

Useful Malagasy Words and Phrases*

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The Malagasy words and phrases in this page might be useful to you during your stay in Madagascar in case you decide to go there one day. If you have some trouble with the pronunciation, please have a look at the basic rules.

1 Greeting

ENGLISH	MALAGASY
Hi	Manao ahoana, salama
Hi y'all	Manao ahoana daholo
Good morning sir/ma'am	Manao ahoana tompoko

2 Taking leave

ENGLISH	MALAGASY
Take care	Veloma
See you	Mandram-pihaona
Goodbye	Veloma tompoko

3 Gratitude

ENGLISH	MALAGASY
Thanks	Misaotra
Thanks a lot	Misaotra betsaka
Thank you	Misaotra tompoko
Thank you very much	Misaotra betsaka tompoko
You are welcome	Tsy misy fisaorana

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4 Apologizing, polite request, exclamation

ENGLISH	MALAGASY
I'm sorry	Azafady
Please	Azafady
Excuse me	Azafady tompoko

5 Airport

ENGLISH	MALAGASY
Welcome	Tonga soa
Do you speak English?	Mahay teny Anglisy ve ianao ?
Your passport please	Ny pasipaorona azafady
Have a nice travel	Tongava soa
I don't understand you	Tsy azoko izay lazainao

6 Shop, Grocery Store

ENGLISH	MALAGASY
It's too expensive!	Lafo loatra !
How much does it cost?	Ohatrinona ny vidiny ?
I don't like the color	Tsy tiako ny lokony

7 Hotel, Restaurant

ENGLISH	MALAGASY
What's on the menu today?	Inona no sakafo androany ?
Enjoy your meal	Mazotoa homana
Where's the bathroom?	Aiza ny toerana fivoahana ?
Ladies	Vehivavy
Men	Lehilahy
Do you have a room available for tonight?	Misy efitrano malalaka ve androany alina ?

8 Direction, Cab

ENGLISH	MALAGASY
How to get to Analakely please?	Aiza ny lalana mankany Analakely azafady ?
Can you take me to the airport?	Azonao entina any amin'ny seranam-piaramanidina ve aho ?

9 Bank

ENGLISH	MALAGASY
Where can I change my money?	Aiza ny toerana fanankalozam-bola ?

10 Miscellaneous

ENGLISH	MALAGASY
I love you	Tiako ianao
Let's go!	Andao handeha!
What time is it?	Amin'ny firy izao ?
It's ten-thirty a.m.	Amin'ny folo sy sasany maraina izao
Are you okay?	Salama tsara ve ianao ?
Yes	Eny
No	Tsia
Shut up!	Mangina !
I don't care!	Inona no hiraharahiako !

11 Malagasy Slang Expressions

ENGLISH	MALAGASY
Hi	K'aiza
I'm leaving	Aleo izaho hiala
No way	Tsisy fika
I don't understand	Tsy kaopy aho
Lying	Mampiesona, mampiresaka
It's too long (time)	Milona be izy izany
It's nice	Milay be ilay izy
Having fun	Manala azy, mirevy
Friend, pal	Akama
Talk, secret	Kaozy
Clothes	Kata
Eating	Mikaly
Meal	Kaly
Young woman, girl	Sipa
Girlfriend, boyfriend	Sipa
Money, bucks	Saosy, Bama