



COMOROS

ISLANDS OF HERITAGE & BEAUTY

Guaranteed Departure (All Year round - 2026)
Led by Local Guides

*The **Comoros** is a group of islands on the northern end of the Mozambique Channel off the east coast of Africa that receives very few visitors. This tropical island paradise is a unique destination where one can escape the crowds and familiarity of the well-known tourist paths offering an exotic blend of rich history, strong culture, magnificent landscapes, and exceptional biodiversity. The largest island, Grande Comore, is home to Mount Karthala, the country's highest point offering incredible scenery and opportunities to discover intriguing geographical formations, hiking, and endemic bird watching. The smallest island, Mohéli, features stunning natural scenery and wildlife encounters including lemurs, Livingstone bats, whales, and sea turtles. It is the best place to take part in fun and exciting activities such as boat tours, snorkeling, village walks, hiking, and kayaking.*

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Day 1

Arrive in Moroni (**COMOROS**)



Upon arrival in **Moroni**, the capital city of **Grande Comore**, meet the local representative and transfer to *Itsandra Beach Resort or similar*, check in at the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Note: Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm. If you arrive in the early morning hours, an extra hotel night needs to be booked.

Day 2

Moroni (Grande Comoros) (2 Hrs.)



After breakfast, embark on a scenic journey along the northern coast of **Grande Comore**, rich in volcanic history and natural beauty. As you travel along the western shoreline, you'll witness dramatic lava flows that have reached the sea, now partially reclaimed by thriving mangrove forests. One of the highlights of the morning is a stop at the largest **baobab tree** in Comoros—so vast that you and 10 friends could walk inside its hollow trunk! The island is also home to over 120 volcanic

craters, and today you'll explore two remarkable sites. First, visit **Lac Salé**, a stunning lake created by a crater; located just beside the road. Locals believe its waters possess healing properties. Then, continue to the **Dragon's Back**, a dramatic coastal crater partly eroded by the sea, forming a unique peninsula that curves into the Indian Ocean. On the return journey, stop at **Bangwa Kouni** to see the legendary **Miraculous Mosque**. According to local lore, the villagers woke up one morning to find it mysteriously built overnight. Nearby, you'll also find the **ancient tombs** of some of the earliest Arab explorers to reach Comoros. Enjoy a **local seafood lunch** under the shade of baobab trees by the ocean, offering breathtaking views of a picturesque bay. After lunch, feel the warm sand beneath your feet as you stroll along the shoreline lined with swaying coconut palms, or take a refreshing swim at **Maloudja Beach**. In the late afternoon, return to Moroni for dinner and overnight at *Itsandra Beach Hotel*. **(B, L, D)**

Day 3

Moroni – Mohéli (5 Hrs.)



After breakfast, you'll be transferred to **Ouroveni**, in the southern part of Grande Comore, where you will board a boat to the island of **Mohéli**—a true gem of the Indian Ocean. Recognized as a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve**, Mohéli is one of the most pristine and biodiverse destinations in the region, home to lemurs, vibrant coral reefs, humpback whales, manta rays, sea turtles, and untouched islets just waiting to be explored. Upon arrival at **Hoani Port**, your driver and local guide will greet you and take you on a scenic one-hour coastal drive through lush tropical rainforest. Along the way, enjoy breathtaking views of the turquoise ocean before reaching your peaceful retreat: **Laka Lodge**. Set on a **private beach**, Laka Lodge offers three unforgettable days of relaxation and adventure. After checking in to your bungalow, savor a delicious lunch at the lodge's beachfront restaurant. In the afternoon, take a guided walk through the nearby village with a local resident. You'll be welcomed into homes, meet friendly villagers, and discover the simple charm of Mohéli's rural life. We'll also visit an **artisanal Ylang-Ylang farm**, where you'll learn how this fragrant flower is grown and distilled into essential oil key ingredients in perfumes such as the famous **Chanel No. 5**. Return to Laka Lodge in time to relax by the shore, catch a stunning sunset, and enjoy a freshly prepared dinner. Overnight at *Laka Lodge*. **(B, L, D)**

Day 4

Mohéli



Embark on an exciting boat excursion to explore the **Marine Park** and its picturesque islands. Stop on a **deserted beach** to enjoy some **swimming** or **snorkeling** for amazing close-up views of the rich marine life just a few yards from the beach. Return to the *Lodge* for lunch, then enjoy a **swim** in the **lagoon** and possibly encounter

hawksbill turtles feeding. Look out for the local family of curious lemurs that come down to the *Lodge* grounds! Dinner and overnight at the *Lodge*. **(B, L, D)**

Day 5

Mohéli - Grande Comore



After an early breakfast, you will take a **boat transfer** back to **Grande Comore**. Upon arrival, begin your journey south to **Singani Village**, the site of the island's most recent volcanic eruption. In 1977, lava from **Mount Karthala** swept through and destroyed the village. Today, you'll explore how the community rebuilt—remarkably, using the very lava that once devastated it. From a panoramic viewpoint above the village, trace the lava's path and see how the rebuilt homes now sit atop the cooled flow. Following your visit, enjoy an immersive cultural experience in a **local Comorian home**. Join your hosts in preparing a **traditional meal**, learning the techniques and spices that define island cuisine. Afterward, sit down with the host family to share the freshly prepared lunch and enjoy warm conversation. In the afternoon, head to **Iconi**, a historic town that once served as the capital of the **Sultanate of Bambao**. Nestled at the base of a dramatic volcanic cone, Iconi is filled with stories of strength and sorrow. Visit the **Kaviri Djewé Palace**, constructed from coral and lava stones, and explore the ancient medina where local men still gather in the **bangwes** open public spaces used for community decision-making. A short drive takes you to **Lake Marabou**, a tranquil tidal pool surrounded by mangroves and home to a variety of seabirds. All of this unfolds under the shadow of **Mount Karthala**, the island's majestic and still-active volcano. Return to Moroni in the evening. Dinner and overnight at *Itsandra Beach Hotel*. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6

Moroni - USA



After a leisurely breakfast, begin your day with a **guided walking tour** of **Itsandra**, one of the oldest towns on Grande Comore, with roots dating back to the 14th century. Once the capital of **Ngazidja** and a cradle of Swahili civilization, Itsandra was rich in historical charm. Discover the town's remarkable **17th-century fortress**, once connected to the city by a long, walled corridor. Explore the **Old Arab Quarter**, where you'll visit the **14th-century Mausoleum of Al Habib Omar Bin Sumeit**, along with several 17th- and 18th-century public squares. You'll also stop at a local **handicrafts shop** known for exquisite woodcarving, a perfect place to admire the island's traditional artistry.

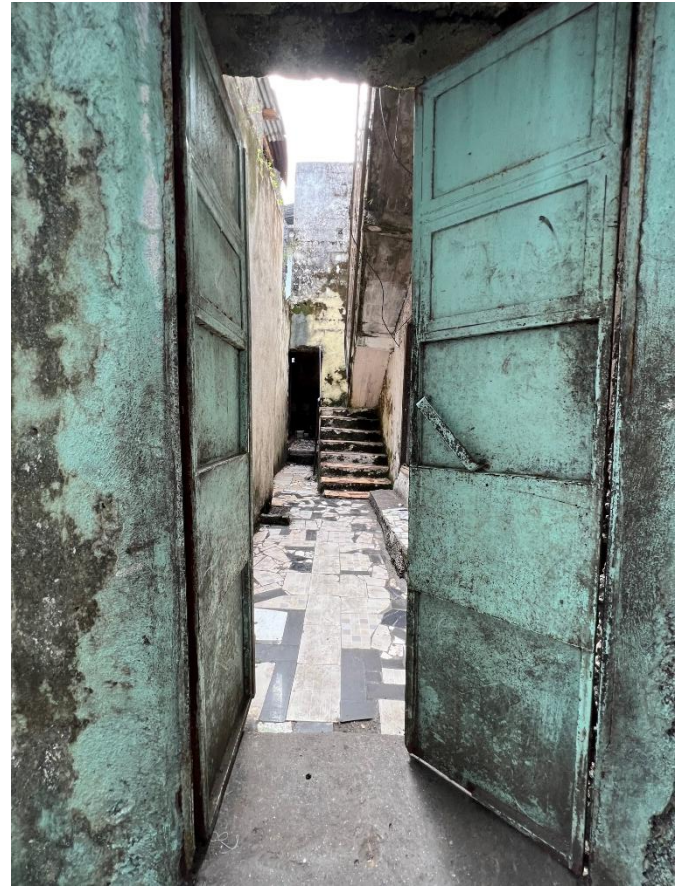
Next, transfer to the capital for a **walking tour of Moroni's medina and markets**. With its narrow alleys, traditional architecture, and laid-back Arabian ambiance, the old stone town is a pleasure to explore. Discover hidden jewelry workshops, quaint cafés, and artisan stalls nestled within the maze-like streets. End your tour

with a walk through the bustling local markets, where colorful spices, tropical fruits, and fresh seafood overflow in vibrant displays. Afterwards, return to the hotel for lunch and a free afternoon at your leisure chance to relax by the beach or reflect on your journey. Later in the evening, enjoy a **farewell dinner**, then transfer to the airport for your international flight.
(B, L, D)

"We reserve the right to change the order of activities/visits or sites due to unexpected events such as flight cancellations or changes of schedule, or any other reasons beyond our control. We will do our best to ensure that any necessary changes when/if needed to meet the needs of our clients."

Tour Remarks:

- Tourist infrastructure and facilities in the Comoros are very limited & often quite primitive.
- Hotels may change at the last minute without prior notice due to reasons beyond our control.
- Alcoholic beverages are only available in tourist hotels.
- Air-conditioners do not cool a room to American standards of comfort.
- Brownouts or blackouts may occur or there may be limited electricity available.
- Flights in-between countries can change without notice and may require amending the itinerary.
- There are a lack of modern medical facilities and chronic health problems should be discussed with your physician before joining this tour.
- A high level of flexibility, tolerance, respect, open-mindedness, sense of adventure, and willingness to go with the flow if things change is expected while visiting this country.



Tour Cost (Land Only):

1 traveler \$3,495.00

2-3 travelers \$2,495.00

4-6 travelers \$2,295.00

Per person sharing in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$495.00

Price based on group size maximum of 6 participants

Trip Grade: II Lodging Level: ***



Tour Includes:

- Airport/Hotel Airport Transfers.
- Accommodation in standard first-class hotels and lodges or similar.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner).
- Transportation by 4-WD Land cruiser.
- Bottled water during touring days
- English-speaking guide or naturalist/assistant during all tours and safaris.
- Inter-island boat transport to and from Moheli
- All entrance fees to mentioned sites, activities, and boat excursions.

Tour does not include:

- International airfare USA-COMOROS-USA.
- **Comoros Visa** (currently upon arrival for €30 - subject to change).
- Alcoholic beverages with or without meals and Meals not mentioned.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees, laundry, excess luggage, etc.).
- Transfers if not arriving/departing on tour dates.
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules or misconnections.
- Trip surcharge to operate below required minimum participants.
- Gratuities to guide, assistants, porters, hotel staff, etc.
- Travel protection insurance (Highly recommended).

Trip Grade:

II Active: Some hikes, slightly more demanding walks at or to sites, few elevations, comfortable but busy schedule and some long rides.

Lodging Level:

***** Superior:** Lodges and hotels with additional amenities, refined service, and comfort level acceptable to western standards. (3 or 4 stars)

