

## Day tour excursions summary - Grande Comore

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### **Legends of the North - Full day driving tour of northern Grande Comore**

Full day driving tour of northern Grande Comore includes departing from Moroni for a scenic tour of the northern coast. Visit Trou du Prophète, the Miraculous Mosque, Lac Salé and The Dragon's Back, appreciating the spectacular scenery and learning of the local myths surrounding each of these intriguing relics of the island's volcanic history. Enjoy lunch under the baobabs, walk along fabulous Maloudja Beach, and enjoy a swim in the turquoise waters before returning to your hotel.

### **Southern Cross - Full day driving tour of Southern Grande Comore**

On this full day driving tour of Southern Grande Comore, you will depart Moroni for a visit to the old sultan's capital of Iconi. Enjoy scenic views of the two volcanic cones next to the village, the mangroves of Lake Marabou, and the ruins of the sultan's palace. Continue south to view the Singani lava flow, and then to the southern sultan's capital and medina of Fombouni, finishing at Chindini beach, from which the local boats depart carrying passengers to the other islands. Along the way you will view baobab trees and other local plantations. Lunch is included.

### **Sultans and Colonists - Full day Iconi and Nyumbadjou**

This full day excursion offers you a chance to visit Nyumbadjou, strolling through the forest for 1 km to the old sawmill and colonial settlements. Then explore the historical sultan's capital of Iconi. Visit the medina and bangwes (social meeting areas) for cultural heritage and explore Lake Marabou with its mangroves and birdlife. You may climb the small volcanic cone to view the town and area from above and hear the grim history of how the villagers jumped to their death rather than be taken captive by slave raiders. Homemade lunch in a local home included with this tour.

### **Full day Iconi and Moroni walking tour**

This full day excursion offers you a chance to explore the historical towns of Iconi and Moroni. Iconi is one of the oldest towns in Comoros, with a rich history of the sultan's era and traditional Comorian culture. The ancient capital city lies in the shadow of a steep volcanic cone, from which many women jumped to their deaths in order to avoid enslavement. On a short hike to the crater's rim, one can see the efforts made to protect the community by fortifying the hilltop. Enjoy a traditional lunch on the shores of Lake Marabou. Then return to Moroni to enjoy a walking tour of the old stone town of Moroni. Learn about its history and architecture. Explore the small shops of the goldsmiths and visit the colorful markets of the capital city.



### **Half day Moroni walking tour**

Enjoy a half day guided tour of Moroni that include walking tour of the old stone town of Moroni, religious sites, and its architecture. Spend some time in the markets, taking in the local goldsmiths, tropical spices, and fresh-caught seafood.

### **Half day Iconi walking tour**

Experience the glamour of Iconi in a half day tour of the town. Iconi is one of the oldest cities in Comoros with a rich history as the sultan's capital and Comorian culture. Enjoy a walk through the historic medina and visit the ruins of the sultan's palace. The town lies in the shadow of a steep volcanic cone, from which many women jumped to their deaths in order to avoid enslavement in the early 1800s. On a short hike to the crater's rim, one can see the efforts made to protect the community by fortifying the hilltop.

### **Half day in-home culture and cooking**

This half day excursion offers you a chance to enjoy the traditional cuisines of Comoros. You will spend the morning in the home of a local family learning about the local lifestyle and cooking. Women may be treated to some local beauty treatments like henna and a sandalwood facemask. Then gather around to eat what you have created together.