

Comoros Essentials – 8 day/7 nights – Grande Comore, Mohéli

Immerse yourself in history, culture, and an expedition of discovery. Explore volcanic coastal panoramas and trek through exotic tropical rain forest with the sweet scent of jasmine and ylang-ylang in the air. Traverse the remote villages of Mohéli to beautiful and unspoiled beaches as you explore the national marine park in this UNESCO biosphere. Hike to the summit of Mt. Karthala for breath-taking views of the caldera and the limitless horizons of the Indian Ocean.

Day 1 – Arrival

Upon arrival at Moroni International Airport (HAH), you will be met by our guide and driver, and be transferred to Transfer from Moroni Airport to the Golden Tulip Resort and settle into your sea view room. The evening is yours to enjoy as you take in the view of the coastline and prepare for your upcoming days of discovery.



Day 2 – Flight to Mohéli, Island of unspoiled nature

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Moroni airport for your flight to the pristine island of Mohéli, a UNESCO biosphere. On arrival, you will enjoy a scenic tour of the coast and forest on the way to Mohéli Laka Lodge. A chance to discover the flavors of the island of Mohéli, and activities to explore the natural beauty of the island. Accommodation on full board will be provided at the Lodge.



Day 3 – Laka Lodge

Take this day to relax on the picturesque beach, swim in the lagoon, or take advantage of the optional activities available. Visit the uninhabited islands of the marine park, surrounded by vibrant coral and home to some of the highest levels of marine biodiversity in the world!



Day 4 – Laka Lodge

After a restful night, you will have a morning breakfast, then enjoy the whole day at leisure or take advantage of the optional activities provided. Consider a hike in the rain forest to view black pepper, cinnamon, coffee, and ylang-ylang grown in harmony with nature, finally discovering the roosting place of Livingstone's Flying Fox, a giant fruit bat with a wingspan up to 1.4 meters!

Day 5 – Itsamia

After lunch, you will leave for Itsamia, following the road as it winds through the tropical forest with stunning views of the island. On arrival at Itsamia, tour the village of the green sea turtle. Learn of the conservation efforts of the village and be on the lookout for turtle nests hatching on the beach. After dinner, with the nightly high tide, you will be guided to observe the arrival and nesting of green sea turtles on the beaches surrounding the village. Overnight accommodation and dinner at Itsamia Community Bungalows.

(Note that the community bungalows feature very simple accommodation in a project which benefits the local community. Bucket showers, mosquito nets, and private bathrooms are provided. As an option Day 5 can be an extra night at Laka Lodge.)



Day 6 – Flight to Moroni and Legends of the North tour

After an early morning breakfast, you will be transferred to Mohéli airport for the return flight to Grande Comore. You will be met by at the airport by your driver and guide and leave for the discovery tour of the northern coast of Grande Comore. Observe the remnants of eons of volcanic action at Lac Salé crater lake and Dos du Dragon, an eroded coastal crater. Enjoy lunch overlooking the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean and stop for a swim in the warm water and a few minutes of contemplation under the coconut palms at Maloudja beach. Then continue to check-in at Golden Tulip Resort.



Day 7 – Expedition Karthala

Get an early start from the hotel to begin your trek to the top of Mt. Karthala, the active volcano which towers over the island. Choose the trekking or driving option which you prefer, and enjoy the trail as it climbs through the pristine forest harbouring a variety of trees, exotic plants and birds. An ascent to the highest peak of the archipelago (2,361m) with great views of the island sloping into the ocean. Tour the caldera, enjoy a picnic lunch, and return later to the hotel at 1700.



Day 8 – Moroni medina and markets, Departure

After enjoying a relaxing morning breakfast, embark on a walking tour of the old stone town of Moroni and its architecture. Spend some time in the markets, taking in the local goldsmiths, tropical spices, and fresh-caught seafood. Enjoy lunch at the New Select restaurant and then transfer to the airport for departure in the afternoon.

