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**Madagascar Is Firmly Back On The Map – Acacia Adventure Holidays Reinstates Itineraries & Visas Waived For Short Stay Tourists**

Madagascar, the world's fourth largest island, is back on the map after the FCO cleared the destination for take off. Aside from being a centre of bio-diversity there are now even more reasons to check into the eco-haven.

While amphibian lovers will no doubt be enthralled by the recent discovery of 200 new species of frogs – the main draw for recession weary traveller will be the visa waiver. In a bid to strengthen tourism after the political upheaval, tourists staying less than 30-days and travelling up to 31 December 2009 will be able to experience the delights of the eighth continent without paying the visa fee of £45 (tourist single). The current advice from the FCO advises visitors "to travel with established organisations or travel firms who have the capacity to monitor the local media and warn of possible trouble," which is good news for operators covering Madagascar."

Acacia Adventure Holidays has also recently reinstated its tours to the country – including the popular 8-day Madagascar Dhow Sailing adventure.

The trip starts at Hellville Port, the itinerary taking travellers around the Nosy Be archipelago. When not camping on secluded islands adventurers can opt for forest walks, swimming and diving. Highlights include Nosy Tanikely, a marine reserve which is perfect for snorkeling; Nosy Komba, noted for its friendly Lemurs; and Mahalina – with opportunities to explore the mangroves by kayak.

£650pp. The price includes all highlights, transport, camping equipment, sleeping mat, airport transfers, some meals, and services of skipper, chef, and three crew. Excludes visas, travel insurance, flights, departure taxes, sleeping sheet, snorkel, kayaks and fishing line hire, tips, soft drinks, optional activities and items of a personal nature. Group size (maximum ten). Accommodation: guest house (1-night), camping two person dome tents (6-nights). Departures: year-round, every Saturday.

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