

# Madagascar

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# Languages

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## French

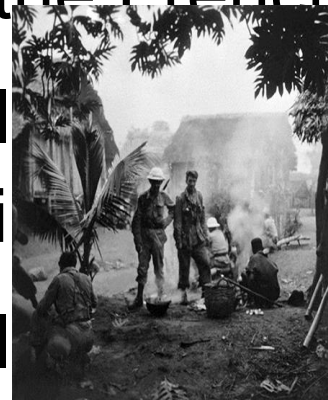
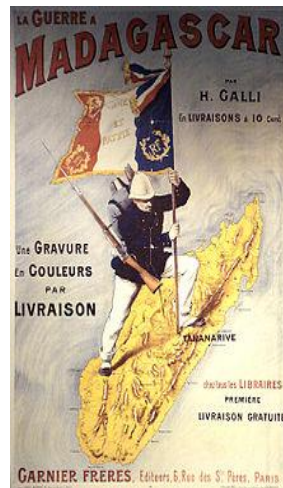
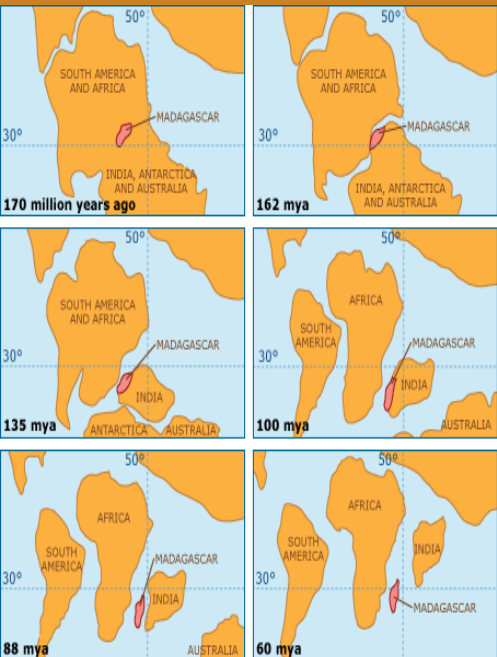
- French is spoken in Madagascar because it used to be a french colony and after their independence Madagascar decided to carry on

## Malagasy

- This is the national language of Madagascar and most native people from Madagascar speak it, it is an Austonesian language which is a group of languages

# History of Madagas

- It was formed 88 million years ago
- It was first discovered between 350Bc and 550Ac
- First populated by Indonesian sailors 10,000 years ago
- In 1897 it was taken over by the French colonial empire





## traditions

- The Famadihana ceremony
- Burying the umbilical cord of a new-born
- Cutting a baby's hair after three-months
- All houses should face west



# religion

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- The Traditional Malagasy Beliefs Honoring Zanahry and the Family Ancestors
- Asian Arab or African origin
- Zanahry believed to be the creator
- Ancestors are honored
- Christianity
- Islam



# Food and drink

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Food in Madagascar is heavily influenced by African, Arabian and Indonesian themes

## Here Are some of the favoured dishes

- **Foza sy hena-kisoa:** this dish consists of stir-fried pork and crab served with rice
- **Ramazava:** this dish is made up of leaves, herbs and pieces of beef and pork cooked in oil until browned.
- **Vary amid'anana:** this dish includes rice, leaves or herbs, meat and sometimes shrimp.
- A popular snack found throughout the island is known as Koba. Koba consists of a helping of rice served with banana and seafood.
- Desserts tend to be delicious local tropical fruits that are served with sugar sprinkled on top and then flavoured with vanilla.
- Tap water is not safe to drink so bottled water is readily available throughout the island

Tipping is not customary in hotels, however, restaurants tend to expect around 10%..

# Geography and wildlife

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- An African island in the Indian Ocean
- Lowlands, volcanic mountains, planes, highlands, desert
- 200,000 species of animals and plants
- 150 000 endemic species

# Tourism

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- Madagascar is very underdeveloped, meaning there is not much tourism here. However the beaches and beautiful landscapes are big parts of tourism as they are very popular

312,000 tourists visited Madagascar in 2006. Since 1990, the number of tourists in the country has grown at an average rate of 11% each year. 60% of its tourists are French





# Film

# music

- Against All flags
- The Amorous ... rral
- The King's ...
- Madagas
- Souli
- Chef Thémis, cuisinier sans frontières



- Salegy



# Sport

The people of Madagascar enjoy playing several sports, such as football, boxing, athletics judo, basketball and tennis.

The national sport is



# Facts about Madagascar

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- It is formally known as The Republic of Madagascar.
- It is the second largest island country in the world.
- it was first populated by humans about 10,000 years ago.
- On Madagascar there are 60 different species of lemur.
- The total population of Madagascar is 26 million people spread out over 587,041 kilometres squared!
- Madagascar's capital city is called Antananarivo and is home to 1.6 million people.



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