

# MADAGASCAR - NOSY BE



Despite being Madagascar's number-one beach destination, the island of Nosy Be remains relatively low-key. It's the most expensive destination in Madagascar, but, still, compared to Europe, prices are very competitive and many visitors find the lack of major development and the "mora mora" (slowly slowly) lifestyle one of the best things about this magical island.

With the right boats and the expertise of the local skippers, you can enjoy days of fantastic fishing here. Trolling for the biggest fish in the ocean, jigging, live bait, casting... you can catch some of the world's greatest fish such as Giant Trevally, Dogtooth Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi, Green Jobfish, Red Bass and an endless list of Snappers, many types of Grouper, Sailfish and Black Marlin.

Nosy Be it's the perfect combination for a relaxed fishing destination and holidays in paradise. A place with sugar cane plantations, rum distilleries, Ylang Ylang bushes, lounging lemurs, and untamed white sand beaches. Not to forget that this beautiful island offers some amazing snorkelling and diving opportunities and some primary forests with great wildlife just at your doorstep.

# TARGET SPECIES



Your fishing trips will be in the archipelago of Nosy Be, off the north-western coast of mainland Madagascar. You will fish around the many 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, and Marlin's are feeding.

The amount of species here is ridiculous... Mahi mahi, Wahoo, GT's and thousands of different Trevally's, Barracuda, green and rusty Jobfish, many Emperors and other Snappers, Spanish Mack's, Giant Groupers, Coral Trouts, Napoleon, African Pompano, Permit, Cobia, big Dogtooth Tuna, Marlin, Sailfish... the number is endless!

Nosy Be has a very good mix of good weather and plenty of fish, and the most usual fishing techniques used here are Trolling, Jigging, Topwater and Live Bait.

# ACCOMMODATION



While fishing in Nosy Be, 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 for all budgets, luxury villas with swimming pools, or our liveaboards trips if you decide to go further north. 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 also have different possibilities, between them, Mitsio Paradise Hotel in The Mitsio archipelago, where you can spend some days to hit some remote northern spots.

For the most adventurous customers, we can do some really awesome liveaboard trips, hitting Castor Bank and Intermediary Bank. All the catamarans are comfortable and luxurious, with double rooms for each of you with showers inside, unlimited fresh water, and the best service 24/7. These 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 fishing in these beauties, a 10m center console specially made and adapted for this sea and the kind of fishing we will be doing.

We have 3 of them, with twin motors and full of rod holders, high technology GPS and fish finders, cold drinks, snack's, fruits... Whatever you need to go fishing 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.

# SURROUNDINGS



The name of Nosy Be means "big island" in Malagasy, though the island has been granted several nicknames over centuries, being probably "Nosy Manitra" (the perfumed island) the most popular of all. As soon as you arrive at Fascene's airport your nose will soon understand why. Scenting Ylang Ylang, coffee, cacao, vanilla and sugar cane plantations spread all over the island distil a balmy fragrance that will delight your sense of smell. The yellow Ylang Ylang flower is one of the products used in the production of perfume essence. The trees are bent to the ground to ensure easier picking of the flowers. Red pepper is distilled as a perfume essence too.

Nosy Be's landscape is varied and it is characterized by a great many hills that are overlooked by Mount Lokone (450m) and Mont Passot (350). From these high vantage points, you have an exceptional view onto Nosy Be Bay, but also on the Radama Islands (south) and Mitsio Islands (north). There are eleven volcanic lakes on the island, which constitute an enormous water reserve for humans and crops. The whole coastline is punctuated by a great number of gorgeous bays and deserted beaches lined by palm trees. Temperatures are pleasant around the whole year. Notice that humidity can be particularly 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, 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



Nosy Be and the surrounding islands are home to a rich diversity of marine life and offer world-class diving. Boxfish, surgeonfish, triggerfish, damselfish, clownfish, yellowfin, barracuda, eagle rays, manta rays and humpback whales (July to September) can all be spotted.

Snorkelling is best at Nosy Tanikely (Marine Reserve), Nosy Mitsio and Nosy Sakatia, where the big Green Turtles are feeding in the shallows. All tour operators on Nosy Be run trips to Nosy Tanikely, generally combined with a visit to Nosy Komba.

Quad bikes are a great way to explore Nosy Be. Popular routes include a circuit around the crater lakes, remote beaches in the north, and cocoa plantations to the south.

Distillation at the large ylang-ylang distillery at Lemuria Land takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday year-round, or daily in the rainy season (January-end March). The whole process of turning these somewhat insignificant flowers into a valuable essential oil is explained. The distillery is also home to a small zoo, including a large lemur park. It's a shame to see these animals in cages or confined to tiny islands (lemurs can't swim) when they can be viewed in their natural environment just a few kilometres away at Lokobe.

Hell-Ville is a colonial town and the administrative centre of Nosy Be, as well as its main port. The city is characterized by beautiful restored colonial buildings along the sea promenade, some of which were built early in this century and a covered market which give reasons to hope that efforts are made to prevent the architectural decay of the town. The sea gets dotted with white sails when the fishermen's launches come back to port.

# USEFUL INFORMATION



Best season to come to Nosy Be it's anytime between April to August, and October to January. The 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 almost always warm, thanks to the winds that blow from the interior of Madagascar. The amount of sunshine in Nosy Be is good from May to October, while it is acceptable in the rainiest months which are December, January and February. We are operating there mostly from May to August and from November to January, where we have the best combination of good weather, lots of fish, and more options to choose from.

Fishing is a year-round activity with peaks for some species of fish and requires appropriate, powerful and resilient equipment. For jigging and Popping/Stickbait, you will need sets of a minimum strength of 50lbs, 80lbs, but also 100lbs set-ups, or even 130lbs. You must be in good physical condition if you want to fish for days. Rig your lures with good quality hooks, treble or single, and for the jigs, we would recommend some between 100gr. to 250gr. We supply trolling & stand up gear, and some terminal tackle for them along with some live bait and bottom fishing tackle. Other fishing tackle are available for rent upon request.

Despite that there are any mandatory vaccines to get to Madagascar, consult your doctor and check that your normal vaccinations are up-to-date. It is recommended to protect yourself against mosquitoes by using mosquito repellent. 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 Nosy-Be/Madagascar must have a passport with a validity of at least 6 months from the date of the trip. The visa can be issued on arrival at Nosy-Be Fascene International Airport.

You can pay with a credit Card and there are ATMs in the main towns, with Visa cards working a lot better than Mastercard.

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

# WHAT TO BRING



- All your best jigging and casting gear
- Variety of jigs and lures, hooks, lines, leaders, fighting belts, gloves, pliers, etc...
- All your fishing apparel
- Your beach clothes, hat, sunscreen, glasses, etc
- Insect repellent & your medicines
- Passport with more than 6 months of validity
- 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 vacation, 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 & fotos, I will be there to capture every moment while in the water.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED & WHAT'S NOT



## Included

- Accommodation (Hotel\*\*\*\* with breakfast, luxury villa with cooking service & cleaning, or liveaboard trips in full board basis)
- Fishing program of choice with meals & drinks aboard
- Guiding & Media service
- Travel insurance (upon request)
- Assistance 24/7
- Trolling gear (popping and jigging 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: Fishing 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 adapt 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!