



# Culture week in Madagascar

In this program you will dive into the local culture and learn the Malagasy language. Discover the charm of the city, visit colorful markets, explore the city, and taste exotic and cosmopolitan cuisines. Walk around the foot of Mont Passot and hike to its peak; tour Hell - Ville and much more.

# Program description

Nosy Be Culture Week offers an exciting and immersive dive into Malagasy life! This week is packed with visits to cultural and natural hotspots, giving you a chance to experience the vibrant lifestyle of Nosy Be while learning about Madagascar's rich history.

From mastering local dance moves to sampling authentic cuisine in a pastry class, every moment will be filled with opportunities to connect with the culture. You'll also enjoy learning basic Malagasy phrases to help you communicate comfortably with locals, explore Hell-Ville and its bustling night markets, and even try fishing with local fishermen.

This program is perfect for building bonds with fellow participants from around the world, making your time in Nosy Be not just memorable but meaningful.

## **Program highlights:**

- Hell-Ville Tour: Explore the vibrant streets and hidden gems of Nosy Be's bustling town.
- Malagasy Cooking & Dance: Learn traditional recipes and join in lively dance sessions for an authentic cultural experience.
- Sacred Tree Visit: Discover the legend of this mystical site, a symbol of local traditions and beliefs.
- Lemur Adventure: Meet Madagascar's famous lemurs up close at a dedicated sanctuary.
- Nosy Komba Tour: Spend a day on this picturesque island with a picnic lunch surrounded by nature.
- Marine Museum & Waterfall: Delve into Madagascar's marine wonders and take in the beauty of a stunning waterfall.
- Mount Passot: Enjoy panoramic views from one of Nosy Be's iconic landmarks.

# Additional Equipment

- Modest outfits covering knees and shoulders (respecting local customs)
- Comfortable walking shoes, sandals, and water shoes
- Sun hat, fleece sweater, and a windproof rain jacket (weather-dependent)
- Toiletries (travel-sized shampoo, soap, toothbrush, etc.)
- Day pack, small travel towel, and reusable water bottle
- Money belt and bag locks for added security
- Personal entertainment (books, playing cards, music player, or e-reader)
- Sports equipment like balls, cones, whistles, or personal coaching gear



# Schedule

## Monday

- Breakfast at the accommodation (all week)
- Introduction meeting: House rules, expectations, health & safety tips, and document handling
- Culture session: Malagasy etiquette, country history, and basic Malagasy phrases
- Guided Hell-Ville tour
- Lunch at the accommodation
- Visit to Mount Passot
- Dinner at the accommodation (all week)

## Tuesday

- Hands-on Malagasy cooking class (lunch included!)
- Visit to the Sacred Tree

## Wednesday

- Explore the Ylang-Ylang Museum & Distillery
- Meet the lemurs of Madagascar
- Lunch at the accommodation
- Dive into Malagasy culture with dance and makeup sessions

## Thursday

- Discover Madagascar's marine wonders at the Marine Museum
- Lunch at the accommodation
- Hike to a stunning waterfall in Nosy Be

## Friday

- Breakfast at the accommodation
- Nosy Komba Island tour with a scenic picnic lunch

\*This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.