



WHEN TO VISIT? MANDRARE RIVER CAMP

APRIL

Lush and green after the rains, April offers warm late-summer days, excellent birding, and active reptiles. The river remains high, allowing scenic boat crossings and gentle river journeys to the sacred gallery forest — a high-season experience at excellent value.

MAY

Slightly cooler evenings with warm days make May an ideal month. The landscape remains green, wildlife is active, and the autumn light creates spectacular conditions for photography, particularly as the sun sets behind the baobabs.

JUNE

Early winter brings mild daytime temperatures and cooler nights. Late June coincides with Madagascar's Independence Day celebrations, offering a rare opportunity to experience vibrant village parades, music, and cultural festivities.

JULY & AUGUST

The driest months of the year, with clear skies and rewarding wildlife viewing as vegetation thins. Lemurs remain easily seen, birding is excellent, and cultural life is vibrant, with ceremonies and celebrations centred along the river.

SEPTEMBER

As water sources dry, wildlife congregates near the river, making lemur sightings especially rewarding. Mating season begins, and the first baby lemurs appear, adding a special dimension to wildlife encounters.

OCTOBER

Peak season for birding and wildlife. Warmer days bring heightened activity across species, while cooler conditions remain ideal for walking. The possible return of the river is celebrated locally, marking the anticipation of the coming rains.

NOVEMBER

Continued peak wildlife and birding with the arrival of early rains, typically brief afternoon thunderstorms. Early sunrises allow for extended morning activities and exceptional viewing opportunities.

DECEMBER & JANUARY

The river flows strongly again, creating wonderful opportunities for boat excursions. Wildlife remains abundant, and festive celebrations around Christmas and New Year offer a rich cultural atmosphere.

