



Visa advice

FACTSHEET

For travel to Madagascar, all ReefDoctor Volunteer Research Assistants must have a visa. If possible we recommend that you purchase your visa from the Madagascar consulate or embassy in your home country. You should get a 90 day Tourist Visa, which is normally valid for six months from the date of issue.

If you are travelling on route to Madagascar, or have difficulty in getting to the Madagascar consulate or embassy in your home country, visas can be bought on arrival in Antananarivo international airport for about 30 euros (cash only), but you must have a return ticket out of Madagascar and if you only have a two month return ticket you will only be given a 60 day visa.

Unless your time is limited or your airline ticket can not be changed, we recommend getting a 90 day ticket / visa – in the past many volunteers have decided to stay on in Madagascar after visiting us, some have managed to get extensions to these shorter visas up to the full 90 days by showing a re-booked airline ticket to leave the country before the 90 days is up, but this can not be guaranteed.

Register your travel plans

Everyone joining ReefDoctor as Volunteer Research Assistants should register their travel plans in Madagascar with their respective consulate or embassy before reaching or upon arrival in Madagascar.

Research Assistants from the UK will be registered through the Madagascar Consulate in the UK when collecting their visas. If you plan to obtain your visa on entry to Madagascar you should register your travel plans with the British consulate in Mauritius as there is no longer a British Embassy in Madagascar.

Residents of Australia, Canada and the USA can register online with their respective embassies. See our website for links.

For all other countries you will need to contact your country's embassy in Madagascar to let them know your travel plans. There is a list of embassies in Madagascar on the ReefDoctor website and links to help you find your country's if it is not listed.

Note: Tourist visas are for a maximum of 90 days and may be stamped non-extendable, where this is the case they cannot be extended without leaving the country. If you want to stay longer in Madagascar contact us for advice about alternative visas.

Visa application

If you are applying for your visa in advance of your visit you will need to contact the Madagascar embassy or consulate where you are. There is a list of embassies and consulates on our website with web site links to visa advice pages and direct embassy links where available.

In addition, you can download visa application forms for the countries below on our website.

- Belgium
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Switzerland
- UK
- USA

What you will need

To get a visa you are likely to need the following (requirements may differ in different countries so check with the Madagascar consulate or embassy where you live):

- A passport valid for six months after your date of entry to Madagascar
- A completed visa application form
- Up to four passport size photos
- A return air ticket or booking confirmation from your travel agent
- The visa fee payable

On the visa application form you will be asked to provide an address in Madagascar. Please use the following:

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