

# Comoros Exploration 15 day/14 night – Grande Comore, Anjouan and Mohéli

Embark on an incredible adventure of exploration in Comoros. Escape the crowds and step back in time, into a world of Persian sultans and audacious pirates; of volcanic craters and deserted beaches; majestic whales and inquisitive lemurs; thriving reefs and cinnamon forests; weddings and sunsets; perfumes and spices. This extended trip will take you to every corner of the archipelago and give you time to slow down and smell the jasmine and ylang-ylang along the way. Put the world on hold and come explore Comoros with us.

# 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 Anjouan; Tour medina and citadel

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for the 25minute flight to Anjouan. In the afternoon you will tour the old stone town of Mutsamudu, observe its architecture and the historical citadel.

# Day 3 – Hike to Lake Dzialandzé

This morning, drive into the central highlands and enjoy a short trek through the forest to Lake Dzialandzé, a crater lake on Mount Ntringui. Enjoy a picnic lunch by the lake. Continue on a driving tour around the island to the ancient city of Domoni.

#### Day 4 – Island tour; Domoni tour, Moya beach and Mutsamudu

After breakfast, take a walking tour in the town of Domoni, viewing the historic artistry of the beautifully carved wooden doors. Proceed on a driving tour along the picturesque coast of the island and come to stunning Moya Beach. Enjoy a seafood lunch at Moya and take a few minutes to relax on the beach and swim in the ocean. Continue along the coastline through Pomoni with a stop over to view the Lingoni waterfall and the small hydroelectric installation. During clove season

you will be lulled by the rich aroma of mountains of cloves laid out to dry alongside the road. Return to Mutsamudu later for overnight accommodation. Dinner and accommodation at hotel des iles.









# Day 5 – Flight to Mohéli

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to catch your flight to Mohéli. On arrival, you will take a scenic coastal drive to Laka Lodge for accommodation on full-board. Mohéli is listed by UNESCO as a Biosphere of global importance. In the afternoon, relax on the beach, swim in the lagoon, and watch the friendly lemurs which often come to the hotel grounds.

# Day 6 – Mohéli Laka Lodge

This day is a great chance to continue relaxing on the picturesque beach or take advantage of the optional activities provided. 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 7 – Laka Lodge

After a restful night, you will have morning breakfast, then enjoy the 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 8 – Laka lodge

A day to relax on the beach or take advantage of the optional activities. Perhaps try an introductory scuba dive in the amazing coral gardens or take a kayak to explore the mangroves.

#### Day 9 – Laka Lodge

A final day to relax on the beach and take advantage of the beautiful surroundings and optional activities.

#### Day 10 – Itsamia

After lunch, you will leave for Itsamia road winding through the tropical forest with stunning views of the island. Tour the village of the green turtle; witnessing a turtle laying is a unique and wonderful experience that will only amaze you.

Dinner and accommodation at Itsamia Bungalows.







#### Day 11 – Flight to Moroni and tour Legends of the North.

After an early morning breakfast, you will be transferred to Mohéli airport to return to Grande Comore at 0900. You will be met by our driver and leave for the discovery of the touristic sites of the North of Grande Comore with their historical creation out of many years volcanic of eruptions as well as listening to their mythical narrations. Enjoy a seafood lunch under the baobabs and explore the coast, before being dropped off at Golden Tulip Resort.

#### Day 12 – Karthala Expedition

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 Golden Tulip Resort for the evening. (The Karthala Expedition can also be planned as a two day trip with camping at the summit.)

#### Day 13 – Karthala Expedition (if 2-day trip)

If you opted for the 2-day camping expedition, explore the crater further and then return to civilization in the early afternoon.

Or if you opt for the one-day Karthala trip, take this day to relax at the hotel beach or explore the city of Moroni at leisure.

#### Day 14 – Tour of Iconi, Nyumbadjou, and Singani

After breakfast, head a few minutes south of Moroni to the city of Iconi, seat of Bambao sultanate. A traditional lunch will be provided for you to enjoy among the mangroves on the shores of Lake Marabou. You will also take a walk

through the forest to Nyumbadjou, site of a colonial settlement and sawmill. You will also visit the village of Singani, which was almost completely destroyed by lava in 1977.







## Day 15 – Moroni medina, 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.

