

THE PALMYRAH

Kadambadi-Mamallapuram

8-13 GUESTS

4 BEDROOMS

4.5 BATHS

SWIMMING POOL

Set amongst verdant paddy fields and lotus-filled ponds in the countryside, The Palmyrah is a grand and luxurious four-bedroom pool villa inspired by the mansions of Chettinad & Kerala. Perfect for families and groups of couples who want complete privacy, yet desire quick access to the beaches of the Bay of Bengal and the Mamallapuram UNESCO World Heritage sights.

Sunset casts a glow over Palmyrah

OVERVIEW

The Palmyrah is a majestic four-bedroom courtyard villa inspired by the stately mansions of Chettinad & Kerala and enhanced by a beautiful swimming pool, lush gardens and contemporary interiors.

The fully-serviced villa is set amongst verdant paddy fields and lotus-filled lakes in the rural countryside, just a few minutes drive from the UNESCO's Mamallapuram and the blue waters of the Bay of Bengal. Three ensuite bedrooms, living, dining and entertainment areas, lead off from the teak-colonnaded central courtyard. A covered verandah at the rear of the house looks east towards the morning sun and is adjacent to the pool. Upstairs, the master bedroom opens onto an incredible pastoral scene. It's a wonderful place to gather with everyone to watch the sky turn pink with your evening drink.

The Palmyrah is designed for bonding. This is the core philosophy of its layout - a place to come together to reconnect and to celebrate. And there is also plenty to do together - bicycle rides in the countryside, a fun day on a quiet beach, and even croquet on the villa lawns.



Rear garden sit-out and poolside

LOCATION & EXTERIORS



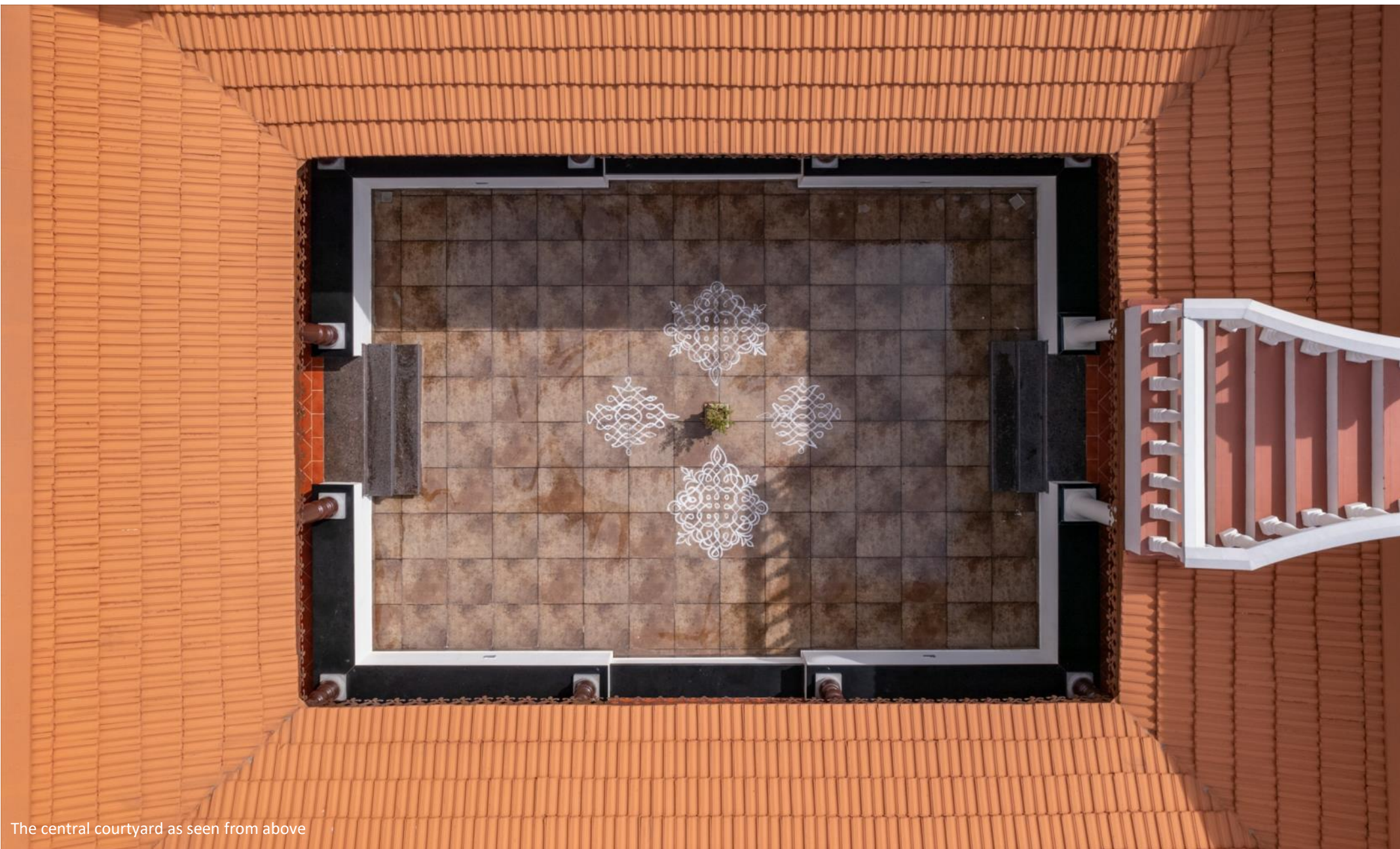
The Palmyrah front entrance at night

The Palmyrah is situated in the scenic countryside about 15 minutes west of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mamallapuram, just off the East Coast Road that connects Chennai with Pondicherry. The villa is approximately 90 minutes from Chennai and its Airport.

As you drive along the winding country road, you pass along stretches of verdant paddy of varying hues until you see the bright terracotta tiled roof of Palmyrah welcoming you.

The villa is a contemporary expression of the glorious architectural heritage of Kerala and Chettinad. On its exteriors, neo-classical columns, white walls and balustrades prop up the classical double layered Kerala-style tiled roofs. As you climb the steps up and walk across the threshold, all the classical elements of a true Chettinad mansion greet you with the central courtyard and all the common and private spaces arranged around it.

The rear side verandah, pool and lawns pay homage to the rising sun. And the upper terrace and lawns on the front delight with beautiful views and riveting sunsets.



The central courtyard as seen from above

VILLA CHECKLIST



Sumptuous Tamil breakfast on banana leaf

- ✓ 4 air-conditioned bedrooms
- ✓ 4 ensuite bathrooms
- ✓ 1 powder room
- ✓ Swimming pool & shower
- ✓ Fully-serviced & staffed
- ✓ Cooking & housekeeping
- ✓ Coastal Tamil cuisine
- ✓ Electricity & Genset back-up
- ✓ Full kitchen
- ✓ Gas & UV Water
- ✓ Indoor & outdoor dining
- ✓ High-speed Wi-Fi
- ✓ Giant Screen & 4K Projector
- ✓ OTT
- ✓ Garden furniture
- ✓ Secure parking
- ✓ Dedicated LUX Concierge
- ✓ Advance provisioning
- ✓ Daily shopping service
- ✓ Takeaway food delivery
- ✓ Curated tours

SHARED SPACES

5000 SQ FEET INDOORS 1 ACRE OUTDOORS

The main entrance to Palmyrah leads to a **formal living room** with seating. Beyond this lies the central rectangular shaped **open-to-sky courtyard**.

As you move in a clockwise direction around the courtyard, you pass **two bedrooms** and a **powder room**. At the rear side of the courtyard is the **dining room** and **western kitchen** - a classical Chettinad way of laying out spaces. Three sets of French doors lead to the **rear verandah** and lawns and the **swimming pool**.

As you move in an anti-clockwise direction, you pass a **third bedroom**, a **chess nook**, and stairs that lead to the first floor. Beyond, is the **informal living room** with a rattan swing and colourful sofas - perfect for lounging. After dark, wooden blinds come down to create temporary walls and the space transforms into an air-conditioned **TV room** where you can enjoy a cinematic experience with the 4K projector and giant screen.

Upstairs lies the **master bedroom** and a mezzanine over the formal living space. A wide covered **deck and terrace** look out to paddy fields and palms.



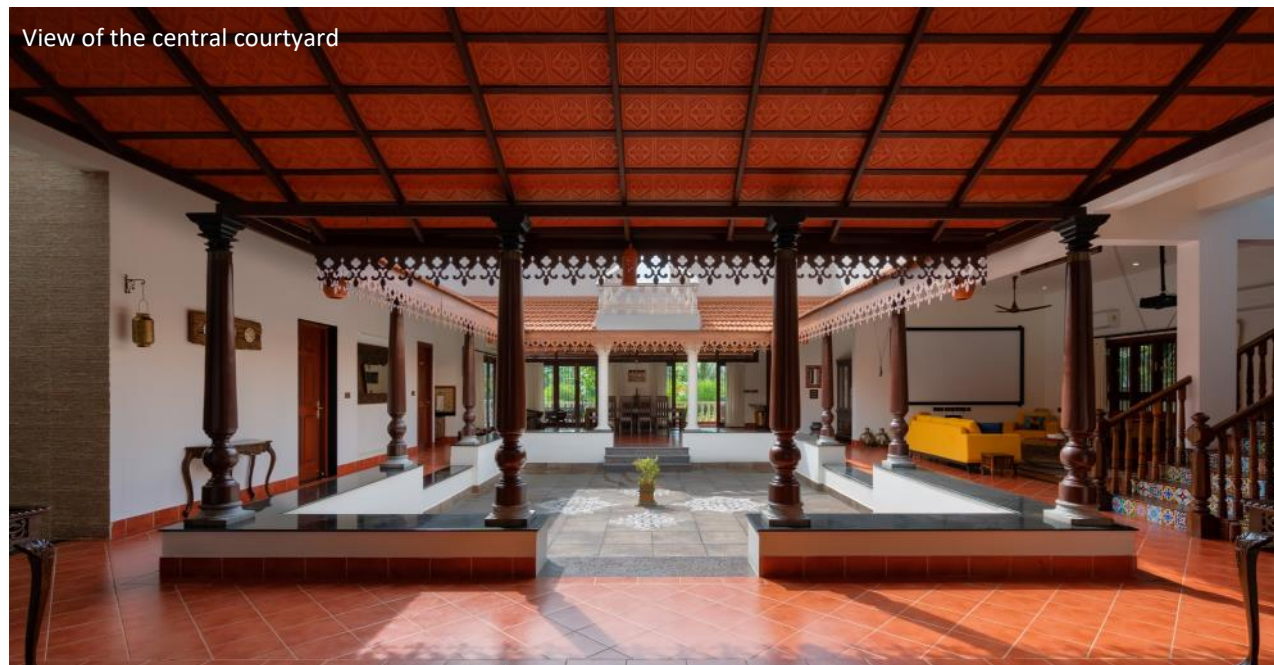
Daytime lounge transforms into movie theatre



The swimming pool



Stairs to the master bedroom



View of the central courtyard



Entrance formal lounge

SLEEPING SPACES

Three of the four bedrooms at the Palmyrah are located on the ground floor and lead off from the central courtyard.

The enormous Yellow and Red Bedrooms with their colour themed Athangudi tiles are air-conditioned and have king beds, beautiful linen, and luxurious contemporary bathrooms. The smaller Blue Bedroom is ideal for a teenager or a senior traveller.

The first floor Master Bedroom with wooden floors has a king bed and its own large screen LED TV with OTT programming. Wide French doors open out onto a west-facing balcony that is also accessible from the mezzanine and is a shared space. The bedroom is framed on two sides by the glass-paned green surroundings. With its high-vaulted ceiling and Mangalore-tiles, this is truly a lovely and special place to sleep in and to wake up to.



Master bedroom with views over the paddy fields



Blue bedroom



Yellow bedroom



Red bedroom



One of Palmyrah's four bathrooms

VILLA INSIGHTS

Villa staff are available only during the day from breakfast until end of dinner. The caretaker and a housekeeper stay at the villa farm opposite.

Breakfast **is included in the rental**. Cooking services offered - **coastal Tamil cuisine** only.

Power supply is erratic and of poor quality. Should your ACs not work properly due to low voltage, please let your Concierge know and the diesel genset will be switched on.

Sleeping spaces are **air-conditioned**. Temperatures range from **25 deg C (min) - 31 deg C (max)** during **Nov to mid-Mar** and from **29-33 deg C (min) to 35-43 deg C (max)** during **mid-Mar to June**. From **July to October**, expect more moderate weather. **November** is the traditional wet month, but patterns change.

Self-service **ironing** and iron available.

Staff accommodation for an accompanying cook or a driver is available at the villa. Outside lodgings available 5-minutes drive away.

Watch out for **birds, amphibians and insects inside the villa**. As the main courtyard is open to the sky, it attracts critters. A lot of **dust and debris** does tend to blow into the passageways and spaces around the courtyard.

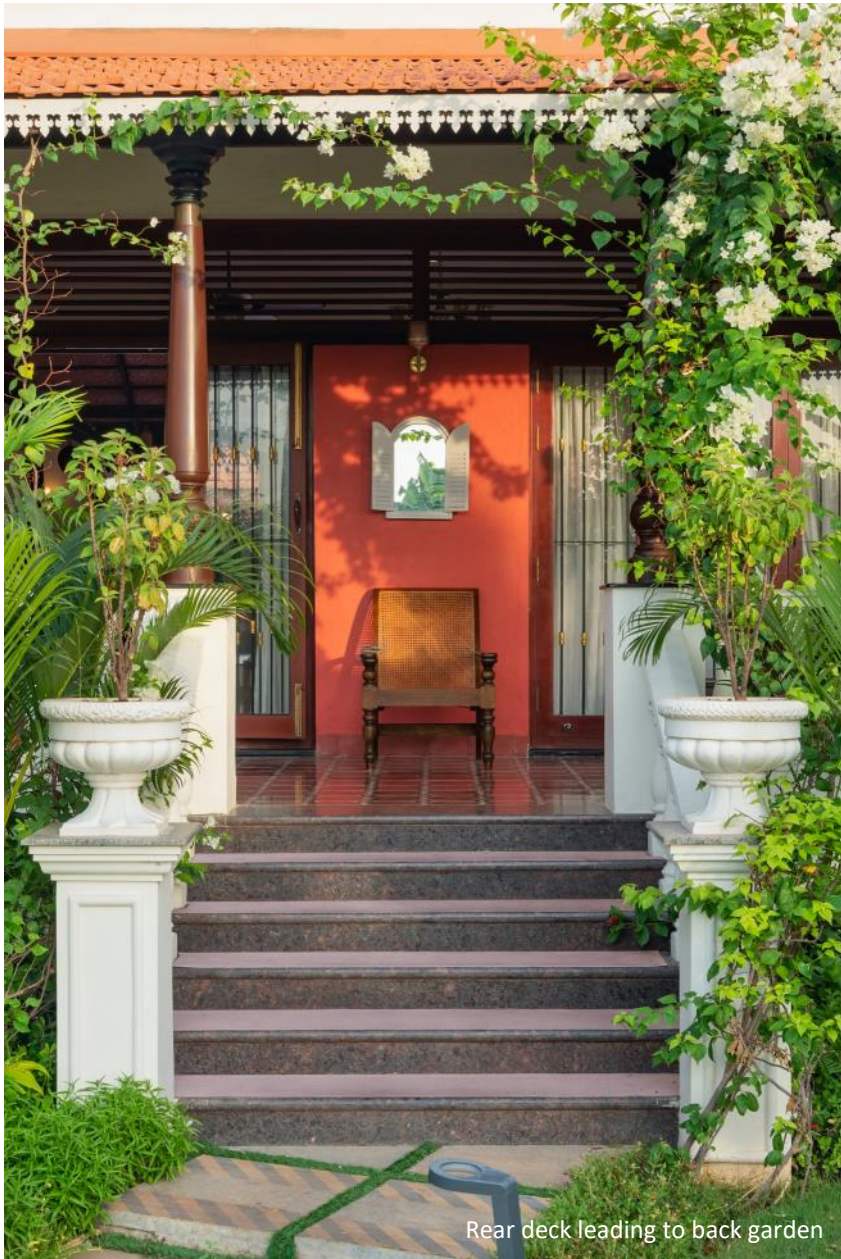
In the neighbouring hamlet of Kadambadi, on special occasions, the popular temple **broadcasts early morning prayers** for all to hear.

HOW TO SPEND YOUR TIME

The villa offers fun visit to the **villa farm** with dogs, geese & cows, and a fun plunge pool. There are gentle countryside walks to cycling trails, curated visits to the world-famous Mamallapuram cave temples, sculpture tours, surfing lessons and ATV beach rides. Epicureans will like the great dining options - from farm-to-fork restaurants, and beach shacks to luxury resort dining. If all of this is too much, just lean back and enjoy your favourite drink by the poolside!

- **Mamallapuram & Thirukuzhkundram** (nearest towns, local cuisine, UNESCO sites, rock temples, shopping, surfing, chilling by the beach), 15-20 mins
- **Pondicherry** (need we say more!) 90 mins
- **Kanchipuram** (silks and more temples) 90 mins
- **Closest Airport:** Chennai 90 mins





Rear deck leading to back garden



Cycling trails through the forest



A game of croquet on the lawns



The Palmyrah after the paddy harvest