



Madagascar

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S GLOBAL VILLAGE PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW?

Madagascar is prone to tropical cyclones!

80% of animals and plants in Madagascar are found nowhere else in the world.

Major exports include vanilla, sugar, coffee and shellfish.

HABITAT FACTS IN MADAGASCAR

Families Served to Date
2,247 families

Construction types
HFH Madagascar houses are 15 to 40sq meters with a living room and a bedroom, a bathroom and a kitchen. A pit latrine is also built outside.

Number of Affiliates
Mitsinjo, Ezaka, Tantely, Firaisantsoa, Akany Avoko, Vonona, Anjarasoa

Host Months
April-October

Team Size
12-20 members

Building Together For a Better Future

More than half of Madagascar's population does not have access to safe drinking water, and 87 percent of its population does not have adequate sanitation facilities. Over 71 percent of the population lives below the national poverty line, and 49 percent earns below US\$1 per day- according to the World Bank classification. Income is still very low; basic needs including food, education and decent shelter remain unsatisfied. Habitat for Humanity Madagascar sees housing as a means of helping people out of poverty and empowering communities. Since beginning construction in 2000, HFH Madagascar has helped hundreds of Malagasy families build simple, decent homes.



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The Global Village Program

Join a Global Village team and you can make a difference in the lives of Malagasy families in need of simple, decent places to live. You might just find your own life changed as well.

Why join a Global Village team?

Global Village offers international volunteers the opportunity to take part in "hands-on" construction or renovation of homes in more than 14 countries in Africa and the Middle East. Participating in a Global Village team offers a unique travel experience and an unforgettable chance to be fully immersed in the local community. Team members experience personal growth through cultural and linguistic challenges, and return to their homes transformed.



What do the volunteers say?

"I had a very moving experience on this trip. I made new friends and truly challenged myself. I fell in love with the people of Madagascar and this country. If I had to do it all over again – I totally would!"
Jenn – USA



Logistics

HOW TO GET THERE

Most project locations can be reached by an international flight to the Antananarivo airport.

TRANSPORTATION

Both long-distance and daily transport to and from the work site is typically in the form of a private van with a hired driver. This includes the airport pick-up and drop-off, transport to and from the host project and daily transport to the work site. If the team stays in a group house, they can walk to the build site. The transport cost also includes emergency standby transportation.

LODGING

There are two options for lodging in Madagascar. Teams may choose to stay in a guesthouse or a hotel. Guesthouses are equipped with latrines and some electricity. Hotels are double or triple occupancy with electricity and running water.

FOOD AND WATER

All three meals will be prepared by local HFH families, except in case of a hotel stay, where the team will have breakfast at the hotel. Meals will be served at the group house or on the work site. Drinking water will be provided to the team. Please notify the GV coordinator of special dietary needs prior to arrival.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Madagascar

Day 2: Arrival in Antananarivo; greeted at airport by HFH Madagascar staff; transport to hotel; overnight

Day 3: Travel to host project site with HFHM staff; welcome orientation with local staff members; welcome dinner

Days 4–7: Work from 8am–4 pm; free time; team activities

Day 8: Visit market, orphanage, etc.; possible half day work on build site if desired; cultural experience in the community

Day 9: Visit local church; other cultural activities—vary based on host project location

Days 10–12: Work from 8am–4 pm; visit to local school for half day if appropriate; free time; team activities; farewell celebration

Day 13: Travel to Antananarivo; free time; overnight

Day 14: Depart for home

Join us in a journey of adventure — discovering joy, purpose, community, hope and life.

Start making a difference now!

