## Ecotourism at Andrambovato (Fianarantsoa)



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## **COBA Soamiray**

**Who are we**? This community-based ecotourism (COBA Soamiray) is run by local people in the form of a village association. We aim to conserve and manage our local environment and natural forests in particular.

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**Location**: Andrambovato is a little station on the Fianarantsoa to Manakara railway line. It is located 45 km away from Fianarantsoa on the slopes of the eastern escarpment.

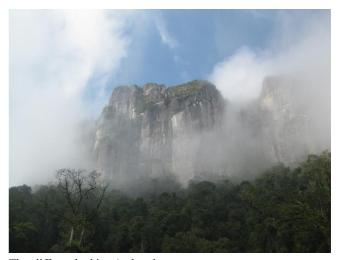
## What do we offer?

A stay in a typical Malagasy countryside that is inhabited by Betsileo and Tanala farmers. On the upper slopes there are large areas of native forest and other types of natural vegetation whereas the lowlands consists of a mosaic of agricultural land and degraded forest.

*Great biodiversity*: as we are situated at the edge of the eastern escarpment we have a diverse fauna and flora. The area's sharp gradients ensure a change in animals and plants encountered.

Stunning landscape: from the top of the cliff that dominates the station you can admire a vast panorama of mountains and lowland hilly plains. On exceptionally clear days the Indian Ocean can be seen. Local walks: there are a number of tracks through the forest and the local agricultural landscape. They lead to key spots such as the large waterfalls, the viewpoint above the station and the local village.

*Excursions*: we offer a range of excursions that include trekking on or near the eastern escarpment with the possibility of reaching Ranomafana. These excursions will allow you to discover both the natural wealth of the region and various aspects of local people's lives.



The cliff overlooking Andrambovato



Early morning view of the undulating lowlands