

THANGA HOUSE

TRANQUEBAR



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private villa experiences

The simple facade hides the treasures within



8 GUESTS | 4 BEDROOMS | TAMIL HERITAGE HOUSE | SEA-VIEW TERRACE

Restored by INTACH as a private residence for Francis Wacziarg, founder of Neemrana Hotels, Thanga House is an elegant 100-year-old 4-bedroom traditional Tamil house that welcomes guests to Tranquebar, India's first Danish trading post.

Located just over 100 km south of Pondicherry but only a few steps from the ocean, its tall, breezy terrace overlooks the palm-fringed beach, a perfect place to watch the sun rise over the horizon. This three-level villa, which you can book by individual rooms, is divided into two buildings, separated by an expansive courtyard.

You can spend your day touring the various heritage sites in Tranquebar and its surrounding towns, such as Fort Dansborg, the second-largest fort the Danes built in the world. Nearby is the famous temple of Thirukadaiyur, popular for 60th anniversary celebrations, and the Saneeswara Temple at Thirunallar. At night, you can cool off in our plunge pool to prepare for the next day.

While the house is exclusively vegetarian, we can arrange a sumptuous food tour in neighbouring Karaikal, featuring a smorgasbord from our favourite Islamic and Tamil non-vegetarian dining establishments to feast on.



Just 50 m away lies the azure Bay of Bengal



The air-conditioned living & dining area looks out onto the courtyard

A beautiful green space sheltered by the canopy of an ancient Neem tree. The courtyard has a large marble-lined plunge pool to cool off on a humid day. The outdoor seating is perfect for an alfresco meal.



Francis Wacziarg's private residence is now the Platinum Room



THE STORY OF THANGA HOUSE

In the post-tsunami devastation of Tranquebar, the Government of Denmark and non-profit institutions set about restoring the colonial and Tamil quarter of the village to recreate a bygone era. Among these institutions was INTACH, which restored two rows of ancient Tamil houses to serve as multi-use community spaces. One of these caught the eye of Francis Wacziarg, co-founder of Neemrana Hotels, and he purchased and restored it as his private residence.

Because Thanga House was born through this partnership of Francis and INTACH, stepping into the lime plaster walls of Thanga House transports you back to a design ethos that merges Danish and Tamil styles. Signature peaked, tiled roofs cover each room, supported by sturdy wooden beams. The rosewood beds complement the rest of the house's teak and cane furniture, lending to a picturesque antique atmosphere you'll fall in love with.

The ethos of Thanga House revolves around finding an understated luxury in simplicity. Thanga House stands today as an imprint of the often-forgotten town's roots, a fitting destination for a historical and religious retreat.



Guests visiting the terrace can get a breathtaking view of the sea from one of the best vantage points in town. Watching the sunrise here is a great way to start the morning, and this is an ideal spot if you want to have a romantic sunset dinner.





SPACES



THANGA HOUSE - SPACES

Thanga House can be booked by individual rooms or as a whole villa rental

- Villa sleeps 8 guests (maximum 12, for an additional fee) including adults & children
- 4 Bedrooms with ensuite baths
 - Silver Room with Private Plunge Pool - 1 Queen bed
 - Gold Room - 2 Single beds
 - Diamond Room - 1 King bed
 - Platinum Room - 1 King four-poster bed
- Dining and Lounge area with air conditioning
- Breezy terrace with a breathtaking view of the sea—perfect for rooftop dinners
- Spacious garden courtyard with a wrought-iron table
- Large plunge pool
- In-house kitchen (staff use)



Originally Francis Wacziarg's personal room when he built the house, the **Platinum Room** is an expansive bedroom attached to a quaint balcony that looks out onto the courtyard and plunge pool. An elegant antique four-poster bed, grand desk and wooden floor chest provide the focal points of the room.



Located on the ground floor of the rear block, the romantic **Silver Room** leads out into its own private garden and plunge pool, making it ideal for couples seeking privacy and a romantic evening meal.



The Gold & Diamond Rooms are located on the first and second floors of the rear block.

Each of the rooms are decorated with period furniture and have private sit-outs with a view of the green canopy and glimpses of the Bay of Bengal.



SERVICES



An intimate candlelight dinner on the terrace

Cool off in the plunge pool



SERVICES AT THANGA HOUSE

- DAILY HOUSEKEEPING from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM
- DAILY BREAKFAST included with your stay
- PURE VEGETARIAN FOOD, predominantly local Tranquebar Tamil cuisine with set menus for meals
- BED & BATH LINEN of high quality
- MINI FRIDGE & SATELLITE TV in all bedrooms
- HIGH-QUALITY BATH AMENITIES
- BROADBAND WIFI coverage throughout the house
- 100% POWER BACK-UP with voltage stabilisation
- SELF-GUIDED TRAIL maps
- LUNCH AND DINNER available for Rs 700 (inclusive of all taxes) per person with advance notice
- SUNDOWN ROOFTOP DINNERS can be organised at Rs 1,000 per person
- IRON AND IRONING BOARD on request
- GUIDED TOURS including walks & day trips for an extra charge
- LUX Concierge Service

The air-conditioned lounge is the meeting point for all travellers. Two cosy seating areas and the large dining table make this a wonderful communal space for meals and conversations.





Sundowners and a swim in the courtyard

INSIGHTS





WHAT TO EXPECT - THANGA HOUSE

- Thanga House does not permit non-vegetarian food on the premises. We do not serve alcoholic beverages.
- Senior travellers should note that there are no elevators to reach upper-floor rooms. Beds in some rooms have high clearance, so please take care when climbing into or out of them, especially in the dark.
- Tranquebar's places of worship broadcast their rituals & prayers with great fervour from dawn to dusk and beyond. Add in the cacophony from roosting peafowl in the house and its surroundings that rival these broadcasts. Ear plugs are available in every room.
- Set in a tropical haven and surrounded by lush greenery, the house attracts flies, ants and other bugs. Any food left open in the bedrooms or common spaces will also attract bugs. These insects attract bats, frogs, and geckos. Remember to keep all doors & windows shut to keep critters out.
- The marble-lined courtyard plunge pool is not meant for diving. Families should supervise young children in the pool at all times, as there is no lifeguard.
- Tharangambadi Beach is located under the thickest layer of ozone in India, offering sunbathers extra protection from UV radiation.



Romantic candlelit moments in the plunge pool of the Silver Room

EXPERIENCE



Watch the fishing boats
bring in their catch at sunrise

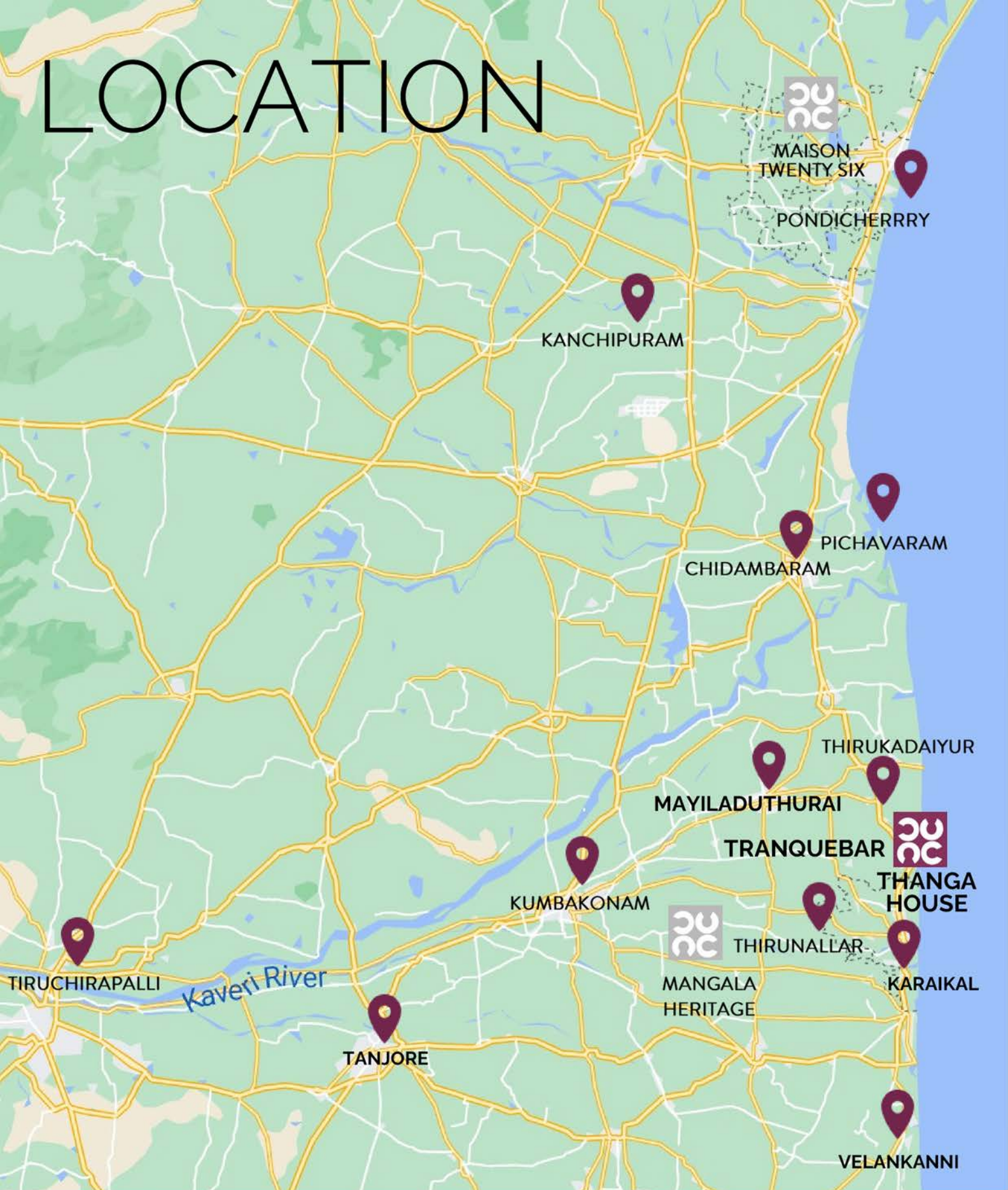
Dansborg, the second largest Danish fort in the world



HOW TO SPEND YOUR TIME IN TRANQUEBAR

- Unwind with a relaxing **walk along the jetty** & join the morning **live seafood auction**
- Experience Tranquebar's rich Danish history with **guided heritage walks**. Visit **Fort Dansborg**, the second-largest fort the Danes built in the world . Explore its museum to learn about the landmark's history, such as establishing the first printing press in India and its importance in the spice trade.
- Visit the **CSI Zion Church**, said to be one of the first Protestant churches in India and explore the various restored buildings on **Kings Street**.
- **Sunbathe** on the Tharangambadi Beach.
- Ease your business & health concerns by prayer at the 800-year-old **Masilamani Nathar Temple**.
- Visit the **Sri Renuga Devi Amman Temple**, a 700-year-old Hindu temple on the edge of the sea.
- Admire the Indian accents in the typically Danish construction of the **New Jerusalem Church**. Built out of teak wood from the Jaffna Dutch Ceylon, the church was made to resemble the Holy Cross.
- Take a half-day trip to **Chidambaram** to pay tribute to Lord Shiva at Chidambaram Temple in the heart of the town.
- Boat the **second-largest mangrove forest in the world** in Pichavaram, just 2 hours from the villa.
- Sample some of the best Islamic and Tamil non-vegetarian cuisine on our **food tour of Karaikal**.
- Visit **Thirukadaiyur**, whose temple is a renowned location for 60th marriage ceremonies.
- Pay tribute to Lord Saneeswaran at the **Thirunallar Temple** and visit the **Budhan and Ketu Navagraha** temples near Poompuhar.

LOCATION



- Thanga House is located in Tranquebar, on the Bay of Bengal.
- Thirukadaiyur: 15 mins
- Karaikal /Thirunallar: 25 mins
- Chidambaram/Pichavaram: 1.5-2 hrs
- Kumbakonam: 2 hrs; Tanjore: 3 hrs

- Pondicherry: 3.5 hrs
- Chennai: 7 hrs; Bangalore: 9 hrs
- **Mayiladuthurai Railway Station: 50 mins**
- **Tiruchirappalli Airport: 3.5 hrs**
- LUX Mangala, Thirupugalur - 60 min
- LUX Maison Twenty-Six, Pondicherry: 3.5 hrs



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VILLA PORTFOLIO

The Palmyrah, Mamallapuram
En Vilaasam, Marakkanam
Maison Twenty Six, Pondicherry
Mangala Heritage, Thirupugalur
Vayal, Chettinad
Salt, Gulf of Mannar
Gramercy House, Kodaikanal
Skyfall, Kodaikanal
Chloe Cottage, Nilgiris
Hideaway, Nilgiris
House of Joy, Nilgiris
The Observatory, Nilgiris
Nakshathra Mana, Kerala Backwaters
Deja View, Wayanad
Victoria Villa, Talpe, Sri Lanka



Travel gently by boat and explore Pichavaram, the second largest mangrove eco-system in the world



Remains of the 800-year old Masilmani Nathar
Temple in Tranquebar

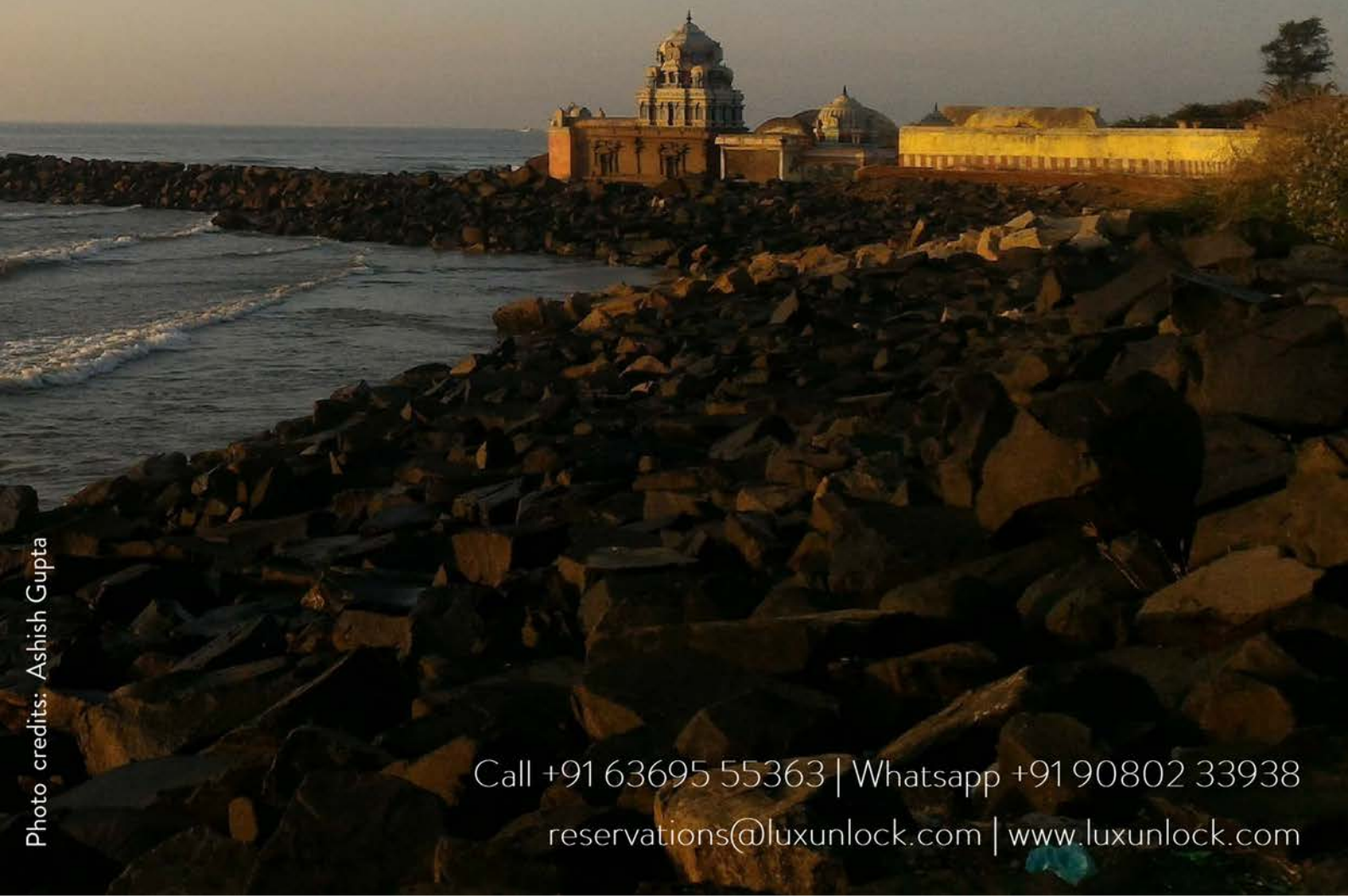


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