP PACKAGE ATBC 2019 (4 DAYS Stay at Centre Valbio or Setam Lodge; \$575) LIMIT 20-30 PEOPLE (AUGUST 4-8).

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