

Toamasina, Atsinanana, Madagascar

Madagascar's busiest port carries the sweet scent of vanilla and cloves in the air. Toamasina is your gateway to lemur encounters, canal boat rides through lush waterways, and a city where French colonial boulevards meet the colour and chaos of Africa.

-  Docked (commercial pier)
-  Typical call: 8-10 hrs
-  Malagasy Ariary (MGA) — cash essential
-  Malagasy & French spoken
-  Endemic wildlife

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Mole B / Passenger Berth in the commercial port — no tendering

Best For: Lemurs, canal boat trips, spice markets, colonial-era city walk

Walk to center: ~1 mile but walking through the active port is prohibited — use ship shuttle or taxi

Don't Miss: Parc Ivoloïna lemur reserve and a pousse-pousse ride through the palm-lined avenues

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$2–\$5 USD (5,000–15,000 MGA) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Parc Ivoloïna Lemur Reserve** — The standout excursion from Toamasina.
- Pangalanes Canal Boat Ride** — Glide along Madagascar's great network of man-made and natural canals running parallel to the east coast.
- Bazary Be Spice Market** — Toamasina exports vanilla, cloves, cinnamon, and wild pepper to the world — and Bazary Be is where you smell it all at...
- Colonial City Walk & Cathedral** — Walk Avenue de l'Indépendance — a grand palm-lined boulevard of French colonial buildings — to the Cathédrale...
- Foulpointe Beach & Coral Lagoon** — Madagascar's closest safe swimming beach sits 60 km north in a shallow coral-reef lagoon.

BEST WALKS

- Avenue de l'Indépendance & Waterfront Loop** ~2 km | 45–60 min | Easy — From the port gate, head to the main boulevard lined with giant palms and colonial architecture.
- Banyan Tree Square & Port Area** ~1 km | 20–30 min | Easy — Near the port entrance, the Place Bienvenue hosts massive ancient banyan trees with dramatic aerial roots.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:52AM–5:32PM · Jun 6:11AM–5:14PM · Aug 6:02AM–5:31PM · Sep 5:38AM–5:37PM · Oct 5:13AM–5:43PM	
Apr	86°	72°	4d		
Jun	80°	66°	3d		
Aug	79°	64°	2d		
Sep	81°	65°	1d		
Oct	83°	68°	1d		

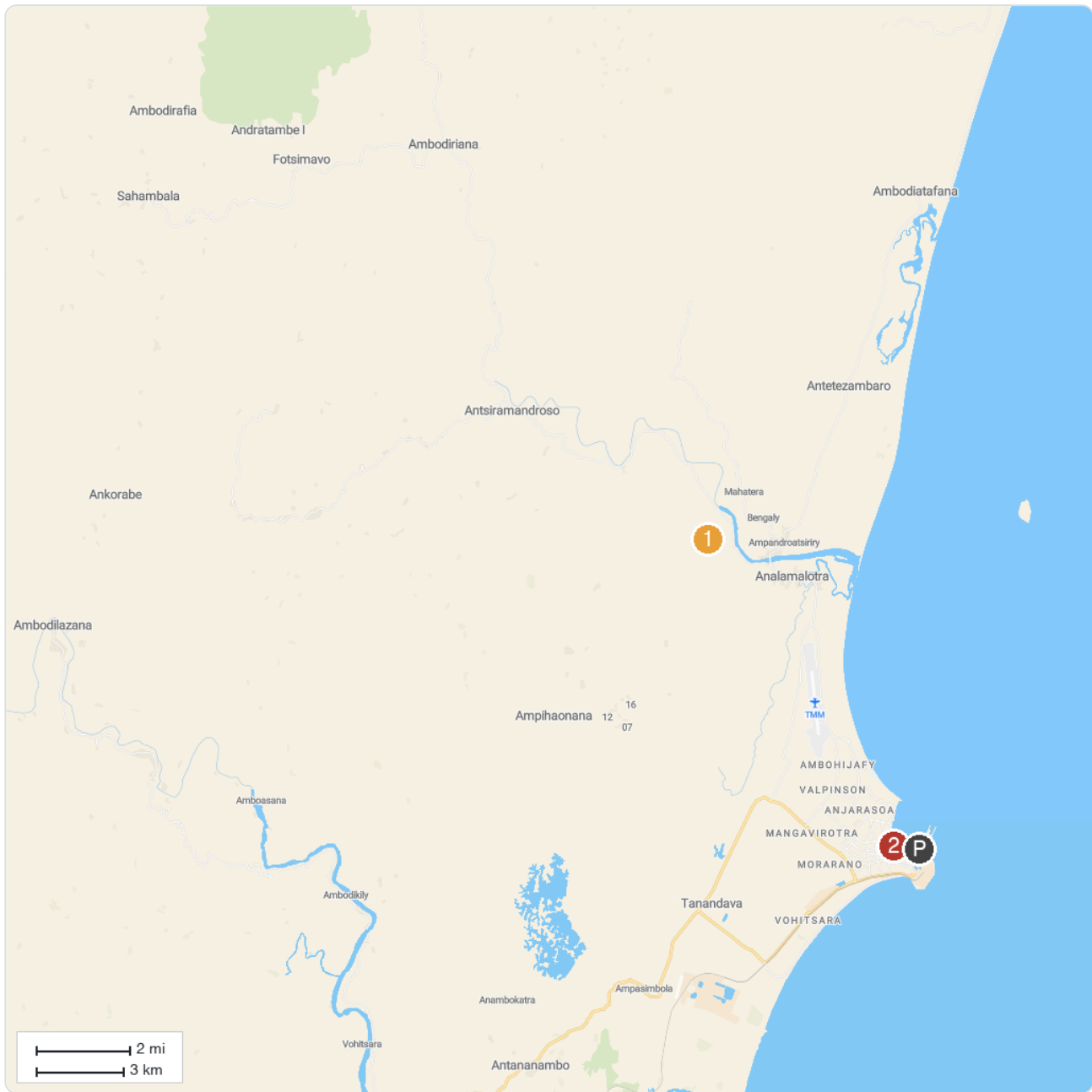
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash is king. Credit cards are rarely accepted outside upscale hotels. Exchange money or use a Visa-compatible ATM in town. Small, clean US dollar or euro bills work at tourist...

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Parc Ivoloina A nature park with lemurs and botanical gardens.

2 Toamasina Beach

Toamasina's main public beach for swimming and sunbathing.

P Cruise port / terminal