



Madagascar

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NOSY BE

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Madagascar Location Map





Presentation of Madagascar

Authentic destination!

Split from Africa continent for 160 millions years, Madagascar is the fourth biggest islands in the world. (1600 km long and 500 km wide). Its « nickname » is the Continent Island; it remains completely spared from mass tourist nuisances. It's a land of contrast with multiple aspects (beaches, mountains, forests, oceans).

Madagascar is the only island of Indian Ocean able to offer such a diversity of landscapes, of activities and tourist routes. Malagasy people was born with smile, having a natural good mood, he balances his "weak" life level with numerous cultural richness. Rites, habits, ceremonies, music and many handcrafts are cultural elements to discover.

Genuine Nature sanctuary, Madagascar is the only country sheltering 85% endemic fauna and flora which does not exist anywhere else .



Nosy Be is located north of Mozambic channel, North-West of Madagascar, one hour from capital Antananarivo by plane; it is the meeting point between Land and Sea. Nosy Be is the ideal starting point for an unforgettable cruise. All this area gathers creeks, white sandy beaches and coral islets named Nosy Komba, Sakatia, Iranja, Mitsio, Tanikely. These islands are the land jewels set in turquoise waters. Diversity is the best word to define the place; exotic side with its bended coconut trees above a crystal blue sea edged with great sandy beaches, spangled with lakes, incredible flowers, plants, and forests that friendly inhabitants will show you. You will be reaching the border between Sky and Sea, where the diamonds that are stars are vying with emerald of forest and turquoise of the Sea. Besides sight pleasure, there's also the « ears pleasure » with the nature music of the sea and the fauna, rocking you smoothly, and to conclude this senses awakening, imagine the smelling when you learn that Nosy Be "nickname" is "*the island of Perfume*". About twenty islands offer and incomparable sailing area between Mitsio Archipelago at North and Radama Archipelago at South. All these islands offer infinity of cruises possibilities that DYM staff proposes. Our goal is to make you benefit from these last "adventure land". This area is the only place in the world where you can meet the biggest and inoffensive famous fish: the Whale Shark. From June to October, Malagasy waters are welcoming also humpbacked whales coming back from Antarctica to give birth to their babies.

Desert beaches, "lost" islands, easy way of life, enchanting landscapes....come and share with us these last preserved spots.

Dream Yacht Charter Nosy Be « Madagascar »

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Nosy Be Overview

- **Nosy Be key points**
 - ❖ Easily accessible (Direct flights from Europe)
 - ❖ New and unspoiled destination
 - ❖ Cultural richness
 - ❖ Short sailing steps
 - ❖ Combinable land and sailing staying
 - ❖ Amazing endemic fauna and flora

Madagascar	Nosy Be	"close interesting destinations"
Huge territory to discover	Very exotic destination – great change of scene	
Many cultural and sport activities	Nice resorts	
Natural parks	Various landscapes – crystal waters – sandy beaches – amazing fauna	Seychelles – Reunion – Kenya / Tanzania
Low prices for accommodation and services		

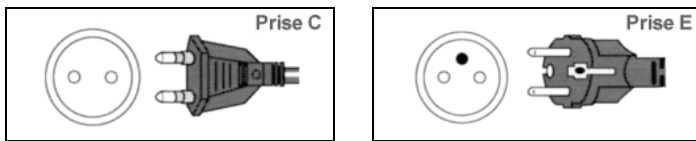
GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Time difference**
GMT + 3 hours
- **Base**
The Dream Yacht Base is located in *Le Cratère* about 45 minutes from Nosy Be airport and not far from Hellville. Harbour is accessible at all states of the tide. (Water and electricity are available on the berths from 1st July)
- **Sailing experience Level**
Sailing conditions needs sailors to be cautious because of high tides, reefs, GPS maps are too indefinite. Obviously, it's also depending on weather conditions. Most of moorings are safe.
- **Yachts**
Dream Yachts have a range of yachts available for charter, mono hulls and catamarans either bareboat or cabin/crewed boats.
- **Turnaround days**
Embarkation and disembarkation are possible any day.
 - ✓ Embarkation is at Noon
 - ✓ Disembarkation is at 9:00 AM
- **Base opening hours**
Base is opened from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM - 7 days a week.
- **Fuel and consumables**
All our yachts are delivered to you with full tanks of fuel (yacht & dinghy), full tank of water, 1 bottle of cooking gas in duty + 1 spare bottle. Due to brand new infrastructure, no diesel and water station yet, base staff will take care of refilling water and diesel tanks and will charge the costs to customer.
- **Options**

<i>Included in charter fee</i>	<i>Available for extra fee</i>
◆ First & last night at the D.Y.C pontoon	◆ Skipper
◆ Autopilot	◆ Steward / cook
◆ GPS	◆ Guide
◆ CD-player & cockpit speakers	◆ Kayak
◆ Dinghy & outboard engine	◆ Fishing rod
◆ 2 sets of linen, towels, beach towels per person/week	◆ Security insurance
◆ Snorkelling gear	◆ Transfers
◆ Dream Yacht Charter Guarantee	
◆ Final cleaning	
- **Cruising Limits**
Sailing area is including a group of islands from Mitsio Islands (North) to Antany Mora (South). Clients starting from Nosy Be can sail all this area representing about 80-90 NM from North to South of the zone. No one ways possible.
- **Transfers and Airports**
Main airport of Madagascar is Antananarivo but there's an International Airport in Nosy Be. There are direct flights from Paris or Milano. All the others have at least 1 stop (Antananarivo, Réunion, Mayotte). Upon arrival customers can be transferred by Taxi or mini bus (45 mn between airport & base.) (Transfer rates are mentioned in DYC price list). There are no departure taxes.
- **Shore facilities**
DYC base is the only one located in Le Cratère, nearby Hellville. There are restaurants and nice hotels not too far from the base which can be combined for land staying. The following facilities are available at the base: Telephone and fax available within next weeks. (Water - Fuel - Showers and Toilets will be available about July 2008).

- **Electricity**

Voltage is 220V - 50Hz (and the plug type are C,E)



- **Telephone**

Area code:

- From Europe to Madagascar for a home telephone: 00 261 20 + correspondent N°
- From Europe to Madagascar for a Cellular phone: 00 261 + correspondent N°
- From Madagascar to France 00 33 + correspondent N° (without "0" after 33)

- **Attraction and activities**

- ✓ Nosy Komba Lemure Island discovery of Ampangorina fishers village (Malagasy handcraft)
- ✓ Nosy Sakatia, Island of Orchids and endemic vegetation.
- ✓ Nosy Iranja "Island of Turtles ", a real paradise. Its white sandy beaches are chosen by turtles to lay their eggs.
- ✓ «Baie des Russes (map name is Baie Ambavatoby)» magnificent sandy beaches edged by filaos
- ✓ Tany Kely is a Sea park with numerous fishes.

- **Provisioning**

We recommend at least to provision with basic products because there are not too many places for supplies in this area; so it's easier to make it before departure as most of meals will be taken on board even though crew can go ashore for dinners. A provision list is available on DYC web site.

- **Currency**

Local currency is Ariary (1 euro is roughly 2600 Ariary) - Credit cards are not accepted in the shops / Cash dispensers are not very reliable – Only Visa Card are accepted in some places. One recommends having cash and changing it once on spot. Euros are accepted (bargaining is usual).

- **Passport and Visas**

A tourist visa costs 62 Euros (to be paid in cash) and a valid passport is compulsory.

- **Health**

No vaccines compulsory for European travellers but a Malaria treatment is recommended (advised vaccines: Typhoid and it's better to be update for Diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, hepatitis A & B).

- If you are under treatment, it will be hard to find a pharmacy after leaving the airport.
- Bring along with you the necessary pills or drugs quantity.
- Keep your vital pills or drugs with you in your hand luggage (in case of luggage losses).
- Plan a mosquito repellent and a first aid kit.

Even if you can easily stand the sun, it's much harder on a boat than on the land because of reverberation. Smooth breeze, avoid feeling the heat and you get sun burnt before noticing it. One recommends having a "wind resistant" cap and sun glasses (tied) with cord, sweat shirt or long sleeves t-shirt and trouser. A good solar cream is necessary at least for first days.

- **Advice**

Take only soft bags - No suite case (rigid suite cases are too cumbersome on a boat).

In the villages, it would be better for visitors to bring items like exercise books, pencils, and school stuffs instead of giving money.

- **Diving**

Diving can be arranged locally upon request.

- **Charts and pilot books**
[INDIAN OCEAN CRUISING GUIDE](#) - Rod Heikell
For Madagascar, there are big differences of climate depending on the location.
- **Madagascar Climate and Weather Conditions**
 - **East coast:** Dry period September and October. November to March reasonable rains. April to July abundant rains. Possible cyclones between December and April.
 - **High lands:** This is located in the middle of Madagascar. There is one rain season between October and April, usually sun is shining during the day and rains are falling late afternoon. Austral winter (June to August) can be chilly. Windy period.
 - **West Coast:** This area is the driest and the sunniest one. Climate is quite dry even though North West is under a warm micro climate. Rains are falling during the night and humidity is rather high. About 330 sunny days per year.
 - **South:** Rare rains. Driest place of Madagascar
 - **Nosy Be and surroundings:** December to March it's hot, humid with abundant rains and possible cyclones. April to November comparable to Europe summer (July)

MOORINGS PILOT FOR NOSY BE

The winds:

October to July: Varatraz : East the morning
Talo : West the afternoon

August to September: The Varatraz is dominant all day long; strongest during the afternoon (It can blow up to 45nds).

It is **forbidden to sail between the sunset and the sunrise**. No light house working and the typical boat (boudre) sail without navigation light.

Beware to **use on the chart the Greenwich scale concerning the longitude** (and not the Paris scale).

If after difficulties you have to reach a mooring during the night **be careful a lot of vessels don't switch on their mooring light**.

It's **forbidden to use navigation software** (Maxsea...) on our boats. We have find **1km** difference between the reality and the software.

During a cyclone alert follow the instructions of the base manager send by the satellite phone. You have to keep the satellite phone switch on, loaded and close to you. In case of disturb communication you have to reach the "Baie d'Ambavatoby" and wait until the communication is ok or until you've been visited by a Dream Yacht Madagascar manager.

NOSY BE

Hell Ville Harbor

Approach: Beware of port side reef when you are approaching. No channel and no lights. Call on VHF channel 16 needs nothing.

Mooring point: 13°24,50'S - 48°17,00'E

Ground: Mud

Moor in 12m. Put a lot of chain.

Hell Ville harbour is the only place where you can find a dock and buy water. Ask for Jean or René. Monday to Friday: 8 to 12 AM and 3 to 5 PM.

Price: 5 000 ARS (around 2 euros) for 1000L. Put linen between the tank and the hose. Put 1L of bleach for 1000L of water. You'd rather not drink this water.

Cratère

Approach: Coming from Hell Ville stay clear from the coast before heading north directly on the mooring point.

Mooring point: 13°24,10'S - 48°13,00'E

Fond: Mud and rocks.

Andilana's Beach

Approach: Beware of the reef at Andilana's tip.

Mooring point: 13°14,60'S - 48°10,80'E

Fond: Sable

Moorage is not very safe the afternoon. Mooring at night is forbidden.

NOSY KOMBA

Mooring at night only at Ampogorine.

Ampogorine

Approach: Beware of the rocks just in front of Ampogorine, the eastern of them can be under water. If you come from Hell Ville heading on Nosy Vorona, at 0,5 miles from this island, course on 145°. Let the '3 frères' port side and when you've got the south rock of Ambariobé abeam make course directly toward the mooring. Arrival by the North East let Ambariobé starboard side, keep clear of his south rock and then heading toward the mooring.

Mooring point: 13°26,44'S - 48°21,05'E

Ground: Sand and rocks

Moor in 12m in front of the houses on the rocks promontory.

Winds:

April to November:

Morning: East North East - Afternoon: West - Night: East

December to March:

Morning West turn South after 4 PM

Ambariobé or l' « île au banc de sable »

Approach: Never sail between Ambariobé and it's south rock.

Mooring point: 13°26,40'S - 48°22,15'E

Ground: Sand

Mooring at night is forbidden

NOSY FANHY

Approach: Beware at the reef located at 1,3milles East side of Nosy Fanhy.

Mooring point: 13°11,30'S - 48°13,90'E

Ground: Sand

Moor on 5m. Mooring at night is forbidden

NOSY SAKATIA

Approach: North entrance keep clear of Andilana's tip. Next sail in the middle of the channel made by Nosy Be and Nosy Sakatia. By the south sail in the middle of the channel made by Nosy Be and Nosy Sakatia.

Mooring point: 13°18,60'S - 48°10,20'E

Ground: Sand and rock

Mooring in 8m dept.

NOSY TANIKEY

Approach: Check the chart.

Mooring point: 13°29,10'S - 48°14,20'E

Ground: Sand

Moor on the sand bank.

This island is a reserve, it is forbidden to lunch, to camp and use spear guns.

NOSY FALY

Approach: Check the chart.

Mooring point: 13°20,60'S - 48°28,10'E

Ground: Sand

Moor in the 8m zone. Mooring is not safe in the afternoon. Mooring at night is forbidden.

GRANDE TERRE FALL

Approach: Check the chart.

Mooring point: 13°45,64'S - 48°11,31'E

Ground: Mud

You can take water with your jerry can in the fall.

Mooring at night is forbidden.

NOSY MAMOKO

Approach: Keep clear of the North tip.

Mooring point: 13°43,40'S - 48°11,20'E

Ground: Mud

NOSY KISMANY

Approach: Always by the North West.

Mooring point: 13°34,08'S - 48°05,41'E

Ground: Sand

Mooring at night is forbidden.

BAIE D'AMBAVATOBY dit BAIE DES RUSSES

Approach: Follow the route on the map for enter. Keep clear of the Est side tip. Inside the bay avoid the starboard sand bank by the south before heading toward the moorage.

Mooring point: 13°32,20'S - 47°59,90'E

Ground: Sand

It is a perfect shelter during a cyclone.

ANTSOHA

Approach: Only by the North West. It's impossible to cross between this island and Madagascar.

Mooring point: 13°30,80'S - 47°57,40'E

Ground: Rock

Mooring at night is forbidden.

ARCHIPELAGO OF « MITSIO »

There's only one mooring to spend the night in "Nosy Mitsio".

NOSY TSARABANJINA

Approach: Arrival West side pass the reef by the north. Arrival East side keep clear of the north tip.

Mooring point: 13°01,40'S - 48°32,60'E

Ground: Sand and rock

It's forbidden to use the sunbaths and the umbrella of the resort. Landing on the right side of the beach and reach the bar by the rock on the right. Instead you can land directly with the dinghy on the west beach to request the permission to use the bar.

Mooring at night is forbidden.

NOSY TOLOHO

Approach: Check the chart.

Mooring point: 12°59,80'S - 48°32,70'E

Ground: Sand and rock

Mooring at night is forbidden

NOSY MITSIO

Approach: Keep clear of the coast before heading in the middle of the bay. Make course toward the white house.

Mooring point: 12°54,50'S - 48°34,60'E

Ground: Mud

Moor in 10m dept.

NOSY ANKAREA

Approach: Beware of the reef located south West of the island.

Mooring point: 12°50,60'S - 48°35,00'E

Ground: Sand and rock

Mooring at night is forbidden.

NOSY LAVA

Approach: Check the chart.

Mooring point: 12°45,18'S - 48°40,10'E

Ground: Sand and Rock

Mooring at night is forbidden.

ARCHIPELAGO OF « RADAMA »

Only two moorings to spend the night: Baramahamay River and Antanimora.

NOSY IRANJA

Approach: Beware of the coral reef when you land.

Mooring point: 13°35,80'S - 47°48,50'E

Ground: Sand and coral

Permission to use the bar, restaurant and other activities of the resort can be requested by VHS channel 14. The resort is located on the small island.

Mooring at night is forbidden.

BARAMAHAMAY RIVER

Approach: Keep clear from the coast and approach perpendicularly to the coast just in front of the river. Sounders go up in the entrance. Stay in the middle of the river.

Mooring point: 13°42,90'S - 47°53,10'E

Ground: Sand

Beware ebb tide currents can be fast in the river.



NOSY KALAKOJORO

Approach: Keep clear of North tip.
Mooring point: 14°57,00'S - 47°46,60'E
Ground: Sand and rock
Mooring at night is forbidden.

NOSY OVY

Approach: Perpendicularly to the coast heading the red roof of the colonial farmer house on the hill.
Mooring point: 14°01,70'S - 47°46,90'E
Ground: Sand and rock
Mooring at night is forbidden.

ANTANIMORA

Approach: Beware of the reef located on the chart. It can be under water during up tide.
Mooring point: 14°06,50'S - 47°45,50'E
Ground: Sand and rock

ITINERARIES

- Suggested itineraries

1 Week Southward cruise – Nosy Be / RADAMA Islands Archipelago – Nosy Be		
Day	Destination	Distance (NM)
1	Nosy Be - Nosy Tanikely – Mamoko	23
2	Mamoko – Baie Des Russes	25
3	Baie Des Russes – Nosy Iranja	15
4	Nosy Iranja - Nosy Kalakajoro	20
5	Nosy Kalakajoro - Nosy Ovy - Nosy Antanimora	17
6	Nosy Antanimora – Baramahamay	27
7	Baramahamay - Nosy Be	34

10 days Cruise – Nosy Be – Nosy Be		
Day	Destination	Distance (NM)
1	Le Cratère -Nosy Komba	15
2	Nosy Komba	-
3	Mitsio islands - Grande Mitsio.	30
4	Grande Mitsio - Ankarea - Grande Mitsio	15
5	Grande Mitsio - Nosy Sakatia	36
6	Nosy Sakatia - Russian Bay	18
7	Russian Bay - Nosy Iranja - Nosy Antanimora	40
8	Antany Mora – Nosy Ovy - Antany Mora	30
9	Antany Mora - Nosy Kalakajoro - Baramahamay River	24
10	Baramahamay River - Tanly Kely - Le Cratère	36