





## THANDA ISLAND

PRIVATE MARINE RESERVE

It all started with a dream, a fanciful ambition to find a small, remote, uninhabited Tropical Island off the coast of East Africa. Thanda Island is one of the world's most exclusive island getaways, a paradise for you to enjoy in complete privacy with family and friends. A secluded island with a single luxurious villa and two traditional bandas (beach chalets) in the Indian Ocean, off the east coast of Tanzania. Situated in its own marine reserve, you can swim with the gentlest giant of the ocean, the whale shark, and watch sea turtles nesting. Here, you can rest, rejuvenate and enjoy adventure sports in a world apart where shades of turquoise infuse your days and tropical spices your nights.



## THE EAST AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

Thanda Island has East African soul and we know that you will feel this in the warmth of the sunshine, the glitter on the water and the character of the people.

It infuses your being. Its uniqueness is summed up in the local Swahili saying *Kila ndege huruka na mbawa zake*, meaning 'Every bird flies with its own wings.'

On the coast of East Africa, trade revolved around the sea, as it has for centuries, guided by the trade winds. In Tanzania's capital city of Dar es Salaam, traditional wooden dhows glide between ferries, cruise liners and cargo ships and the culture and architecture reflects its diverse African, Arabic, Indian, British and European influences.

Tanzania today is home to some of the greatest wildlife populations in Africa, with the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater in northern Tanzania and Africa's largest wildlife Reserve, the Selous Game Reserve, in southern Tanzania.





## STEP ONTO THE ISLAND

Nestled within Tanzania's Shungimbili Island Marine Reserve, Thanda Island is located between the mainland of Tanzania and Mafia Island. It is 8ha in size, 1.1km in circumference, 350m wide, and surrounded by coral reefs.

It offers spectacular snorkelling, diving, fishing and many other adventures. The surrounding seas are home to the gentle whale shark, sea turtles, dolphins and dugongs.

Thanda Island is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and one of the world's most exclusive island getaways. Everything on the Island has been created for adventure, relaxation and total privacy.

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blue heaven



## THE VILLA

The Villa is a discreet, sumptuous retreat.

As you step off the helicopter, the Villa is right there... yours to enjoy. It's your home, with a paradise-inspired living area featuring everything you could want in this beautiful beach house, and five exquisite, air-conditioned bedroom suites leading directly onto the beach. The Island is totally safe for you to explore and enjoy.

Beach house romance,  
nostalgia and East African  
elegance personify the Villa





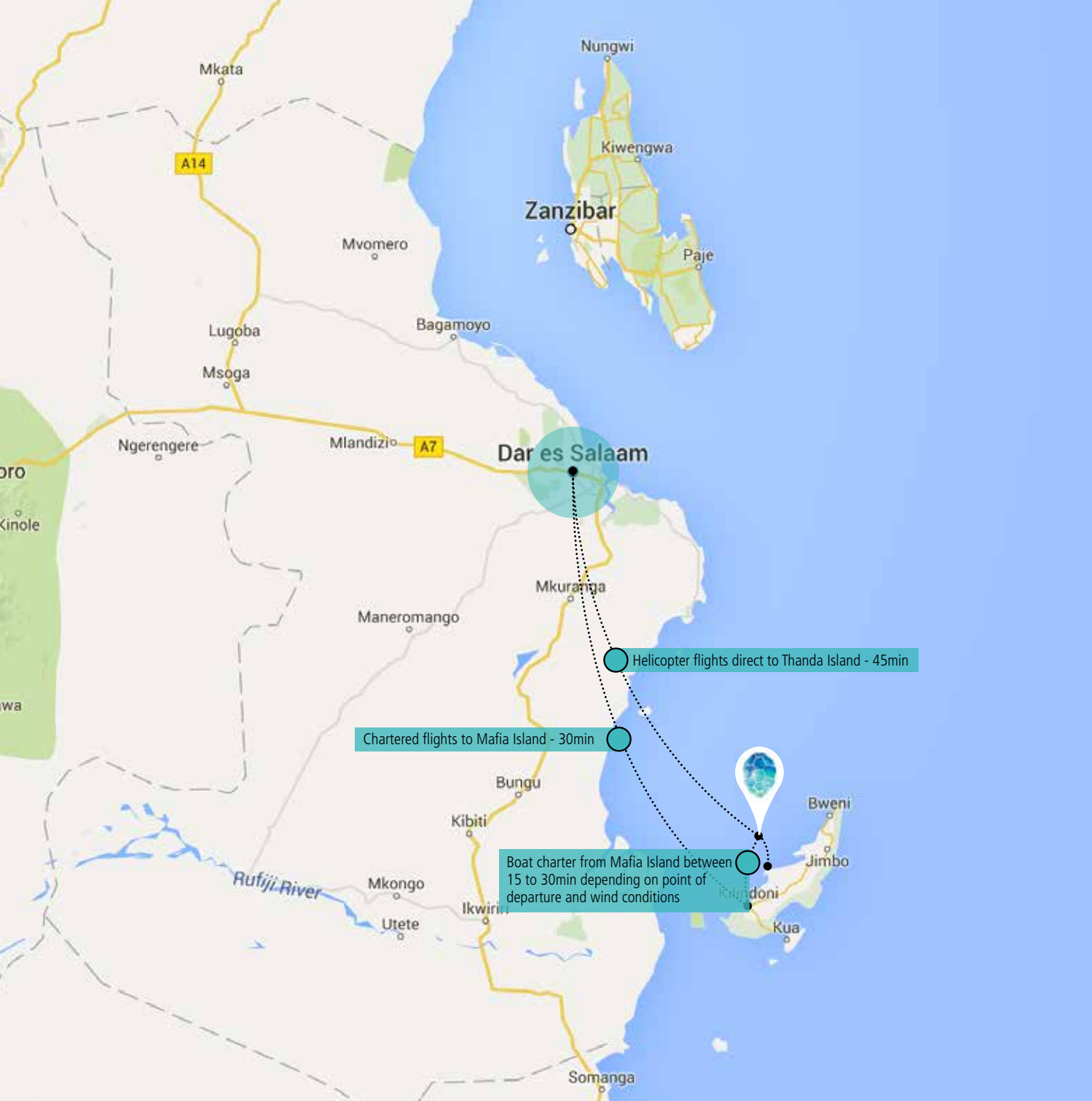
## THANDA CLASSIC CRUISE

Your Thanda Island experience includes  
*Over the Rainbow of London.*

A classic 115ft/35m, four-berth classic cruise yacht based at Thanda Island for your pleasure. Nostalgic luxury and an East African Hemingway adventure are your companions on board as you cruise to the neighbouring spice island of Zanzibar or enjoy private dive charters to Chole Bay.

Explore the island  
in a nostalgic luxury  
old-world charter





## GETTING TO THANDA ISLAND

To get to Thanda Island, guests fly directly to Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam with Swiss Air, Qatar, Emirates, South African Airways and British Airways.

The following international airlines also fly into the region and use local airlines to fly into Dar es Salaam, KLM, Air France, Lufthansa, Turkish Airlines and Etihad Airways.

On landing at Dar es Salaam: the Thanda Island team will meet you and accompany you through customs, ensuring a smooth, quick entry into this beautiful country. From here, you board either an 8 or 4 seater helicopter and 45 minutes later you land on Thanda Island, right at the villa for the start of your private island adventure.







## OFF THE GRID

*A remote paradise powered by the sun.*

Experience an off-the-grid lifestyle on the Island, which is powered by solar energy. For those who need to remain connected, the Island has full wifi Internet and mobile phone reception.

## RELAXES AND RESTORES

*Thanda Island relaxes you and restores your vital force.*

You have exclusive use of the Shungimbili Island Marine Reserve surrounding Thanda Island during your stay. Looking after your every need on Thanda Island is a select team dedicated entirely to you, including your own Executive Chef, Hostess and Housekeeper. A boathouse full of equipment is yours to enjoy, and a Boatman is dedicated to you as your personal guide.





## TANZANIAN ADVENTURES

Your very own  
ocean playground

Exclusive use of the Marine Reserve surrounding the island.  
A choice of water and marine activities.

You may choose to spend one of your nights indulging in the ultimate relaxation of a cruise-to-nowhere aboard Over the Rainbow of London of London or exploring ancient Arabic history and enticing spice plantations, with an overnight cruise to Zanzibar.

Or cruise around Thanda Island and the surrounding islands on our Cobalt motor cruiser, Island Princess, which is beautifully appointed with a luxurious cabin and cocktail bar. Sip on champagne and enjoy island delicacies as you explore the magnificent marine reserve.



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## SCUBA DIVING

Dive in the largest marine protected area in the Indian Ocean.

If you enjoy scuba diving at any level, or you would like to learn to scuba dive, we will arrange this for you with Mafia Island Diving, our accredited 5-star dive partner at Chole Bay on nearby Mafia Island. All dives are done from traditional Arab dhows in the Mafia Island Marine Park. The largest marine protected area in the Indian Ocean, it offers some of the most spectacular diving off the East African Coast, including an intriguing diversity of coral reefs, five species of turtles and 400 species of enchanting reef fish.

Or cruise Over the Rainbow of London to Chole Bay for an incredible private diving experience, as it too is fully equipped with its own diving equipment.

## SWIMMING AND SNORKELLING

Swim and snorkel in the translucent, tropical waters.

Enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime experience of an up-close encounter with the gentlest giants of the ocean, the whale sharks, when they congregate just south of Thanda Island from October to March.





## SAILING, PADDLING , KAYAKING & FISHING

A boathouse full of equipment is yours to enjoy.

Ride the trade winds in paradise on your very own sailboat, or explore the coral reef in a kayak or canoe. We can also organise a sailing trip on a traditional Arab fishing dhow.

We also have a fully equipped 28-foot reef runner cat, deep-sea boat if you would like to do some big game fishing nearby Mafia Island. Catch and release iconic species or bring home the catch of the day for the Chef to prepare for your lunch or dinner.

## DINING ISLAND-STYLE

Dining on Thanda Island is a taste adventure of the region's delectable cuisine.

Dine on the beach or enjoy lunch on an Arab dhow after your morning snorkel in Chole Bay; experience a Swahili feast, dedicated to the flavours and aromas of Tanzania or join our Chefs in making your own Italian pizza, cooked in our hand-built pizza oven.

Be transferred by boat for an adventure feast on a sandbank on neighbouring Mbarakuni island.... whatever the meal, it's a journey and you can choose to dine indoors, on the ocean or al fresco under African stars.





A World of Wonder  
A Place of Perfection



## THE VILLA

Five air-conditioned bedroom suites with comfortable king-sized beds lead directly onto the beach with its silken white sands.

If required, further beds for an additional 9 children, can be set up in the bedroom suites. Beach house romance, nostalgia and East African elegance personify the villa on Thanda Island, designed for a perfect summer in coastal whites, greens and blues. The owners of Thanda Island, Christin and Dan Olofsson of Sweden, built the villa as their own discreet, sumptuous retreat and private getaway before they decided to share it with likeminded guests.

The expansive living area has an indoor aquarium, electronic piano, wine collection, cigar humidor, glass rim-flow swimming pool and wrap-around dining area with its 180-degree view of the ocean.

## THE BANDAS

Thanda Island additionally has two traditional Tanzanian bandas.

Each has a king-sized bedroom and en-suite bathroom on the first floor and two single beds and en-suite bathroom on the ground floor.









## CONSERVATION COMMITMENT

Thanda Island partners with the Tanzanian Marine Parks and a 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. Five species of marine turtles occur in Tanzania's waters. The largest fish in the world - the gentle, human-friendly whale shark - breeds just south of the Island.

## COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Thanda Island has a far-reaching commitment to the Tanzanian people.

Thanda participates in a range of social upliftment programmes on neighbouring Mafia Island, which has approximately 60 000 people. We are committed to the education of young people in sustainable fish harvesting, marine conservation, and in the development of healthy, sporting activities, such as football.





It's something really  
different and special.



## THANDA ISLAND & Over the Rainbow of London

Enjoy exclusive use of Thanda Island as well as Over the Rainbow of London during your stay with and its select team of staff members.

The rate includes return transfers by helicopter from Dar Es Salaam, which we will arrange for you, plus all activities we offer on the island, dive charters and spa treatments as well as all meals and drinks, and our Thanda selection of villa wines and champagnes. It also includes all excursions and charters onboard Over the Rainbow of London for the duration of your stay.

Should you wish to bring more adults than the Villa can accommodate, we can host them in two traditional Tanzanian Bandas. Whatever you desire for your Island experience, speak to us and we will arrange it.



