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Private Villa Experiences

THE DUNNOTTAR BUNGALOW

Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu

NORTH WING

4-6 GUESTS | 2 BEDROOMS | 2.5 BATHS

SOUTH WING

6-8 GUESTS | 3 BEDROOMS | 3.5 BATHS

Surrounded by giant eucalyptus trees and views of the lake, you are instantly transported to another world



With two independent wings, you have a choice of renting the 2-bedroom north wing, the 3-bedroom south wing, or the whole bungalow.

The Dunnottar Bungalow is a lovingly restored, classical Kodaikanal heritage cottage set on one of the most quiet and beautiful locations by the lake. Luxuriously appointed and cleverly converted into two wings - one 2-bedroom and one three bedroom, its perfect for couples, a family or even larger groups of friends. Enjoy relaxing days in the beautiful sun-lit spaces enhanced by beautiful views of the forest and wild garden, Pamper yourself with the full-service staff on site, and enjoy some of the most delicious food in Kodaikanal.





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OVERVIEW

The Dunnottar Bungalow is the quintessential colonial-era Kodaikanal cottage in a new and luxurious avatar. It is located by the lakeside on one of its most quiet stretches, and set in a beautiful wooded 1 acre property that provides peace and calm, even though you are a short walk away from its markets, shops and restaurants.

Since 1947 when it was bought by the patriarch of a Madurai-based business family from its erstwhile Scottish owners, the bungalow served as the main vacation home for the entire family in the hills. Every year, families would assemble at the lakeside property to escape the summer heat, go for long walks, and have picnics that spilled out onto the lake where their wooden boats were parked on the water's edge.

The current generation of the family have masterfully restored this piece of history, transforming the house into two semi-detached wings - one with 2 bedrooms and another with 3-bedrooms. You can rent the entire bungalow or choose from one of two wings.

Dunnottar North has a separate entrance and private garden. As you enter the house, you are greeted with a glorious sunroom with glass walls that let the warmth of Kodai and the lush green of the forest in. The sun room opens out to a small foyer that leads to the bedrooms, the living room and the study. The living room is cosy with comfortable sofas and within the house, you will find 2-bedrooms with luxurious ensuite bathrooms. The Dunnottar Suite has a large king size bed and a small seating area. The Master Bedroom is also very large with a king size bed. Both

rooms have a large day bed which can accommodate an extra child or adult in each room.

Dunnottar South has a separate entrance through a spacious covered verandah with lovely views of the forest and garden, and lots of seating - ideal for a cup of coffee to start off your day. The main door leads into a large and welcoming open-plan space that combines the living and dining areas. Floral-patterned sofas combine with patterned tin surfaced centre table and books of Kodaikanal. A large rectangular dining table seating is fronted on two sides with tall-paned windows that run along the south wall of the room letting in fabulous views of the forest. Three bedrooms lead off from the living room, two with king beds and one with twin-beds. There is a small pantry, a perfectly useful walk-through lounge, and a powder room for visitors.

The Dunnottar Bungalow is a full-service villa. So you do not have to lift a finger. Daily housekeeping, laundry services, and the most delicious food - you can stay in all day and not have to venture out at all. Enjoy relaxing days in the beautiful sun-lit spaces enhanced by beautiful views of the forest and wild garden,

But if you do feel the need to get out - grab one of the bicycles available on-site for a ride around the lake or pedal into the town centre. It's the ideal place for self-guided walks around the lake shore or up quiet forested lanes that wind their way up old missionary cottages and reveal Kodaikanal's beautiful mysteries.

Book one wing or the entire bungalow - this is the perfect short break for families or groups of friends.





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5000 SQ FEET INDOORS 1 ACRE OUTDOORS



GROUNDS

- The Dunnottar Bungalow is located right on the Kodaikanal Lake on its southern side, close to Bryant Park on a forested 1-acre property. A gravel and mud-paved driveway from the main gates leads you to a parking area in front of both wings of the bungalow.
- Each wing has its own garden and outdoor seating. The gardens merge into each other, so they are not completely private. Perfect if you have booked the whole bungalow.
- Each wing has its own area where a bonfire can be lit in the evening for you. There are wooden benches and picnic areas scattered across the grounds. Hammocks are available.
- Our favourite places on the grounds are either under the trees beside the driveway, from where you can get wonderful views of the lake, or the short walking trail down to the spring in front of the South Wing—a haven for woodland birds.
- Adjacent to the parking area is the main kitchen block, with the genset, laundry, and staff accommodation and facilities. Space is available for 1 accompanying driver.

DUNNOTTAR NORTH

- Dunnottar North has two entrances - the main entrance leading from its own driveway via shallow steps into the Sun Room; the other entry leads directly into the Kitchen cum Dining Room.
- The **Sun Room** has a wooden bench & coat stand—ideal for getting your shoes and outerwear on and off, and a comfortable L-shaped 5-seater sofa. Its perfect for cosying up with a good book as you take in the forest and sun as it streams through the large glass panes that envelope the room on two sides.



- Small central hall leads off to the **Walk-Through Lounge** which has a large antique wooden desk and chair and a small collection of books.
- Adjacent to the Study is the **Living Room**. The Living Room has two sofas to comfortably seat 5 guests and a high-back armchair with a pedestal lamp - perfect for reading, while you toast your toes by the working fireplace that is lit in the evening on cold days.
- The **Kitchen and Dining Space** are combined in an open plan design. While all food & beverage service is done from the main kitchen, you can use the in-house fully equipped kitchen on request. There are two seating areas - a 6-seater dining table and a 4-seater kitchen extension counter.
- **The Dunnottar Suite** is the largest room in the North Wing and has 1 large king bed and 2 individual day beds (diwans) accommodating up to 4 guests. There is a study table, ample wardrobe space and a spacious and luxuriously appointed bathroom with shower.
- **The Master Bedroom** is also spacious with 1 large king bed and 1 individual day bed, accommodating up to 3 guests. There is a study table, ample wardrobe space and a spacious and luxuriously appointed bathroom with shower.



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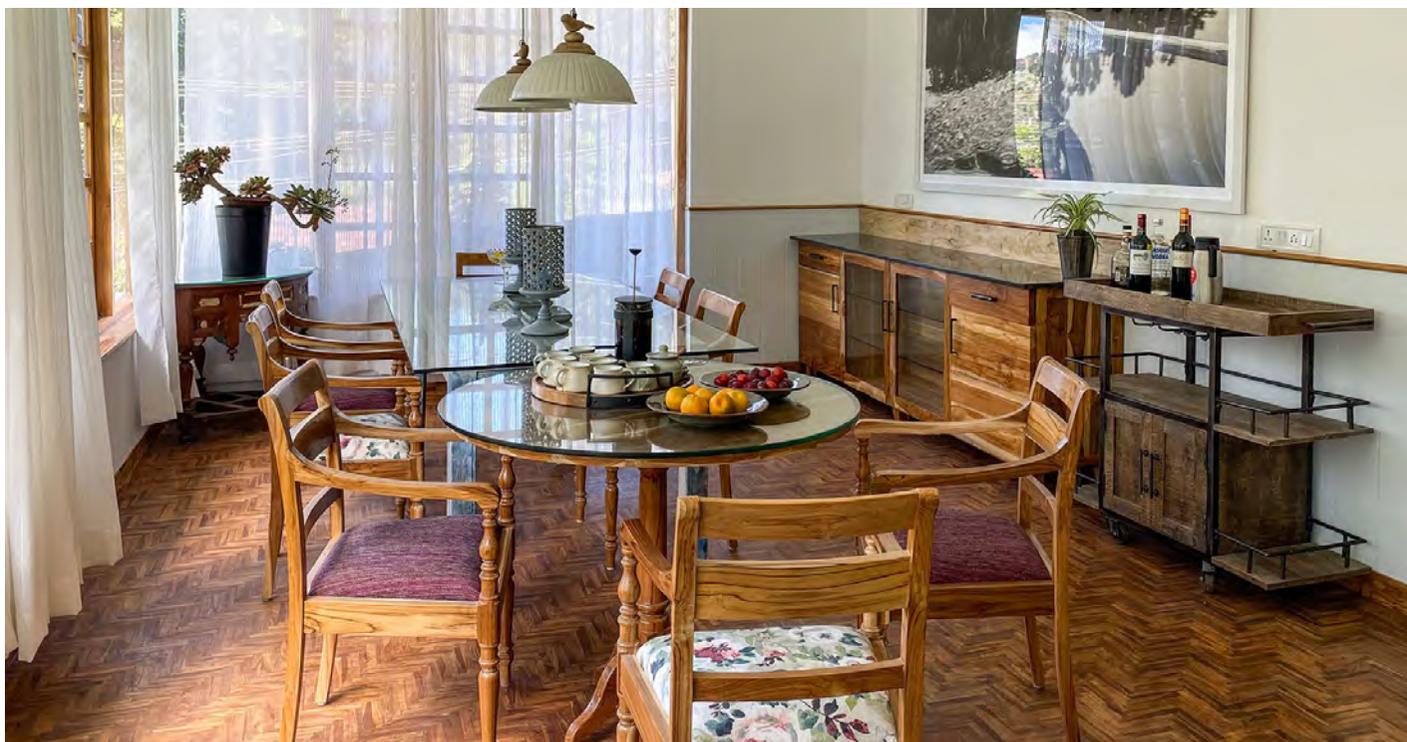


DUNNOTTAR SOUTH

- Pathway leads from the parking to a **covered entrance deck** and the house, The deck has a six-seater round table and a long wooden bench. It's a great place to gather for morning or afternoon coffee, to play cards, while you take in the beautiful views of the forest and garden,
- **Living and Dining** spaces are in one large hall with tall glass-paned windows running along two sides of the space, letting in breathtaking views. The living area has comfortable seating for up to 12 guests and is an ideal gathering spot if you have booked the whole house. The Dining area has a long sideboard on which meals are served as a buffet. A rectangular glass 6-seater table can be enhanced by a 4-seater round table. There is a little seating arrangement for playing a game of chess. **Powder room** is adjacent to the living area.
- The **Rose Library Bedroom** is themed in floral pink with a large king bed and a single day bed, accommodating up to 3 guests. There is ample wardrobe space and a luxurious ensuite bathroom.
- The **Old Study Bedroom** is themed in navy blue and also comes with a king bed and a day bed for up to 3 guests. Ample wardrobe space and an ensuite bathroom.

- The **Boiler Room Bedroom** is smaller and has two single beds, ideal for children or seniors. It has an ensuite bathroom.
- Living space leads to a **Study Nook** and the other areas of the house including the kitchen and 3 bedrooms. The study has a large desk and chair as well as a collection of books and a wall of vintage photos of the homeowners family.

- The South Wing has a smaller **pantry cum kitchen with a Nespresso machine** and some complimentary coffee pods, a microwave and other amenities. While all food & beverage service is done from the main kitchen, you can use the in-house fully equipped kitchen on request.





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NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

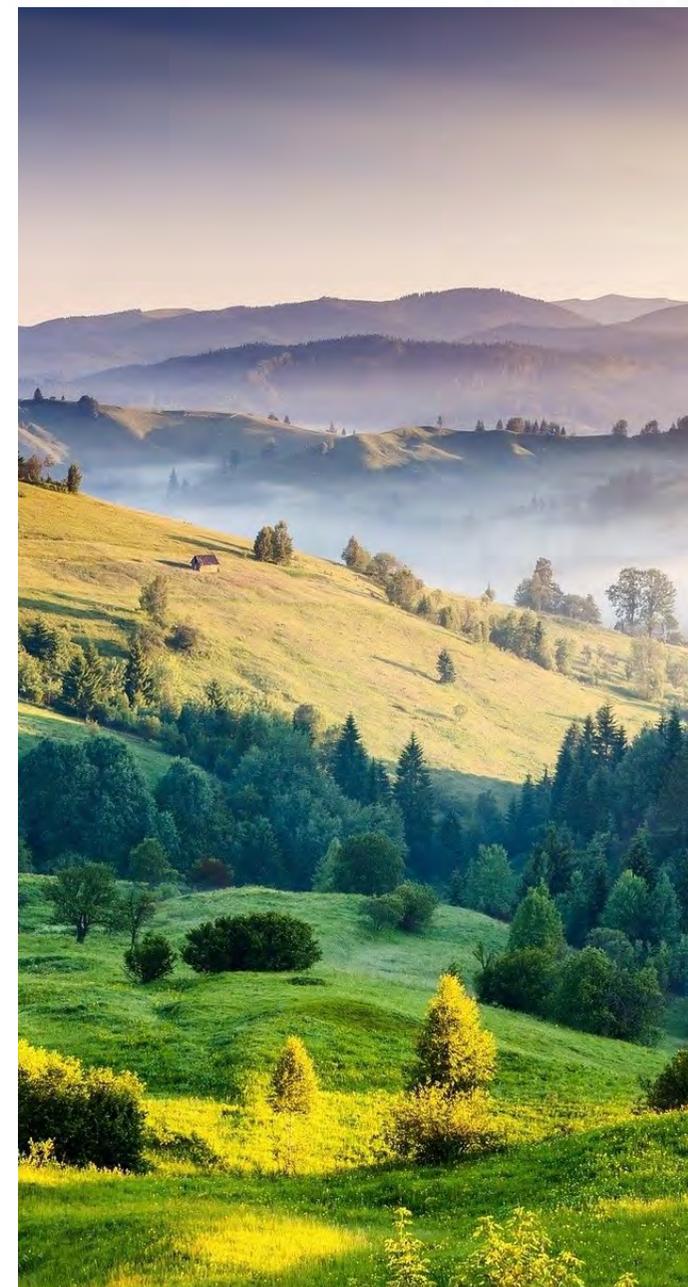
- Poombarai (scenic drive, terraced villages, temple) 40-50 minutes
- Mannavanur (scenic drive, sheep & rabbit farms, picnics) 60-70 minutes
- Palani (temple on the rock) 2 hours
- Dindigul (fort, cigars, and flower market) 2.5 hours
- Madurai (temples, street food, architecture) 3 hours
- Closest Railhead: Kodai Road Station 2 hours
- Closest Airport: Madurai 3 hours

TRAVELLING WITH LUXUNLOCK

Each LuxUnlock Villa Experience includes the professional Travel Planning of our 25-year luxury parent company, Milesworth Journeys, and supported by our LUL Concierge. We work closely with you to develop a Trip Itinerary that reflects your personal interests. From the moment you book a LUL Villa until you return home, you have continuous access to our curated circle of tour guides and domain experts and a host of wonderful, authentic, and unique experiences.

HOW TO SPEND YOUR TIME

- Early morning walks around the Kodaikanal Lake and meet local residents and city-slickers. A cup of masala chai at one of the lakeside shops is the perfect midway stop.
- Take a wooden row boat and explore all five "fingers" of the Kodai Lake. Hire a boatman and learn how to row.
- Take one of the Dunnottar Lakeside bicycles for a ride around the Lake or to the local market
- Go on nature walks with Vijay, arguably the most knowledgeable person in Kodaikanal on its flora and fauna.
- There are several half and full-day guided hikes with local experts ranging from easy to challenging.
- Spend an afternoon with a local artist in her studio learning about her technique and what inspires her.
- Visit artisanal food producers - from organic coffee estate tours, cheese factory visits, vegetable farms, permaculture, and learning to bake bread.
- Play badminton, billiards or a round of golf at one of the local Clubs.
- Explore the bazaar & the Sunday Farmers Market
- Go on scenic self-drives with a picnic hamper.
- Light a bonfire at home and enjoy a good BBQ.





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VILLA INSIGHTS

- Electricity supply by the government is both erratic and of poor quality throughout the year in Kodaikanal. Do expect frequent power cuts throughout the day. The house comes with a full-back diesel genset, but it is a manual change-over.
- Water is highly scarce in Kodaikanal. The villa depends upon municipal supply and rainwater storage which is intermittent at best. Please use water prudently.
- Complimentary WiFi is available throughout the house.
- Heating is available in all rooms with portable heaters. All bathrooms have hot water from individual hot water geysers.
- As a full-service villa, breakfast is included in your stay and consists of a fixed Indian breakfast dish. Western breakfast is always available. For other meals, please note that lunch is a fixed pre-planned menu and always Indian, Dinner consists of a limited Indian and Western menu. Lunches and dinners must be ordered well in advance.
- Dunnottar Lakeside North and South have their own in-house kitchen/pantry. While these are available to make a cup of tea or coffee, cooking in-house is not permitted. Guests, if they want to cook, can cook in the main kitchen giving us prior notice and if the kitchen is free. Guests are not permitted to bring professional cooks to cook for them.
- Light laundry services are available at an extra charge.
- Staff accommodation is available for one accompanying driver only. Charged extra.
- Do note that there is a dog on the premises. Should you have any concerns, the dog can be kept securely away from you.
- Kodaikanal has a major human animal conflict problem with Indian bison. Due to habitat destruction and lack of predators, bison numbers have increased and they often are found in residential and public areas. Please be careful when walking.
- Increasingly, monkeys have also become a menace and be careful as they do raid indoor spaces looking for food.
- Dunnottar Lakeside is a semi-private villa. Should you book only one wing, do expect that there could be guests staying in the other wing. The gardens for both wings flow into each other, and are not separated by any form of partition.





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INCLUDED IN THE VILLA

HEAT Portable heaters for all bedrooms

ELECTRICITY and full back-up Diesel Genset (manual change-over)

WATER water supply and drinking water (UV) from the property;

INTERNET complimentary WiFi broadband access;

DAILY CLEANING daily room cleaning, bathroom cleaning, bed making; light cleaning of house;

FINAL CLEANING; LINEN CHANGE weekly bed & bath linen changing;

COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST tea & coffee, seasonal fruits, fresh bread, eggs to order, and an Indian dish that changes everyday

BATHROOM SUPPLIES toilet paper; liquid soap, shampoo and shower gel;

IN-HOUSE PANTRY plates, serving bowls, cutlery, coffee and tea mugs, knife, chopping board, sugar, coffee filter for filter coffee, Nespresso machine with limited complimentary pods (South Wing only), French press (coffee not included), assorted tea bags and green tea, microwave, hot water kettle, refrigerator

BICYCLES 4 bicycles available free of charge for your use

STAFF including villa supervisor, chef, housekeeping staff; security staff

AVAILABLE AT THE VILLA

LUNCH; DINNER; MEALS available based on menus and offerings by the in-house cook at the villa.

PICNIC HAMPERS available on request

GRATUITIES (TIPS) Rs 1000 per day of stay

LIGHT LAUNDRY & IRONING services available at a charge

FIREWOOD supply for outdoor bonfire

STAFF ACCOMMODATION charged extra and limited; shared dorm style accommodation for 1 driver; no other staff allowed on premises. Caregivers on request.

