

PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND COUNCILS

To avoid all problems during your journey in Madagascar, it's a big pleasure for us to give you some advice and practical information that could be useful.

VISA

To make your insertion in Madagascar easier, here are the needed documents for your VISA:

- Approved passport
- 2 identity photos
- Round trip flying ticket
- Formulary to take from the embassy and the consultant, or to fill out at the airport for journeys less than 3 months

(Source of the document of VISA: Madagascar Tourist Guide; official book of Tourism of ministry of Tourism, 5th edition)

SECURITY

Like every place in the world, we should avoid drawing the attention of malefactors. To do it, leave all your precious objects at the hotel; when you bring expensive objects with you hide them, like: camera, laptop, phone... Avoid going to certain place at night.

HEALTH

Bring products against mosquitoes to avoid the malaria during your trip. If you have to take medicines don't forget to take them. It is always recommended to be careful and to bring your own first-aid kit with you even if the guides related to Gigatravel are professional and have their first-aid kit. Don't forget to do medical visits to be sure that you are able to do your activities.

BE WELL PREPARED FOR THE TRIP

A well prepared trip is the key of a successful journey. As well as you already know what to bring during your trip, we still want to remind you some details to assure that you forgot nothing:

- Light clothes made in cotton and adapted shoes like brogue will be indispensable during your journey.
- During the trip, it is necessary to spend 3000 to 3300 Kcal; so, think about bringing foods as much as water (5% sweet)
- It is recommended to bring specific flask for the hikes, for more facility when you want to drink water during your expeditions;
- To protect yourself against the sun, bring a hat, sunglasses and products for the skin;
- There are also many tools that can help you during your trip like GPS, map, compass for the orientation; mobile phones; whistle in case you get lost or in serious accident.

SHOPPING

For your shopping in Madagascar, you have a wide choice. The artisans of the big Island propose you various articles, typically Malagasy like tablecloth and embroidered chemises, silk weavings, wickerwork, cabinet making and marquetry work, carved wood, leatherwork, jewels made in Zebu horn, paper decorated with dried flower, mohair carpets , reduced model of cars and plans made in recovery materials.

Other than the various galleries of art around Madagascar don't forget that you can do your shopping at Gigatravel. We sale Malagasy arts likes purse and shoes for woman. You can choose between the models that we propose you or you can make demand for a more personalized articles.

CLIMATE

- **April-June:** it is the season of the austral winter, a perfect period for traveling but however on April the rain season still persists on the road
- **July-August:** it's the high season, the ideal moment for traveling in Madagascar.
- **September-October:** ideal season for those who want to see everything at the same time
- **November-March:** fresh and humid season that means that it's the rain season in Madagascar. From January to March there are risks of cyclone.

(Source climate: ministry of Transport and Meteorology of Madagascar)