

MADAGASCAR - SPEARFISHING



Madagascar rises off the Eastern African coast, facing Mozambique and the Indian Ocean. The main island is the fourth biggest island in the world and a treasure for biodiversity and cultures!

With the right boats and the expertise of the local skippers and our guide, you will enjoy days of fantastic spearfishing here, where we have the possibility to hunt between where the deep blue water and the reef meet, where you can find both, large pelagic and other reef game fish. We can help you catch some of the world's greatest fish such as big Dogtooth Tuna, monster Spanish Mackerel, massive Coral Trouts, Barracudas, Yellowfin Tuna, Mahi Mahi, GT, Wahoos, Green Jobfish, Snappers, various types of Grouper, Red Bass, Sailfish, Marlin & much more!

TARGET SPECIES



Here the options are endless. You will hunt around various islands that adorn the Indian Ocean, one of the most beautiful oceans in the world. Also, we can go further and hit the mighty Castor Bank, where big doggies, Sailfish & Marlin's are feeding. Liveaboard trips are perfect to go to the wild and remote most northern spots.

The amount of species in Madagascar is ridiculous... Mahi Mahi, Wahoo, GT's and thousands of different trevallies, Barracuda, Jobfish, emperors, Snapper, shark's, Spanish Mack's, Giant Groupers, Coral Trouts, Napoleon (protected), African Pompano, Permit, Cobia, massive Dogtooth Tuna, Marlin, Sailfish... the number is endless!

The remote parts of Madagascar are home to the most pristine oceans in the world. This is a trophy hunters paradise where you could get anything from Marlin to giant Dogtooth Tuna. Although you will encounter hundreds of shootable fish every day, these trips are all about finding that "one fish". Not many people are fortunate enough to visit and dive places like this.

Castor Bank is famous for Dogtooth Tuna, Marlin and Sailfish. There are few places in the world that will compare to the numbers of great fish you will see here. The reef comes out from hundreds of meters deep to around 20 meters, and some areas are coming up to as shallow as 10. Exceptionally good for all kinds of fish, reef or bluewater, and with an average visibility of around 40 meters, it's like diving in an aquarium. This is a massive area, 80km far away to the nearest north-west point of Nosy Be. Because Castor Banks is so vast, finding the spots that are working on any given tide has taken years to work out. This means that there is even a chance that you never dive the same spots more than once on a trip as we follow the current changes and the fish activity.

Nearby to Nosy Be, we also have very good diving spots, like many "inshore" reefs, Intermediary Banks, Le Serpent, the Mitsio Islands... the variety of places to dive and fish to catch is endless... you will not get bored!

For the most adventurous customers, our exclusive liveaboard trips will hit the most remote wild and inaccessible zones of Madagascar.

ACCOMMODATION



During your trip, our staff will be there to carry all the gear, clean it, and be sure that all you need it's handy and in perfect shape! Just relax and enjoy your stay!

Madagascar is one of our top destinations, and we have plenty of different options for your accommodation. Beachfront hotels and bungalows, luxury villas with swimming pool, or our liveaboards trips if you decide to go spearfishing in the wild North of Madagascar. Just contact us and together we are going to choose the best for your trip!

If you want to stay in some remote archipelagos, we have also different possibilities, between them, Mitsio Paradise Hotel in The Mitsio archipelago, a recommended upgrade for the basic trip in Nosy Be that has become a favourite among all of our customers.

For the most adventurous customers, we can do some really awesome liveaboard trips, hitting Castor Bank and Intermediary Bank, and some further North spots. All the catamarans are comfortable and luxurious, with double rooms for each of you with showers inside and the best service 24/7. The liveaboards from Nosy Be will be operated only with the mothership, maximizing the time on the water and saving time moving around, a combination that works perfectly for this zone. The crew will take care of everything, cleaning, cooking delicious fresh food...

Anything it's possible, just ask for it!

BOAT



We will be using 10m center consoles specially made and adapted for this sea and the kind of spearfishing we will be doing.

We have 5 of them, all with twin motors, high technology GPS and fish finders, cold drinks, snack's, fruits... Whatever you need to go spearfishing comfortably.

The captains have proved to be the best on the island (not joking, we really have them!), and the skippers will do everything before you even think about it. We really care about the professionalism of our staff. We will welcome you and ensure that everything goes as planned, leaving you to think about just one thing.... that trophy fish you are dreaming of!

Safety briefing will be the first thing every day, so you will be aware of potentially dangerous situations, and how to avoid them. We will make sure that you always have someone to rely on while you're in the water, providing you expert guiding and pointing out the most effective techniques and tips. The guide will make sure you will always be on the right spot, coordinating the position of the group in the water according to the current or while chumming. We will be there for you at any given moment, for safety, helping to land the fish, and making sure that we maximize the experience of your spearfishing trip.

For the liveaboard trips, our only boat will be the mothership. Experience the luxury of jumping into the water in our best spots early in the morning from your house for the week. Ideal to hit the best reefs and relax with everything handy and from the best comfort.

Last but not least, we will do our best to make this the best trip you've ever been on! Full of action, catches and adventure!

SURROUNDINGS



Protected from the trade winds from the north-west and washed by the warm waters of the Mozambique Channel, Nosy Be is one of the most attractive destinations for spearfishing! Known as the fragrant island because of the cocoa, vanilla and Ylang Ylang plantations, it is surrounded by an archipelago of small islands and huge unexplored coral reefs. In this environment of unparalleled beauty such as tropical forests, volcanic lakes, white sandy beaches, chameleons and lemurs, are some of the most attractive spearfishing spots of the entire Indian Ocean, like the Mitsio Islands, the Radama Islands and the legendary Castor Bank!

Despite being Madagascar's number-one beach destination, the island of Nosy Be remains relatively low-key. Visitors find the lack of major development and "mora mora" (literally, slowly slowly) lifestyle. Not to forget that this still beautiful island offers some amazing snorkelling and diving opportunities and some primary forests with great wildlife.

The whole coastline is punctuated by a great number of gorgeous bays and deserted beaches lined by palm trees. There are also many small islets and rocks which are often visited by refugees seeking some privacy. Temperatures are pleasant around the whole year but humidity can be bad during the tropical summer.

Nosy Be offers a wide range of activities that will please even the demanding visitor. Get away from the crowds on white sandy beaches, blue-green seas and the amazing coral reefs. Explore the lush jungle in the Lobohe nature reserve and make the most of your holidays visiting some surrounding islands. Indulge yourself a day cruise to the outer islets of Nosy Komba, the famous Nosy Iranja, Nosy Tanikely and Nosy Sakatia, participate in a scuba diving adventure in the jewel-like archipelago of Nosy Mitsio or go on a discovery trip to the remote Radama islands, with an astonishing rich undersea life. You can still find your own way of exploring the natural wonders of this archipelago far away from the tourist centres.

There are many options in Nosy Be, from trekking in the rainforest, mountain bike, diving, horse riding, whale shark diving, snorkelling in the coral reef or with the turtles, quad day trips... you will not get bored!

OTHER ACTIVITIES



Lemurs, baobabs, rainforest, desert, hiking and diving: Madagascar northern tip is a dream destination for outdoors & wild world enthusiasts. Epic and remote landscapes of incredible diversity. You can go from a rainforest like Montagne d'Ambre, to desert in just 200km. Few places on Earth offer such an intense kaleidoscope of nature. There are sandstone canyons, limestone karsts, mountains, fertile hills cascading with terraced rice paddies, forests of every kind and a laterite-rich soil that gave the country its nickname of 'Red Island'. With 5000km of coastline, the sea is never very far, turquoise and idyllic in places, dangerous in others.

The wild north is for those who love adventure and they are not scared of bad weather. Madagascar's northernmost region is an alluring place, it's remote, host to weird and wonderful geological sights, and has disarming contrasts between very wet and very dry. There is plenty of excellent hiking to do in the two national parks of Montagne d'Ambre and Ankarana, and a growing niche of more adventurous sports to try, such as quad biking and kitesurfing.

The scraggly pinnacles of the Tsingy Rouge, erosion's work of art, are made of laterite, an iron oxide-rich soil with an intense red-brick colour. These surreal formations stand on the edge of beautiful canyons: it's a fragile environment, and local authorities have thankfully stepped in to protect the site.

Réserve Spéciale Ankarana is a striking and undeveloped fantasy-land, home to uniquely Madagascan sights & psychedelic elds of spiky tsingy (limestone pinnacle formations) next to dry forests. Running through and under the tsingy are hidden forest-lled canyons and subterranean rivers. The park is famed for its mysterious, bat-lled grottoes steeped in legend and history, where the Antakarana (the predominant ethnic group in northern Madagascar) took refuge from the Merina (the traditional ruling elite from the highlands) during the 18th-century tribal wars.

Parc National Montagne d'Ambre. This wonderful national park is literally a breath of fresh air from the arid northern plains. At 1000m, it is generally 10°C cooler than in Diego or Ankarana, even more in winter, and its luxuriant forests could not contrast more with the mineral beauty of the lower grounds. For visitors, the park provides lovely walks in gorgeous forests, with plenty of waterfalls and lakes to rest by.

USEFUL INFORMATION



Peak seasons in Nosy Be are from April to January, so it means almost all year it's a good time to come to Madagascar. Climate is tropical, hot all year round, with a hot and rainy season from November to April, and a dry season from May to October.

In the period that could be called Madagascar's winter, from June to September, at night the temperature usually drops below 20 °C, and sometimes can even drop to around 15/16°C, but during the day it's always warm, thanks to the winds that blow from the interior of Madagascar. The amount of sunshine in Nosy Be is good from April to January, when we have the best weather conditions, lots of fish, and more options to choose from.

Spearfishing is a year-round activity with peaks for some species of fish and requires appropriate, powerful and resilient equipment, so bring your heaviest gear and be ready for everything. You can be aiming for a Jobfish and a 400kg Black Marlin will be 3 meters from you! You definitely will need big spearguns (double rubber minimum, better double rollers multiplied between 120 to 140cm), a lot of thick shafts (7,5 to 9mm) with strong (very strong) barbs, 30m floatlines, bungees, small to big floats (better 3ATM like Riffe), carbon fins, knife... We provide weights, floatlines and floats, but if you don't have anything at all, just let's talk and find a solution! There are no regulations about the fish we can shoot (except for Napoleons), anyway, we have some ethical behaviours we will ask you to respect in the zone.

It is advisable to consult your doctor and check that your vaccinations are up-to-date. It is recommended to protect yourself, especially at night, by sleeping under an insecticide-treated mosquito net, wearing long clothing and using mosquito repellents in open areas. We don't recommend using Malarone because malaria it's not common, and the side effects of the prophylactics can be terrible.

Any foreigner wishing to visit Madagascar must have a passport with a validity of at least 6 months after the return date. The visa can be issued on arrival and is cheap. You can pay with a Credit Card and there are ATMs in the main towns (Visa better than Mastercard), but definitely you will need some cash that you can get on arrival also.

Don't bring home any shells or animals (including parts), wildlife it's heavily protected in Madagascar!

WHAT TO BRING



- Spearguns (double rollers multiplied between 120 to 140cm are the best) with very strong shafts (8 to 9mm), floatlines, floats, fins, knife, your mask, belt...
- All your spearfishing equipment
- Your beach clothes, hat, sunscreen, glasses, etc
- Insect repellent & medicines if needed
- Passport with more than 6 months of validity
- Camera
- Cash in € or USD
- Credit Card (Visa recommended over Mastercard)

MEDIA & GUIDING



As a Professional Freelance Audiovisual Producer & Fishing / Spearfishing Guide, my job is to promote the best trips around the world, operated by the best companies I work with, always offering the best quality and compromise. I will, simply, bring you the best destinations, personally known, that offer you all the guarantees and adapt to your necessities. If you are a group, great! If you are alone, don't worry, I will find more people to join you! Whatever you want, from hardcore fishing to family holiday, I will provide Expert Coaching, advice & knowledge in the field, to make you catch that "one in a life-time" fish, that sometimes can be so elusive and challenging.

I know where & when to find them, and how to get you on them!

I'm also a professional cinematographer & photographer, and I will be capturing footage of your experience so you can have high quality content of memories that will last a lifetime. My gear allows me to film from the sky, underwater and outside, with the best quality, so forget about the videos & photos, I will be there to capture every moment while in the water.

WHAT'S INCLUDED & WHAT'S NOT



Included

- Accommodation (Hotel**** with breakfast included, luxury villa with cooking service & cleaning, or luxury liveaboards in full board basis)
- Spearfishing program of choice with meals & drinks aboard
- Guiding & Media service
- Travel insurance
- Assistance 24/7
- Spearfishing gear for bluewater hunting. Floats, floatlines & break away (other gear available upon request)
- Transfers to/from the airport

Not included

- Flights
- Day trips
- Visa on arrival (35€)
- Other meals not included in your plan
- Tips

NOTE: Spearfishing trips in Madagascar can change a lot depending on the season, where you want to go, what you want to target, and options of accommodation. It will be a pleasure for us to suit the trip to your desires and budget, everything it's possible! Get in touch, and we are going to find the best way to visit this awesome place on earth!