

Half day excursion to Amber Mountain National Park after docking in Diego Suarez



Days:	1
Price:	95 EUR International flight not included
Comfort:	★★★★★
Difficult:	★☆☆☆☆
🦋 Fauna & Flora 🦋 Must see	

Day 1. Docking at Diego Suarez cruise port and transfer to National Park of Amber Mountain



Diego Suarez I Antsiranana 📍
🚗 34km - ⌚ 1h
Joffre ville 📍
🚗 3km - ⌚ 30m
Amber Mountain 📍
🚗 34km - ⌚ 1h
Diego Suarez I Antsiranana 📍

Diego Suarez I Antsiranana - Joffre ville

- When you dock from the cruise ship in the morning, we meet you at the cruise port of Diego Suarez.

Pick up to **Joffre Ville** and the **National Park of Amber Mountain**. The vegetation changes and weather gets cooler.

Joffre Ville, or Ambohitra in malagasy, is a small town of 5,000 inhabitants located some 30 km south of **Diego Suarez / Antsiranana**. A former stronghold of the colonial army, the town was built in 1903 by **Colonel Joseph Joffre**, in the foothills of the Montagne d'Ambre. His mission was to help General Gallieni defend the Port of Diego Suarez against Malagasy resistance. This was the location of the Foreign Legion's military training center until 1973, when it was moved to French Guiana.

The site was of great strategic importance, as the **Amber Mountain (1,475 m above sea level)** was the highest point on the island: ships entering the Bay of Diego could be seen from afar, preparing for possible attacks.

Joffre Ville still preserves the vestiges of its colonial and Creole mansions, most of which are now abandoned, lending the town a phantasmagorical atmosphere.

Joffre ville - Amber Mountain

- Once we get in in Amber Mountain National Park, we will be spending about 2 to 3 hours visiting the **Amber Mountain National Park**.

This volcanic Quaternary structure is 300 000 ha wide. The diversity of its fauna and flora makes it one of the **most visited natural parks** in the **Northern part of Madagascar**.

Accompanied by a local guide, we will discover this **very interesting botanical site**, by the **Thousand Trees Way**, going from lichen to **orchids**, from various species of **palm trees** to **"strangling" ficus**, and passing by the **ramy**, an endemic tree whose sap has a strong turpentine smell.

Animals are not left aside, with **11 species of lemurs** living inside the park : among them the **crowned lemur**, the **Sanford Lemur**, and also one of the **smallest chameleons in the world**, *Brookesia tuberculata* (barely 3 cm long, including the tail). We will need the trained eye of our local guide to spot this one.

We might also spot the **uroplatus**, a **flat gecko** whose nickname is the **King of Camouflage**, because he covers up perfectly with the trees' bark on which he sits.

A light meal is provided.

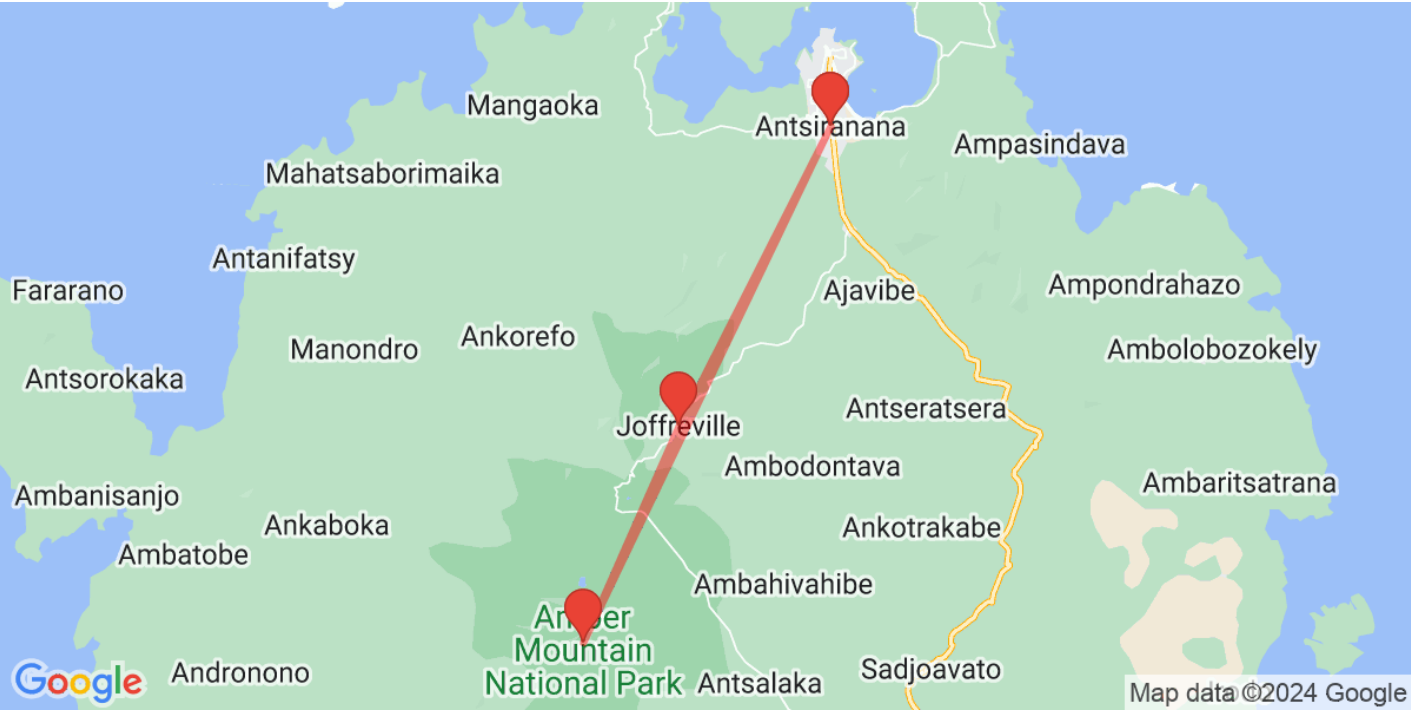
Amber Mountain - Diego Suarez I Antsiranana

- Depending on our rythm while visiting the park, we should be returning to Diego Suarez in the middle of afternoon.
- Our services take to end when you board your cruise ship again.
- Misaotra** (*thank you*) and see you soon !
- We wish you a great discovery ahead!
- Olive and all your Détours Madagascar team.

 Lunch

Picnic during the hike

Itinerary map



Individual price per person

1-4	5-8	9-12
120 EUR	110 EUR	95 EUR

This excursion is possible only if you dock no later than 10:00am and board back on cruise ship no sooner than 4:00pm.

Included

- Tour guiding:
 - Services of one single english speaking driver who will be the tour guide as well up to 4 people,
 - Services of two drivers and one english speaking tour guides from 5 to 8 people,
 - Services of three drivers and two english speaking tour guides from 9 to 12 people,
- Transportation:
 - One four-wheel drive vehicle up to 4 people, fuel included,
 - Two four-wheel drive vehicles from 5 to 8 people, fuel included,
 - Three four-wheel drive vehicles from 9 to 12 people, fuel included,
- Park fees including:
 - Entrance to the Amber Mountain National Park
 - Mandatory local guiding into the park
 - Parking and local community taxes
- Meals and drinks:
 - A light meal within the day
 - One bottle of water (1.5L)/person

Not included

- Personal expenses.

Extra infos

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Booking conditions

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All requests for registration must be made by e-mail from the Local Agency, directly online from the Customer Area accessible from the website of the Local Agency, or the website of our group www.nomadays.fr.

To connect to the Customer Area, simply enter the login and password set during the first connection.

Registration is considered final once the online booking form is completed and upon received payment of the deposit and/or balance depending on the date of registration.

Depending on the services chosen and the regulations of the country, a photocopy of the passport may be requested by the Local Agency. In case of not sending the photocopy of the passport within the time indicated by the Local Agency, it cannot guarantee the proper performance of the reserved services.

Once payment has been made, a confirmation email is sent to the Customer. It includes the confirmation of the regulation as well as the electronic downloadable invoice.

A confirmation letter is sent to the Customer electronically. If the Customer does not receive the confirmation letter, the reservation would nevertheless be definitive as if it is confirmed by the Local Agency.

Payment Conditions

Registration made more than 30 days before the departure date

The Customer must pay a deposit of 30% of the total amount of the reserved services. The balance must be paid no later than 30 days before the date of the beginning of the stay.

Registration made less than 30 days before the departure date The Customer must pay the full amount of the trip at one time.

Methods of Payment

Upon confirmation of your reservation, your local agent will prepare your electronic invoice, hosted on the platform of Nomadays under your own account. Payments are made either:

- By credit card online, free of charge, from the payment links available on the electronic invoice.
- By bank transfer to the account of the travel agency.

The electronic invoice is updated with each payment received and can be consulted at any time from the Customer Area. The electronic invoice is downloadable and printable.