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# Madagascar



## Synopsis

Madagascar, the naturalist's 'promised land', attracts visitors with its stunning scenery and endemic wildlife, from lemurs and aye-ayes to mantella frogs and sunbirds. From the Nosy Be archipelago to the enchanting coastal town of Fort Dauphin via the capital Antananarivo and the bizarre limestone plateau at Ankarana, Bradt's Madagascar covers all the national parks and protected areas, with itineraries to suit all interests and budgets. Co-authors Daniel Austin and Hilary Bradt have guided mesmerised visitors on more than 30 trips to Madagascar and their personal anecdotes and unparalleled knowledge, combined with input from around 50 experts, make this the most informative and indispensable guide on the market.

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## Customer Reviews

Visiting Madagascar is all about visiting the National Parks to see its wildlife that is unique in the world. The book gives a good insightful account to tourists of the history, wildlife and culture that you will experience (the first 150 pages). Its clear the country is a classic 'Failed State' with appalling infrastructure, bad roads, chaotic public transport and a lack of english speaking. Thus with my appalling French I have decided from this intelligence gleaned from the book, that I will be best to go on a guided tour so that my time (a precious commodity once you start working and are no longer a back-packing student) is used most efficiently. The book recognises that many people go on tours and has pages of global to local tour operator reviews to save you much time in who you might like to contact for a tour once you have decided from where you want to visit after reading the detailed area descriptions (remaining 300 pages of the book)For each area i found the book does an great job of acting as a GUIDE for your holiday. Enough maps and details on all the Parks (and the park

administration and mandatory guiding system) allows you to fully plan your holiday without having to resort to a whole lot of additional internet searching etc. In the parks with trekking walks, there is usually an inset map showing these and I reckon a visual map is always the best way to portray such spatial information, instead of wordy paragraph descriptions that many guides seem to try and use instead of going for map. There was only a couple of times in the whole book was I left with feeling that guidance style info was lacking<sup>1</sup>. Mt Ibity hike (p 194). The hike up the mountain is stated as 'a must' but there is no indication of how long? how rough? what elevation gain?

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