



THANDA ISLAND

PRIVATE MARINE RESERVE

FACT SHEET



OVERVIEW

- Thanda Island is one of the world's most exclusive island getaways, a paradise for guests to enjoy in complete privacy with family and friends.
- One private villa with five suites accommodating ten adults plus nine additional children sharing. On request, there is an option to accommodate up to four guests each in two traditional Tanzanian Bandas (double-storey beach chalets).
- 8ha in size, 1,1km in circumference and 350m wide, the Island is surrounded by coral reefs which protect it from stormy seas.
- Situated within Tanzania's Shungimbili Island Marine Reserve, the surrounding seas are home to the gentle whale shark, sea turtles, dolphins and dugongs.
- Depending on the season, guests may be able to watch turtles nesting and their eggs hatching. Five species of marine turtles occur in Tanzania's waters. These include green, hawksbill, loggerhead, olive ridley and leatherback turtles. Two species – green and hawksbill – have recently returned to nest on the Island. All are categorised by the IUCN as endangered or critically endangered species.
- The whale shark, the largest fish in the world, feeds just south of Thanda Island. Its size, gentle nature and tendency to swim at the surface at known sites make it a focal species for marine tourism.
- Guests are encouraged to rest, rejuvenate and enjoy a variety of water and island activities as they explore this remarkable sanctuary.

LOCATION & ACCESS



Thanda Island is located between the mainland of Tanzania and Mafia Island. It is 16 nautical miles or 30km west of Mafia Island and 70 nautical miles or 130km east of the mainland of Tanzania, opposite the Selous National Park and Rufiji River Delta. It is accessible by boat from Mafia Island or helicopter directly from Dar es Salaam International Airport.

To get to Thanda Island, international guests fly directly to Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam with Emirates, Ethiopian Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Qatar Airlines, Etihad Airlines or South African Airways. The following international airlines fly into the region and use local airlines to fly into Dar es Salaam: Swiss Air and KLM.

The flight from Dar es Salaam for guests taking a scheduled or charter flight to Mafia Island is a 30-minute flight. At Mafia Island Airport guests will be met by the Thanda Team. The boat transfer on to Thanda Island takes approximately 45 minutes. Similarly, the helicopter flight from Dar es Salaam to Thanda Island generally takes 45 minutes.



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ISLAND FACILITIES & AMENITIES		VILLA BEDROOM AMENITIES		BANDA AMENITIES	
NUMBER OF VILLAS	1	EXTRA BEDS	Yes	EXTRA BEDS	Yes
NUMBER OF SUITES	5	FANS	Yes	FANS	No - natural ventilation, fans may be added on request
NUMBER OF BANDAS	2	AIRCON	Yes	AIRCON	No
CHILDREN	Yes - all ages	MOSQUITO NETS	Yes	MOSQUITO NETS	Yes
CHECK-IN	By arrangement	OUTDOOR BATH	Yes	BATH	No
CHECK-OUT	By arrangement	INDOOR SHOWER	Yes	INDOOR SHOWER	Yes
SWIMMING POOL	Yes	OUTDOOR SHOWER	Yes	OUTDOOR SHOWER	No
MOBILE PHONE	Yes	MINIBAR	No - one main bar	MINIBAR	No - one main bar
WIFI	Yes	IN-ROOM SAFE	Yes	IN-ROOM SAFE	Yes
CREDIT CARDS	Yes - all major credit cards	WIFI	Yes	WIFI	Yes
SPA TREATMENTS	Yes	LAUNDRY	Yes	LAUNDRY	Yes
KEEP FIT	Yes - full gym facilities, weights and cardio				

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES & FEATURES

- Al Fresco/Outdoor BBQ & Cocktail Bar
- Bonfire Pits
- Breakfast Boma (outside area)
- Traditional Pizza Oven
- Arabian Beduin Tent and Furnishings
- Cigar Humidor
- Glass Rim-Flow Pool
- Copper Beach Baths
- Treatment Spa Beds
- Sea Fish Aquarium
- Steinway Grand Piano & Guitars
- Bose Music Amplifier (wireless to your phone)
- Extensive Ernest Hemingway Book Collection
- Mobile Phone Network
- Air-conditioned Gym
- Floodlit Tennis Court
- Table Tennis
- Yoga Sala
- Stargazing
- Snorkelling Equipment (scuba diving on request)
- Sailing Boats
- Deep Sea Fishing Boat
- Fishing Equipment
- Reef / Snorkelling Boat
- Jet Skis
- Kayaks / Stand-up Paddle Boards
- Wakeboards / Tubes / Water Skis
- Beach Volleyball Equipment
- Outdoor and Indoor Games for Children
- Party Pavilion Tent
- Bird Walk
- Helicopter Pad



WATER ACTIVITIES

- SWIMMING WITH WHALE SHARKS** Enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime experience of an up-close encounter with the gentlest giant of the ocean, the whale shark, from October to March.
- SNORKELLING** Thanda's snorkelling guide can take you on seven different snorkelling adventures around the island. These can be enjoyed by all ages and novices. Marine turtles have frequently been sighted during snorkels, along with plenty of exciting marine life.
- SCUBA DIVING** We can arrange scuba diving at any level with our accredited dive partners at Chole Bay, Mafia Island at an additional cost. The Mafia Island Marine Park is widely regarded as having the most spectacular reefs for diving and snorkelling in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Kinasi Pass* – a 5-star rated dive site at the mouth of Chole Bay where the sheltered bay meets the open ocean. Average depth 17m; Maximum depth 27m; Average visibility 15m.
- Milimani Coral Gardens* - extremely picturesque with unusual coral formations that are home to rich, colourful shoals of small and medium-sized tropical fish. The site is suitable for divers at all levels and ideal for night diving. Average depth 11m; Maximum depth 18m; Average visibility 15m.
- Chole Wall* - westward extension of Kinasi Pass, known for turtles, stingrays and many colourful reef fish. Average depth 15m; Maximum depth 18m; Average visibility 15m.
- BIG GAME FISHING** Guests can go on a fishing expedition nearby Mafia Island with Thanda's captain and professional fishing guide to seek out iconic catch-and-release species or to bring home the catch of the day for our chefs to prepare for your lunch or dinner. The boat that will be used is a fully equipped 28-foot reef runner cat, deep-sea boat.
- SAILING, PADDLING, KAYAKING** Explore the reefs around your island in a kayak, sailboat or on your stand-up paddle board. We can also organise a sailing trip on a traditional Arabian fishing dhow.
- WATER SPORTS** Water skiing, wake-boarding, jet skiing and tubing, when weather conditions allow.

OTHER ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

Visit neighbouring Mbarakuni Island for the day or a relaxing sandbank picnic.
Experience the early evening on a sunset cruise.
Explore the legendary spice island of Zanzibar.
Enjoy yoga sessions on the beach with your personal instructor.
Visit Dar es Salaam or Mafia Island.





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CUISINE

Thanda Island's cuisine is fresh and customised to your palate. If you wish, our chef will contact you ahead of your visit to discuss the menu of your choice. It can include ocean-fresh fish and seafood, vegetarian dishes, beef, game and poultry; crisp seasonal vegetables and tropical fruits, and a choice of desserts.

From breakfasts on the beach to romantic dinners and bonfires to picnics on a sandbank in the ocean or on a neighbouring island and spicy Tanzanian cuisine - whatever you desire, we'll deliver.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

CLIMATE

Thanda Island offers beautiful, warm, tropical weather. Rain showers are mostly short, followed by sunshine, bringing a wonderful freshness to the environment. Thanda Island has a tropical climate with approximately 1,800mm of rain each year, divided into two specific rain seasons: the "long" rains in late April to May and the "short" rains in November. Thanda Island lies across the trade winds and experiences the northeast (Kaskazi) and southeast (Kusi) trade wind seasons. The Kaskazi usually starts at the end of November and lasts into February. The Kusi winds are strong in June and July. A short month-by-month guide:

<p>December to March Beautiful weather. Light to stronger trade winds (Kaskazi) from December - January (avg. 10 - 20 knots) and short rains (usually in November but often sneak into December too). Avg. temp 31°C</p>	<p>April to May Rainy season (avg. 700 - 800mm), light winds (Kusi) approaching (avg. 10 - 15 knots), with sunny days inbetween the downpours. Temperatures are wonderfully warm, rather than excessively hot. Avg. temp 28°C</p>	<p>June to August Slightly cooler early June, becoming hot and dry in August. Kusi winds are strong in June and July (avg. 15 - 20 knots, sometimes even more). Avg. temp 27.5°C</p>	<p>September to November Winds die down (avg. 6 - 15 knots) and Matalai starts (this is the calm period before the new Kaskazi season begins). Hot, sunny days and crystal clear water. Avg. temp 31°C</p>
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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS & VACCINATIONS

Thanda Island is in a low-risk malaria area, however, malaria is endemic throughout Africa. There are a number of prophylactics available and we recommend that our guests take advice from their physician. For information on vaccination requirements, please visit <http://www.tanzania.go.tz>

TRAVEL VISA
CURRENCY

More information available at www.immigration.go.tz
The currency on the Island is USD, however, guests should bring Tanzanian Shillings for excursions and activities off the Island.



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CONSERVATION & COMMUNITY

CONSERVATION

Thanda Island is situated within the Shungimbili Island Marine Reserve, and Thanda's team is partnering with the Tanzanian Marine Parks and the leading NGO, Sea Sense, on a range of marine conservation and education programmes in the region. These include research and conservation projects on the sea turtles, dugongs, dolphins, whale sharks, coral reefs and marine reserves.

COMMUNITY

Thanda Island is more than an incredible destination. It is underpinned by a sincere and far-reaching commitment to the Tanzanian people. The Thanda Tanzania team is participating in a range of social upliftment programmes on Mafia Island, which has approximately 60 000 people.

The closest community village on Mafia Island is Ras Mbisi, 8 nautical miles from Thanda Island, and we are committed to the education of young people in sustainable resource utilisation, fish harvesting, marine conservation, and in the development of healthy, sporting activities, such as football.

Sea Sense works closely with coastal communities in Tanzania to conserve and protect endangered marine species. Through training, education and employment, many coastal communities are now participating in marine conservation initiatives.



OWNERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

OWNER

Thanda Tanzania Limited - Christin & Dan Olofsson of Sweden

MANAGERS

Managing Director: Pierre Delvaux; Management Team: Antigone Meda & Oscar Bertozzi Pucci