



# WELCOME TO LEMUR ISLAND

Lemurs are evolutionary relatives of monkeys, apes—and people. They live natively on the island of Madagascar, and nowhere else.

Madagascar is the world's fourth-largest island.



Lemur is Latin *lemnis* "ghost" and many of the Malagasy people believe lemurs are similar to spirits or ghosts because of their haunting stare and night activity.

The Malagasy name *shaka* comes from the distinct call this animal makes as it trunks through the trees: "shil - eek".

Indris are among the most tree-living lemurs. They avoid the ground and spend most of their time climbing and jumping from tree to tree.

Until recently, gray mouse lemurs were thought to be the smallest living primates. This was disproven when the pygmy mouse lemur thought to be extinct, was re-discovered.

Bamboo lemurs eat large amounts of bamboo, which contains a toxic chemical. Scientists don't fully understand how they eat so much bamboo without being poisoned.

Ring-tailed lemurs live in big groups of up to 24 animals. Females rule the groups.

MOUSE LEMUR

SIFAKA

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RING-TAILED LEMUR

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## USE YOUR MAP SKILLS

1. Maromokotro mountain is part of what mountain range?
2. Six rainforests border the island's east coast. Which body of water is closest to them?
3. What river flows through the capital city?
4. What percentage of plants and animals evolved on Madagascar and nowhere else?
5. Which lemur species is the smallest?
6. What percentage of lemur species are endangered?
7. Centre Valbio is located in what national park?
8. What province is the Tsingy de Nosy Be located in?
9. What mountain range is in the southern part of Madagascar?
10. How many ring-tailed lemurs found north or south of Antananarivo?

0 50 100 Kilometers  
0 50 100 Miles

**LEGEND**

- Rain Forest
- Deforestation
- Mountains
- Province Name
- Country Capital
- River
- Province Boundary
- Lemur Territory

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