

# MADAGASCAR

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**Capital:** Antananarivo **Time:** GMT + 3

**Background:** Formerly an independent kingdom, Madagascar became a French colony in 1886, but regained its independence in 1960. During 1992-93, free presidential and National Assembly elections were held, ending 17 years of single-party rule.

**Location:** Southern Africa, island in the Indian Ocean, east of Mozambique

**Map References:** Africa

**Area:** total: 587,040 sq km land: 581,540 sq km water: 5,500 sq km

**Climate:** tropical along coast, temperate inland, arid in south

**Terrain:** narrow coastal plain, high plateau and mountains in center

**Natural Resources:** graphite, chromite, coal, bauxite, salt, quartz, tar sands, semiprecious stones, mica, fish, hydropower

**Population:** 15,506,472 (July 2000 est.)

**Nationality:** noun: Malagasy (singular and plural) adjective: Malagasy

**Ethnic Groups:** Malayo-Indonesian (Merina and related Betsileo), Cotiers (mixed African, Malayo-Indonesian, and Arab ancestry - Betsimisaraka, Tsimihety, Antaisaka, Sakalava), French, Indian, Creole, Comoran

**Religions:** indigenous beliefs 52%, Christian 41%, Muslim 7%

**Languages:** French (official), Malagasy (official)

**Economy:** Madagascar faces problems of chronic malnutrition, underfunded health and education facilities, a roughly 3% annual population growth rate, and severe loss of forest cover, accompanied by erosion. Agriculture, including fishing and forestry, is the mainstay of the economy, accounting for 34% of GDP and contributing more than 70% to export earnings. Industry features textile manufacturing and the processing of agricultural products. Growth in output in 1992-97 averaged less than the growth rate of the population. Growth has been held back by antigovernment strikes and demonstrations, a decline in world coffee demand, and the erratic commitment of the government to economic reform. Formidable obstacles stand in the way of Madagascar's realizing its considerable growth potential; the extent of government reforms, outside financial aid, and foreign investment will be key determinants. Growth should be in the 5% range in 2000-01.

**Industries:** meat processing, soap, breweries, tanneries, sugar, textiles, glassware, cement, automobile assembly plant, paper, petroleum, tourism

**Currency:** 1 Malagasy franc (FMG) = 100 centimes

**Railways:** total: 883 km narrow gauge: 883 km 1.000-m gauge (1994)

**Highways:** total: 49,837 km paved: 5,781 km unpaved: 44,056 km (1996 est.)

**Waterways:** of local importance only; isolated streams and small portions of Lakandranon' Ampangalana (Canal des Pangalanes)

**Ports and Harbors:** Antsiranana, Antsohimbondrona, Mahajanga, Toamasina, Toliara

**Airports:** 133 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 29 over 3,047 m: 1 2,438 to 3,047 m: 2 1,524 to 2,437 m: 4 914 to 1,523 m: 20 under 914 m: 2 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 104 1,524 to 2,437 m: 3 914 to 1,523 m: 59 under 914 m: 42 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** required by all

**Duty Free:** goods permitted: 500 cigarettes or 25 cigars or 500g of tobacco, 1 bottle of alcohol

**Health:** a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travelers arriving from infected areas. Malaria risk throughout the year. All water should be regarded as potentially contaminated

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