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THANDA ISLAND

5 HECTARES · UP TO 24 GUESTS · PRIVACY 86

THE ISLAND · TANZANIA

Five Hectares, One Party

Thanda Island is a five-hectare private island in the Indian Ocean off Tanzania, inside the Shungimbili Island Marine Reserve between the mainland and Mafia Island.

It is let to one party at a time — the booking is for the entire island, never by the room. Around the Villa and two bandas lie 1,100 metres of beach and protected reserve waters.

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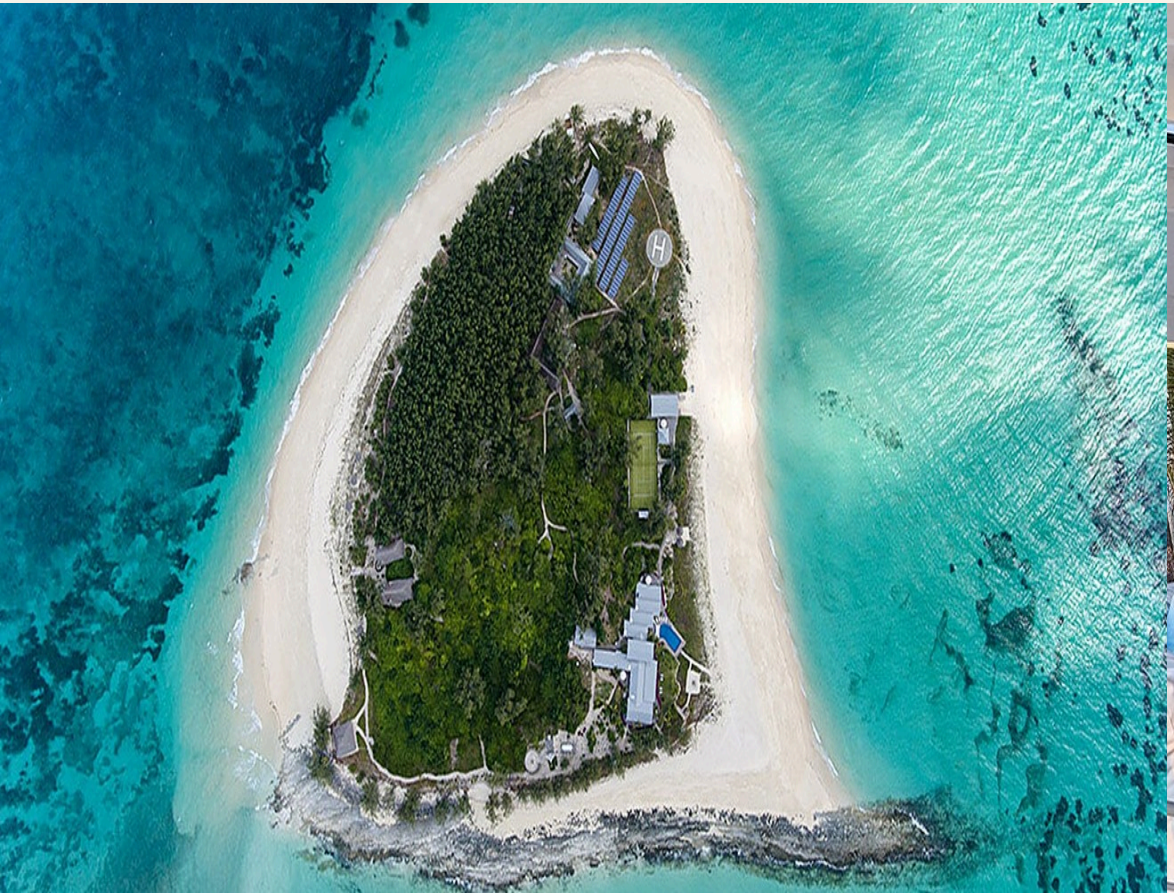
HECTARES — 1,100 METRES OF BEACH AROUND ONE SMALL ISLAND

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PARTY AT A TIME — THE ISLAND IS NEVER SOLD BY THE ROOM

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GUESTS AT MOST — VILLA, BANDAS AND THE CATAMARAN UMOJA







STAY

A Villa, Two Bandas

The Villa is a beach house in coastal whites, greens and blues, built for a perfect East African summer. Its five air-conditioned suites open directly onto the beach and the outdoor living areas; its shared rooms hold an indoor aquarium, a library and a wraparound dining area with a 180-degree view of the ocean.

THE SLEEPING

The Villa	five suites · sleeps 10 adults
The two bandas	up to 8 more guests
Catamaran Umoja	three suites · 6 more guests

Each banda is a double-storey beach chalet — an en-suite master bedroom below, two single beds with an en-suite above, each storey 72 square metres, furnished with hand-carved Mafia furniture. With the Villa they make a nine-bedroom destination, and children of all ages are welcome.









LIFE ON THE ISLAND

Life on Thanda Island

DINING

The executive chef plans menus with you before you arrive and cooks for your party alone: breakfasts on the beach, a picnic on a sandbank, lunch on a traditional Arab dhow, a Swahili feast or an Arabian night, pizzas from the hand-built pizza oven and an adventure feast on neighbouring Mbarakuni Island.

ON THE WATER

The boathouse is yours: jet skis and jet boards, a seabob, wakeboarding, water skiing and tubing, kayaks, paddleboards and sailing. The island's boats — the 36-foot adventure yacht Sazi, the 28-foot fishing cat Real Magic and the 45-foot catamaran Umoja — run island-hopping trips, sundowner cruises and whale shark swims; big game fishing runs from September to March.

ON THE ISLAND

A glass rim-flow pool sits at the centre of the outdoor living space, with copper baths on the beach, a floodlit tennis and volleyball court, an air-conditioned gym and the Egret Walk through the bush behind the Villa. Spa treatments are included and given wherever you choose — in the spa, on the beach or in your suite.

THE REGION · THE MAFIA ARCHIPELAGO

The Reserve and the Channel

Thanda Island sits inside its own marine reserve, 16 nautical miles east of the Tanzanian mainland and opposite the Rufiji River Delta, with Mafia Island to the south-east. The reserve waters are patrolled — the island serves as a base for the Marine Park Rangers who guard the western side of Mafia.

Mafia Island is the working neighbour: Kilindoni, its main town and airstrip, is where the island's boat runs to, and Chole Bay — Mafia's historic harbour — is home to the island's accredited dive partner. Traditional dhows still work the channel, and whale sharks gather off Kilindoni from October into the early months of the year.



GETTING THERE

Met in Dar es Salaam

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Fly into Dar es Salaam, where the Thanda Island team meets you and accompanies you through customs. From the airport, the onward journey is the island's to arrange.

35 MIN

BY HELICOPTER, DIRECT

The island's private helicopter flies directly to the island in about 35 minutes — the fastest route, landing you on the island itself.

30 + 60

FLY AND SAIL VIA MAFIA

Or take the 30-minute fixed-wing flight to Mafia Island, then about an hour by the island's boat from Kilindoni. A 10-minute helicopter hop from Mafia is also possible.

The island lies 16 nautical miles (30 kilometres) east of the mainland, seven degrees south of the equator, on East African Time (GMT+3).





CLIMATE

Two Seasons, Warm Seas

SEASON	HIGHS	LOWS	SEA	
DRY · JUN–OCT	81–84°F	75–79°F	78–80°F	The long dry season — the clearest, calmest months on the reserve
SHORT RAINS · NOV–DEC	84–86°F	79–81°F	82–83°F	Brief showers between the dry season and the heat of the new year
HOT · JAN–MAR	86°F	81°F	83–84°F	The warmest weeks; whale sharks are feeding south of the island
LONG RAINS · APR–MAY	84°F	79°F	82–84°F	The masimba rains — the island at its greenest, the sea near its warmest

THE SHORT VERSION

Figures are the long-term monthly averages for Kilindoni on Mafia Island, the island's gateway town. Air runs 81–86°F across the year and the sea 78–84°F — swimmable in every month, warmest in March and April.



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Shungimbili Island Marine Reserve, Tanzania · 7.700°S, 39.683°E

DISTANCES – STRAIGHT LINE

Kilindoni (Mafia Airport)	15 mi
Chole Island	19 mi
Dar es Salaam (DAR Intl)	66 mi
Zanzibar (ZNZ Intl)	107 mi

CLIMATE

Air, year round	highs 81–86°F · lows 75–81°F
Warmest months	January–March — 86°F days
Sea temperature	78–84°F — swimmable all year
Driest months	June–October (3–5 rain days)
Wettest month	April (16 rain days)

ACCESS

Fly into Dar es Salaam (Julius Nyerere Intl)

Meet-and-greet through customs by the island team

Helicopter direct to the island — about 35 minutes

Or fixed-wing to Mafia Island (30 min) + boat (about 1 hour)

Arrival only by the island's arranged helicopter or boat

Island pin: Shungimbili Island's published position (Wikipedia), used until the listing's CMS pin is verified in the live phase. Place coordinates: Wikipedia and published aerodrome data. Distances straight-line from the pin. Climate: Kilindoni monthly averages.

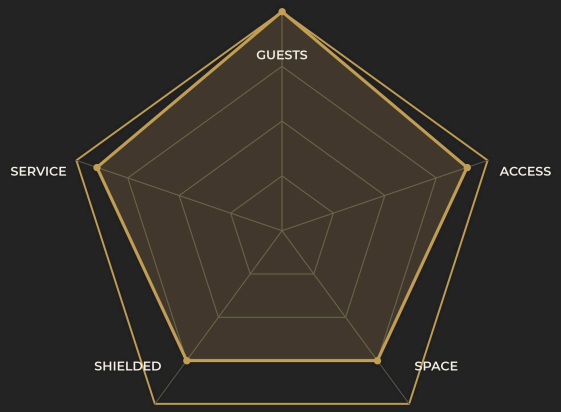
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WHOLE ISLAND — THE ONLY WAY IT IS LET



Gold fill — the whole island, the only way it is let.

THANDA ISLAND

WHO ELSE IS THERE — 20 / 20

The island is let only as a whole — one booking, one party. The only other people on the island are the island's own dedicated team.

WHO CAN GET IN — 18 / 20

Arrival is only by the island's arranged helicopter or its boat from Mafia Island, 16 nautical miles offshore, inside a marine reserve the island itself helps patrol.

SPACE TO DISAPPEAR — 15 / 20

Five hectares and 1,100 metres of beach for one party of up to 24 — generous, though the island is compact and the party lives in one compound.

OUT OF SIGHT, SOUND & TRAFFIC — 15 / 20

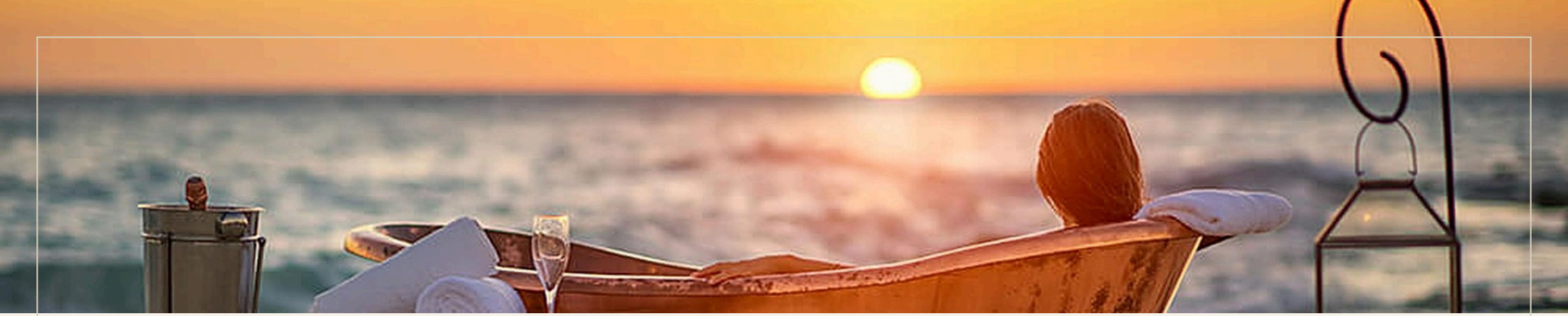
Protected reserve water on every side and no neighbours on the island; the mainland and Mafia are across the water, and the occasional fishing dhow passes at a distance.

INVISIBLE SERVICE — 18 / 20

A dedicated team by role — manager, executive chef, hostesses, butlers, housekeepers and guides — serving a single party, with dining, boats and spa handled in-house.

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