

# TIME + TIDE MIAVANA ACTIVITIES GUIDE

*Nosy Ankao, Madagascar*

Our expert team will be pleased to guide you in your blue safari adventure.

Come and let us show you.





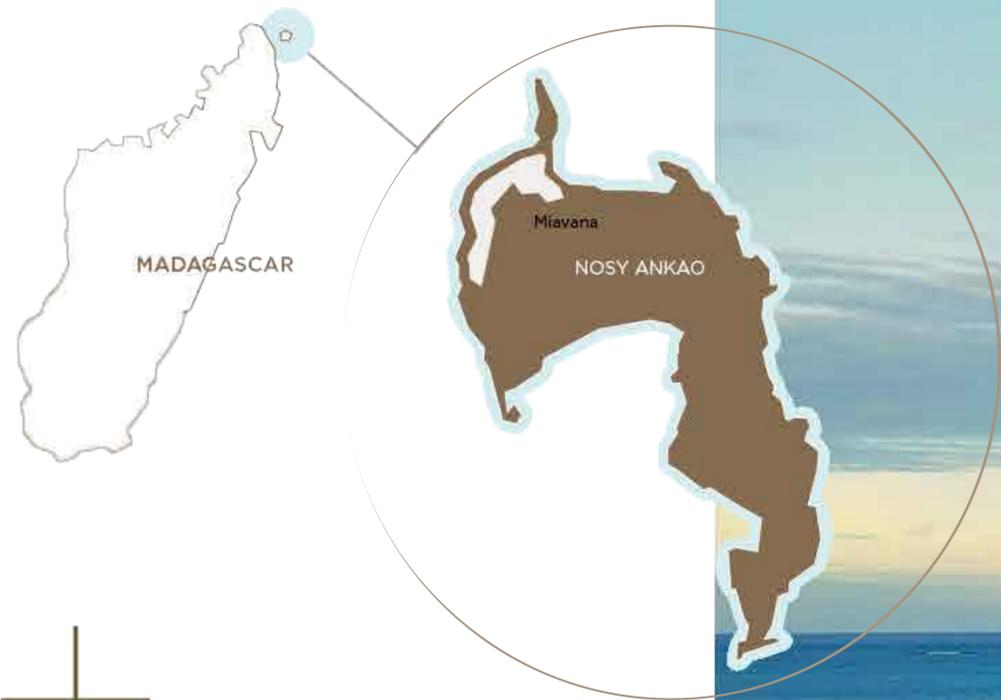
## NOSY ANKAO

*An island in a forgotten sea*

Nosy Ankao is the largest of five islands in a secluded archipelago off the northeast coast of Madagascar. An exclusive nature sanctuary, it is only reachable by helicopter.

This region is an adventure playground, offering thrilling, unique experiences unlike anywhere else in the world.

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## MIAVANA

*Fringed by white sand beaches and sprawling coral reefs, Miavana stays true to the island's secluded roots.*

In the forested heart of the island flowers, birds, and chameleons big and small await discovery. A conservation project is underway to translocate crowned lemurs onto the island, and you can explore the nearby reefs and mainland.

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# ACTIVITIES



## *Blue Safaris*

From our Activities Centre you can enjoy our blue safari adventures, exploring the region with seasonal recommendations by our expert team.

### *Nov – April/May*

Warm days with rain mainly overnight. Best for diving, fishing, snorkeling, turtle watching and terrestrial walks for lemurs etc.

### *May/June – Oct*

Cooler weather with a prevailing south-easterly wind. Excellent for intrepid guests; find humpback whales & tens of thousands of nesting terns, partake in kite surfing or terrestrial walks for lemurs and other species.





## ON LAND



*On foot you can touch and feel nature*

### **Lighthouse**

Built in 1937 by the colonial French, this offers the perfect viewpoint with 360-degree views. Great for sundowners.

### **The Cabinet de Curiosities**

Housing rare artefacts such as an elephant bird egg, pygmy hippo skeleton and local treasures. Explore some of Madagascar's culture and heritage.



# ON LAND



*Be pampered, be educated, be inspired!*

### **Guided Nature Walks**

In the islands forests find birds, chameleons, non-venomous snakes and an introduction to the region's unique flora and fauna.

### **Guided Birding**

Boat trips to nearby island Manamphao offer the chance to see four species of terns nesting in colonies numbering in the tens of thousands.

### **Spa**

Trained therapists provide in-villa treatments including facials, massage, scrubs manicures and Thai yoga therapy.

*Ask about our crowned lemur project*

*Seasonal – May to September*

*Prices from \$90 per treatment*



# UNDER WATER



*A world of wonder under the sea*

## **SCUBA DIVING**

Dive from shore on our shallow house reef, explore neighbouring islands or venture through the remains of small wrecks.

Unique species you may see include manta rays, sea turtles, Napoleon wrasse, bumphead parrotfish and spinner dolphins.

During the winter months, the number of dive sites are limited for reasons of safety.

We are a PADI qualified centre. Divers who have not dived for 6 months or longer will be required to complete a refresher dive with our instructors.

## **Open Water Course Qualification**

Upon completion, students are qualified to dive to 18 meters with other qualified divers.

The theory part of this course should be completed online before arriving.

*\$400 for the qualification*

# UNDER WATER



*Find a world of wonder under the sea*

## SCUBA DIVING

### Advanced Open Water Course

This course helps open water qualified divers improve their existing skills, such as buoyancy and diving to greater depths (30m extendable to 40m with deep specialty). The theory part of this course should be completed online before arriving.

*\$300 for the course*

### PADI Discover Scuba Diving

A closely guided introduction to diving for guests 10+ years looking to make their first foray into the underwater world. Max depth 12m.

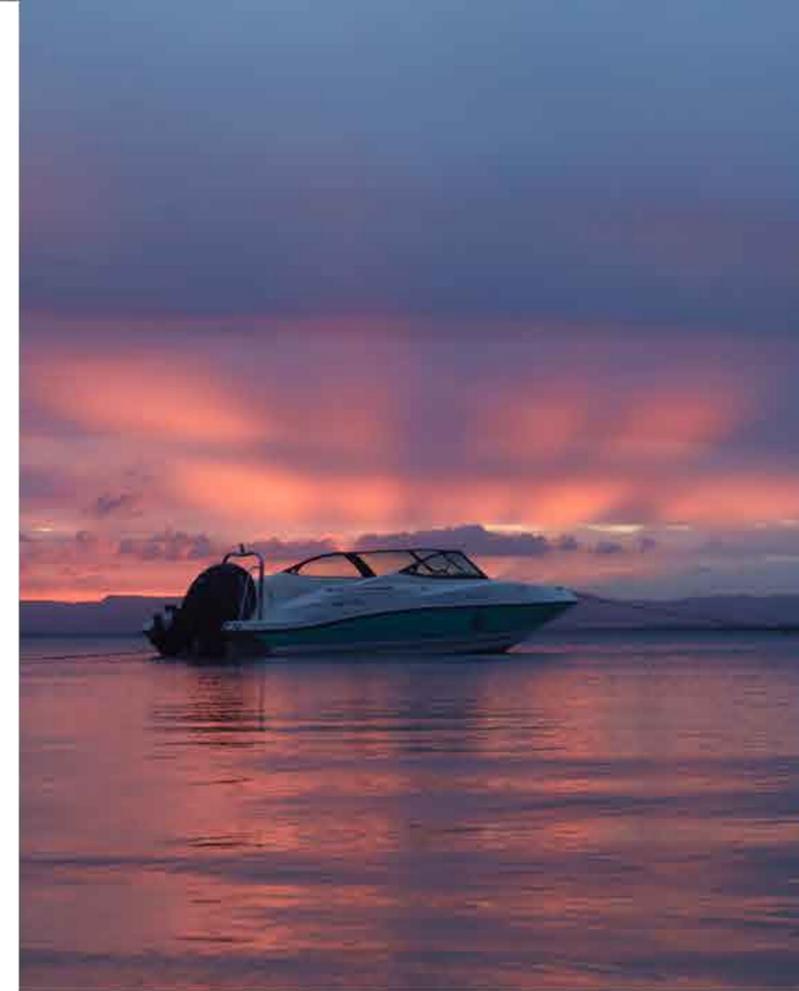
### Bubble Maker

Children 8-9 years old can don full scuba gear and jump in to explore our house reef while very closely supervised by one of our PADI instructors. Max depth of 2m.

## SNORKELLING

Guided or independent snorkelling from the beach in front of the villas or by boat to nearby reefs.





# ON THE WATER



*Take in the view and get fit!*

## **Wakeboarding**

Wakeboarding is a great group activity that can be paired with other water sports. We also have wakeboards, children's skis and tubes that can be towed in the bay for a fun, family adrenaline-filled outing.

## **Stand-up Paddleboarding**

A great activity for a calm day. Adventurous guests can explore the bays of Nosy Ankao with as a guided or independent (with experience) activity.

## **Kite Surfing**

Seasonal winds create great conditions for kite surfing. We currently offer this activity only to guests with previous experience.



# FISHING



*From reef flats to deep sea expeditions, catch and release magnificent fish.*

## **Fishing - Pirogue Boat Trips**

Introductory fishing trips close to Miavana.

## **Ski Boat Fishing**

2-5 hours - trolling, bottom fishing, jigging or popping.

Full day trolling, bottom fishing, jigging and/or popping.

With our top of the line gear, beginners and pros can try for a variety of fish, including barracuda, sailfish, marlin, mahi mahi, giant trevally and dogtooth tuna.

*\$500 for full day fishing*

## **Guided Fly Fishing**

Flats fly fishing including fly casting instruction or fly tying if requested.



# IN THE AIR



*Northern Madagascar is a natural wonderland that will leave you speechless*

Several extraordinary national parks are a short helicopter flight away on the mainland. With our knowledgeable guides, you can explore the best this region has to offer: rare wildlife, other-worldly landscapes and a fascinating natural history.

Let our expert team advise on the best excursion to fit your interests. All adventures are weather, logistic and seasonally dependent.

## **Golden Crowned Sifakas**

See one of Madagascar's endemic lemur species, at nearby Daraina. Take a gentle walk through the forest to find these creamy creatures as well as the crowned lemur, fascinating insects, frogs and birds.

## **Amber Mountain**

A phenomenal rainforest in a unique mountainous region. Seven species of lemur occur here and 10 species of chameleon including the world's smallest vertebrate - the tiny Brookesia.





## IN THE AIR

*Explore and feel like a rock star*

### **Ankarana East**

Experience an unrivaled wilderness with a guided trip to Ankarana National Park. Guests will see unique geological formations, including fossils, the unique Madagascan Tsingy, caves and dry deciduous forest. Guests need to be fit and interested in ecology to get the most from this visit.

### **Red Tsingy**

This is a very unusual natural geological phenomenon called Lavaka, which consists of soft rock strata that has been eroded into striking formations. With magnificent red and white patterns, it is very photogenic.

*All air excursions at \$2400 per flight hour*