



MADAGASCAR



INTRODUCTION:

- **The republic of Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the**
- **World, approximately 587,000 km. The only islands that are larger are Borneo, Greenland and New Guinea! This island has lost more than 80% of its original forest land since humans arrived on this place about two thousand years ago. The popularity of Madagascar in 2018 is currently 26,262,810. The French ruled over at the dates of 1897-1958.**

NATURE:

The island of Madagascar has wonderful forests and some of its wildlife is unique, but several species are under threat of extinction. Almost all of the plant and animal species found on the Madagascar Island are unique to this island.

WEATHER:

The southern and western coasts are the driest parts of the country. Rainy seasons are from December to March. The temperature tends to range about 30c.

THINGS TO DO:

Victoria Falls is only one of the great water falls in Eastern Africa. It is estimated to the size of Ireland. Even though it is massive it is not that deep! The deepest point in the whole lake is about 100 meters. It is known to the largest tropical lake. You can bungee jump of Victoria Falls for \$160 per person!

HISTORY:

The first known European was a Portuguese sea captain, Diego Dias, who spotted the island August 10 1500 after he was blown off course on the way to India. Europeans got the first foothold in the late 1600 when pirates ruled the eastern coast of the island. These pirates used Madagascar in as a base for attacking ships brining goods back to Europe from India.