



Country Profile: Madagascar

Madagascar is a developing island nation off the east coast of Africa. The primary languages are French and Malagasy. French is less spoken outside of major cities. Facilities for tourism are available, but vary in quality. Travelers seeking high-end accommodations should make reservations in advance. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Madagascar for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Madagascar
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Antananarivo
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Antananarivo: Clinic Saint Francois d'Assise
Main Cities:	Antananarivo, Antsiranana, Mahajanga, Toamasina, Amparafaravola, Antanifotsy, Antsirabe, Morondava, Fianarantsoa, Mananjary, Manakara, Toliara, Ambovombe, Tolanaro
Country Size:	587,040 sq km
Population:	19,448,815

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	French (official), Malagasy (official)
Currency:	Madagascar Ariary (MGA)
Predominant Religions:	indigenous beliefs 52%, Christian 41%, Muslim 7%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 26 June (1960)
Economic Status:	The country is on a slow and steady growth path from an extremely low level. Poverty reduction and combating corruption will be the centerpieces of economic policy for the next few years.
Security:	People's Armed Forces: Intervention Force, Development Force, and Aeronaval Force (navy & air); National Gendarmerie
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Antananarivo Lot 207 A – Andranoro – Antehiroka 105 Antananarivo – Madagascar Tel: (+261) 20 23 480 00
Major Airports:	Airports: 116, Airports w/paved runways: 29 Antananarivo – Ivato International Airport (TNR/FMMI) Antananarivo Airport, Madagascar, BP 5721, Antananarivo 101, REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR Antananarivo Airport, Madagascar, Route d'Ivato, Antananarivo 101, REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR Tel: +261 (0)202 244041

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