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Objectives

- Raise awareness about the value of this unique heritage among scientists and the public
- Awaken love and pride of endemic lemur species among people of any age, gender or social status
- Improve the economy through tourism and its benefits
- Promote lemur conservation and education

"Varika : karem-pirenena, namana fa tsy ..."
"Lemurs : national heritage, friends but not ..."

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World Lemur Festival 2014

World Lemur Festival...news from our friends at GERP (GROUPE D'ETUDE ET DE RECHERCHE SUR LES PRIMATES DE MADAGASCAR)

The World Lemur Festival in October 2014 has been organized to raise awareness about lemurs and Madagascar's unique heritage. Mark your calendar and share with your friends and colleagues!

"Madagascar harbors 105 species of lemurs that are not found anywhere else in the world. Lemurs constitute 20% of the primates in the world. The lemurs of Madagascar are particularly interesting, since they represent the most extensive diversification of all living primates, and yet are also the least understood. Global analysis on the conservation status of the world's mammals shows that primates, including lemurs, are one of the orders most threatened by extinction.

Malagasy people should be proud of this treasure that is endemic to the Big Island.



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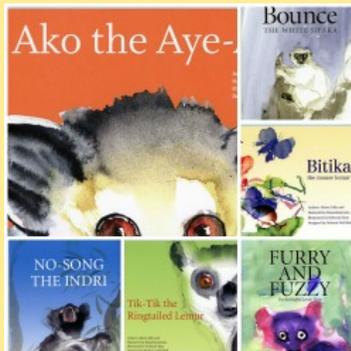
As a result, they can participate in lemur conservation for the benefit of current and future generations. All 22 regions of Madagascar will be celebrating the Lemur Festival during the week of 25th to 31st October 2014. This event will be also celebrated around the world and is known as the World Lemur Festival."



Scenes From Madagascar...

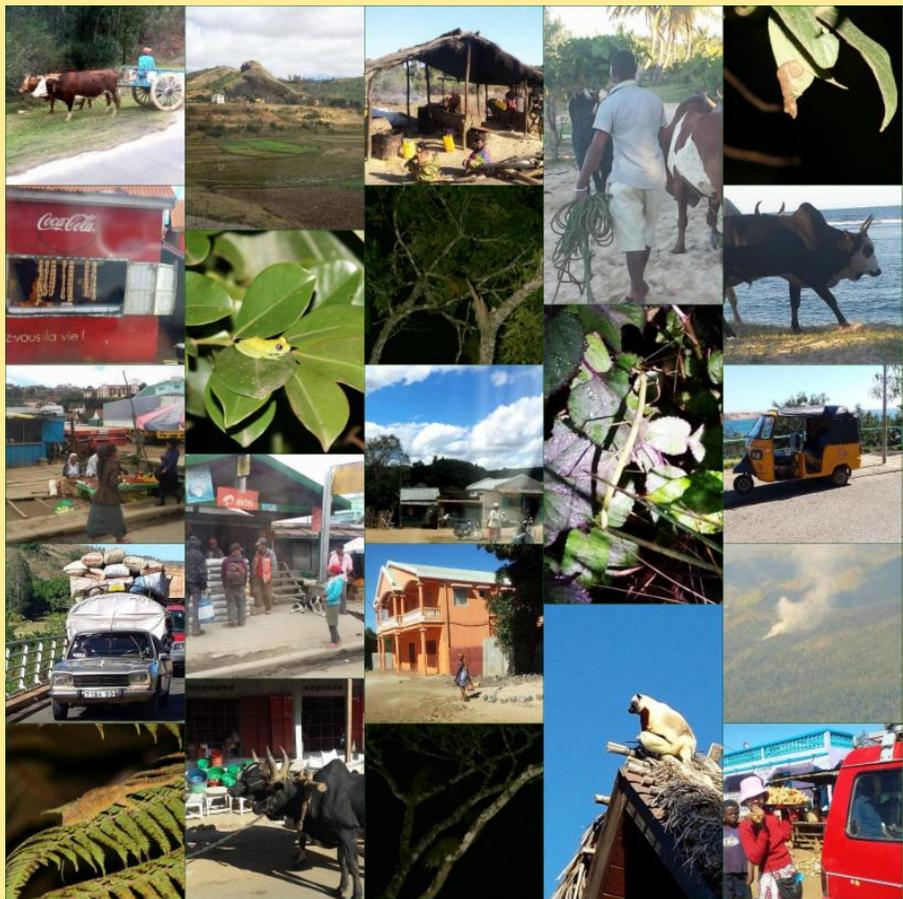
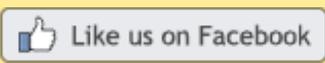
It has been an amazing month in Madagascar with special treats like this Coquerel's sifaka that passed through the grounds of the hotel on its way to the forest to forage. [Click Here to watch a short video](#) of this visitor, who 'joined' the group for coffee one morning.

The Madagascar travelers enjoyed night hikes, beautiful sunsets, and the chance to see the challenges and beauty of this breathtaking country...everything from a roadside rum distillery to a Madagascar Walking Stick and looking up from enjoying a book to find a herd of Zebu sharing the beach. While observing saw lemurs in their native habitats, the visitors also saw signs of burning in the forests.



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Scenes From Madagascar!



Visiting the local Market



Coquerel's sifaka perched on the hotel roof.



MEET AFO!

Afo, a red ruffed lemur infant, was born at LCF on 13 June to first time mother Ravina. Afo has a feisty and spirited personality and so earned his name, which means fire in Malagasy.

Unlike our other lemur species, red ruffed babies don't cling to their mom. Because females can give birth to litters of up to six infants, a red ruffed mother makes a nest where her babies safely reside until they're big enough to move around on their own.

Now at almost two months old, baby Afo can often be found running around the enclosure, climbing low branches and, best of all, spending time with mother Ravina and sire Tsikey.

Rehearsal for the
Concert for UNICEF
with *Razia Said* and other
musicians.



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