

Isai Karai Bungalow

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— STORIES BY THE SEA —

Just a breath away from the Bay of Bengal, stone and sea come together
in a melody, a sweet song that has echoed through the centuries.
This is Mahabalipuram.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its storied past, this land is where
the Pallava kings once carved myth into granite. The Shore Temple, built
centuries ago, rises from the waves like a prayer in stone, while Arjuna's
Penance unfolds across the rock like a celestial tapestry. Here, at this quiet
confluence of sea, stone and story, each moment reveals itself like a verse,
inviting the curious traveller, the cultural seeker, and the wandering soul to
rediscover Tamil Nadu in an intimate, almost new light.



Today, as time lingers gently by the sea, the tides have turned and Mahabalipuram brims with culture while gracefully embracing the future. Its long, sunlit beaches are now home to India's thriving surf schools, making it the perfect destination not only for those seeking tranquillity, but also for those drawn to a sense of thrill.

It is within this immaculate interplay of past and present that this quaint town reveals its truest beauty. The world-renowned monuments stand as stories of the past, etched in stone. The historic Mahabalipuram Lighthouse offers sweeping views of the Bay of Bengal, the India Seashell Museum reveals the treasures of the shore, and the sculpture schools continue a living legacy, where generations of artisans carry forward the region's celebrated stone-carving traditions.



It is amidst the gentle hum of this historic town that a home away from home finds its place. Isai Karai Bungalow by CGH Earth Saha invites you to experience the essence of this land while resting in the comfort of a thoughtfully designed seaside home, just 50 metres away and well connected to other parts of the town via the highway.



WHERE MUSIC MEETS THE SHORE

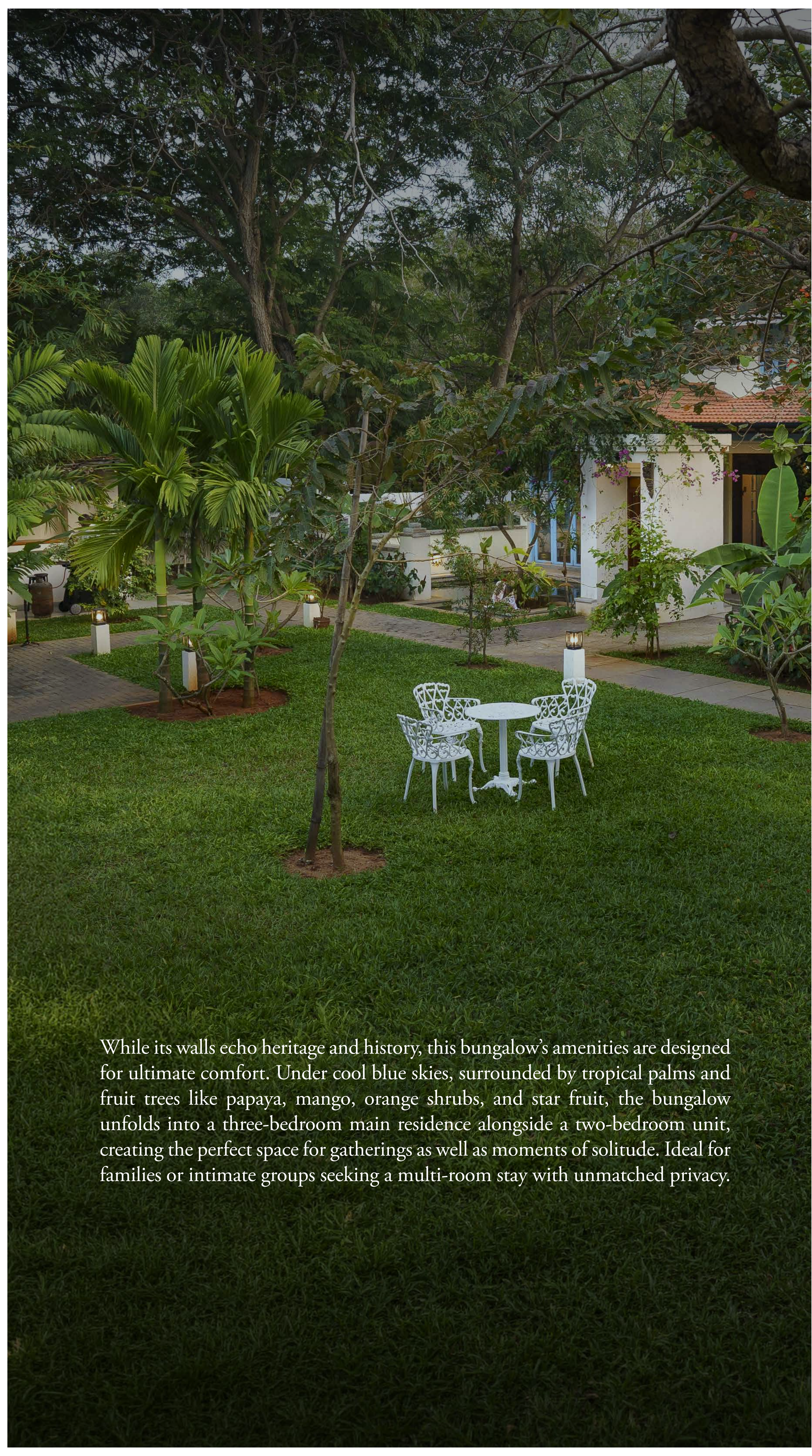
Serenaded by the sea breeze, and cocooned by verdant nature, rests a haven for those seeking a stay rooted in tranquility and comfort. Isai Karai gets its name from Tamil. 'Isai' means music and 'Karai' is shore. It is the place where the sea waves, with their musical rhythm, meet the shore.

As you enter the gates of this escape, you are met with birdsong, the swaying of trees, and a home that welcomes you with warmth.

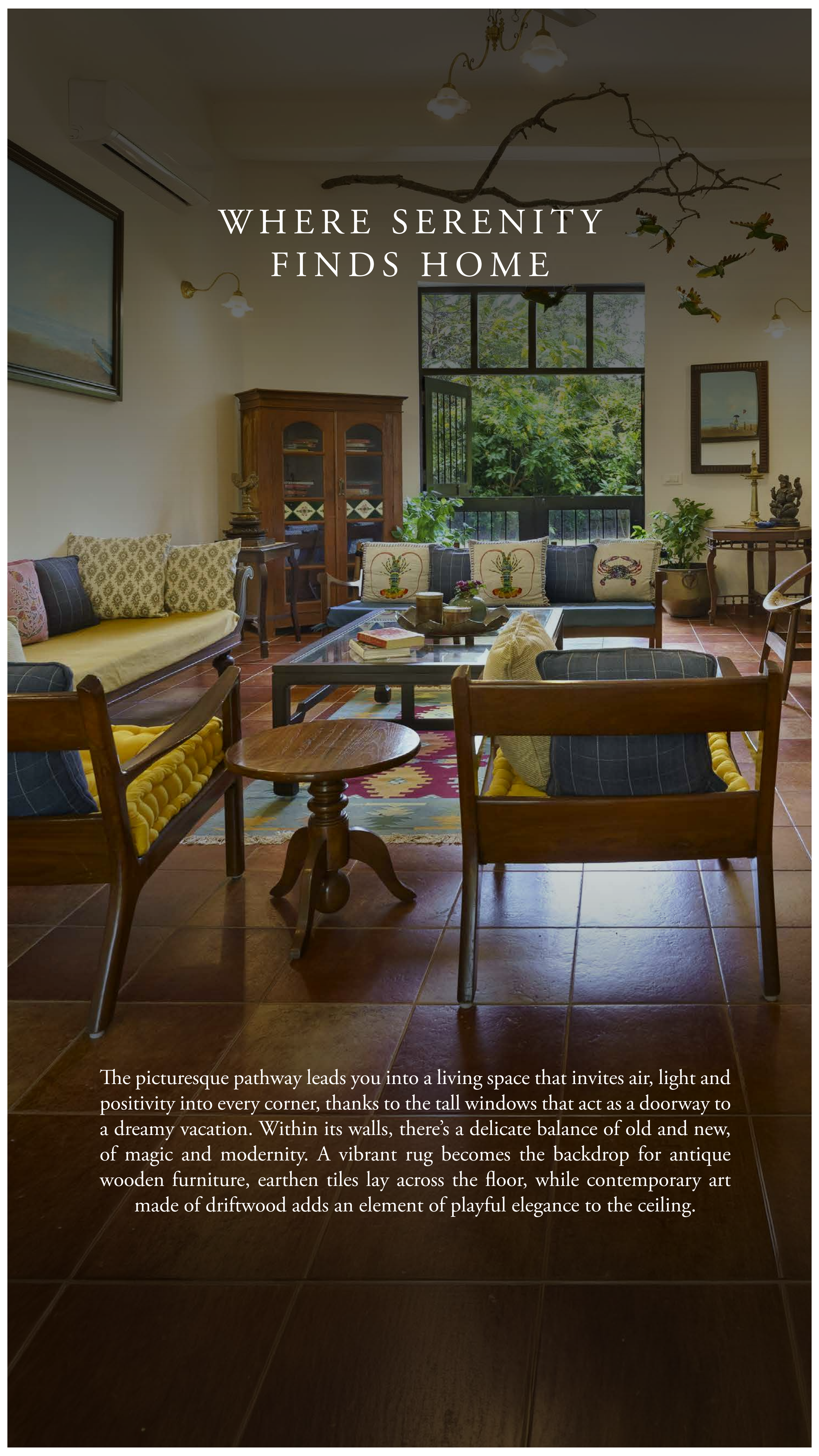


Hardly 50 metres from the beach, this villa is nestled amidst lush green surroundings. Earthy stone pathways wind through sprawling greens and a serene entrance beckons you to step within. A white gateway rests on a tranquil waterbody, flanked by tropical greenery. Its wooden door is intricately carved with mythological motifs. A bronze dancer, flanked by leafy foliage, evokes interest while grounding the home in the spiritual and artistic heritage of Mahabalipuram, inviting one to step into a world of calm.

Then, a long corridor tiled with terracotta-hued flooring guides the eye towards a window that offers a glimpse of the greenery around. Curated artefacts, potted plants and brass vessels line the passageway, lending the villa its unique character and charm.

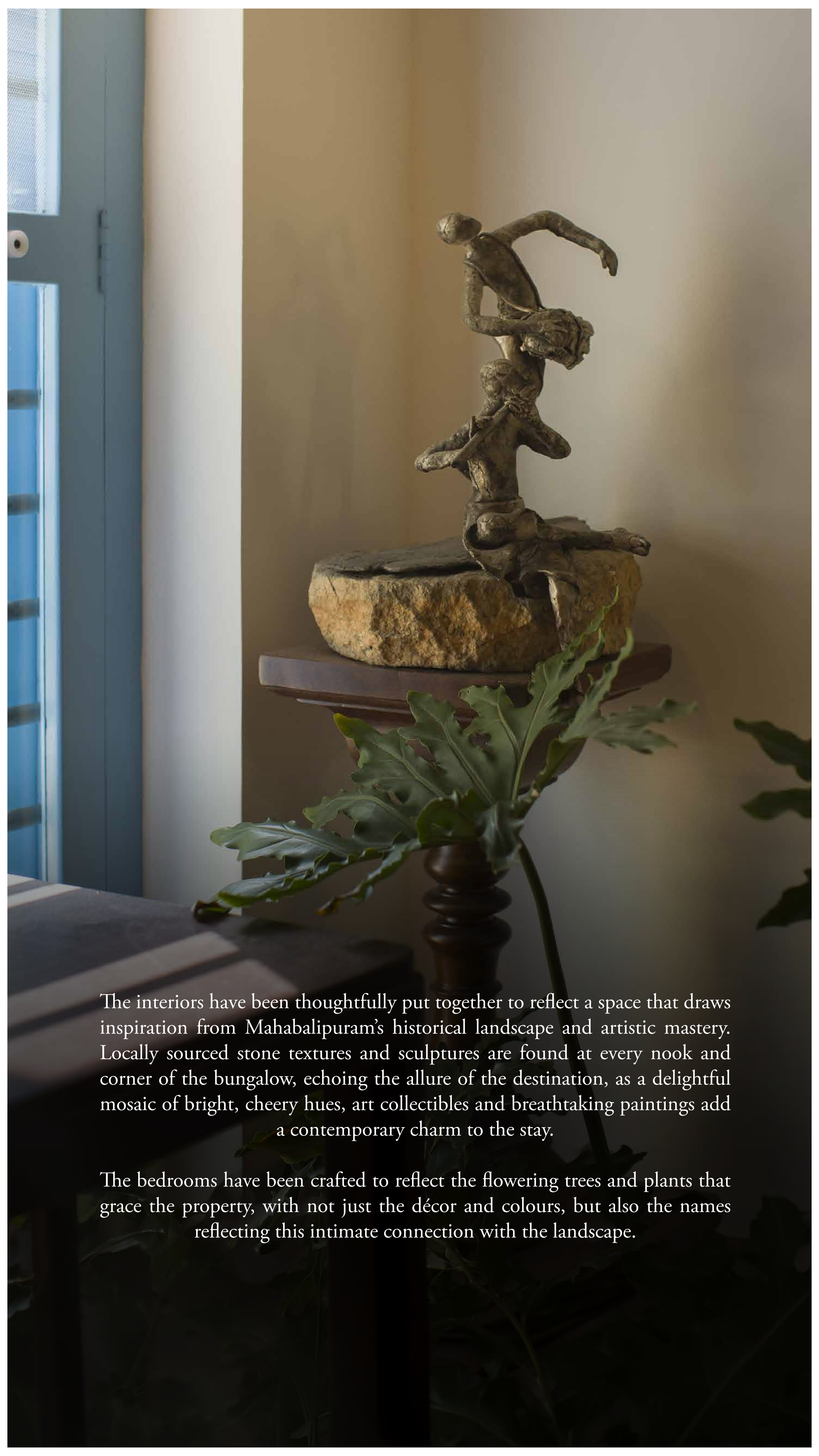


While its walls echo heritage and history, this bungalow's amenities are designed for ultimate comfort. Under cool blue skies, surrounded by tropical palms and fruit trees like papaya, mango, orange shrubs, and star fruit, the bungalow unfolds into a three-bedroom main residence alongside a two-bedroom unit, creating the perfect space for gatherings as well as moments of solitude. Ideal for families or intimate groups seeking a multi-room stay with unmatched privacy.

A living room with a warm, rustic aesthetic. The room features dark wood furniture, including a sofa with yellow cushions and patterned pillows, a coffee table, and armchairs. A large window in the background offers a view of lush greenery. The floor is made of large, dark tiles. A vibrant rug is partially visible under the coffee table. On the ceiling, a large, dark driftwood branch is suspended, adding a natural element to the decor. The walls are a neutral color, and there are framed pictures and a small table with decorative items on the right side.

WHERE SERENITY FINDS HOME

The picturesque pathway leads you into a living space that invites air, light and positivity into every corner, thanks to the tall windows that act as a doorway to a dreamy vacation. Within its walls, there's a delicate balance of old and new, of magic and modernity. A vibrant rug becomes the backdrop for antique wooden furniture, earthen tiles lay across the floor, while contemporary art made of driftwood adds an element of playful elegance to the ceiling.



The interiors have been thoughtfully put together to reflect a space that draws inspiration from Mahabalipuram's historical landscape and artistic mastery. Locally sourced stone textures and sculptures are found at every nook and corner of the bungalow, echoing the allure of the destination, as a delightful mosaic of bright, cheery hues, art collectibles and breathtaking paintings add a contemporary charm to the stay.

The bedrooms have been crafted to reflect the flowering trees and plants that grace the property, with not just the décor and colours, but also the names reflecting this intimate connection with the landscape.



The Parijatham room on the ground floor is inspired by the coral jasmine plant, called Malipu, that grows just outside by the lush green garden.

Similarly, the Kadamba Suite delights with a brightly painted spiral staircase leading to its airy bedroom above, while below, a sunlit courtyard reveals an outdoor shower and a traditional jhoola swaying softly in the sea breeze. Together, the rooms exist in pleasant harmony with the flora around, allowing guests to experience the place not only through its seaside charm but also through the gentle beauty of the trees and blossoms that shape the rhythms of this haven.



A VOYAGE FOR YOUR TASTEBUDS

The meals at Isai Karai bring the sea to your plate and then to your palate. When in Mahabalipuram, do as the locals do and enjoy freshly caught seafood, prepared with local ingredients and flavours deeply rooted in the region.

While the food itself is delectable, the property's poolside setting elevates the experience, with a barbecue station that sets the stage for relaxed evenings where the day's catch is grilled and served to be enjoyed in the tranquil surrounds of the bungalow's leafy, secluded garden.

LIVE THE TALES

WAVES OF ADVENTURE

This historic town, fondly called ‘Mahabs’, is one of India’s most popular surfing destinations, known for its consistent breaks and warm waters. With surf schools led by expert local instructors, lessons, rentals, and guided sessions make it easy to ride your first wave or refine your skill.



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THE MAHABALIPURAM HERITAGE TRAIL

Mahabalipuram unfolds as a vibrant cultural canvas where ancient traditions and artistic mastery converge. Explore the Heritage Trail through UNESCO-listed monuments like the Pancha Rathas, Arjuna’s Penance, and the Shore Temple. Guided by local experts, this journey brings the town’s rich legacy to life.



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STORIES OF THE SEA

The India Seashell Museum offers a glimpse into the hidden beauty of the marine world, with over 2,000 shells from across India and beyond. Showcasing intricate forms, textures, and natural colours. A quiet, enriching experience by the shore.



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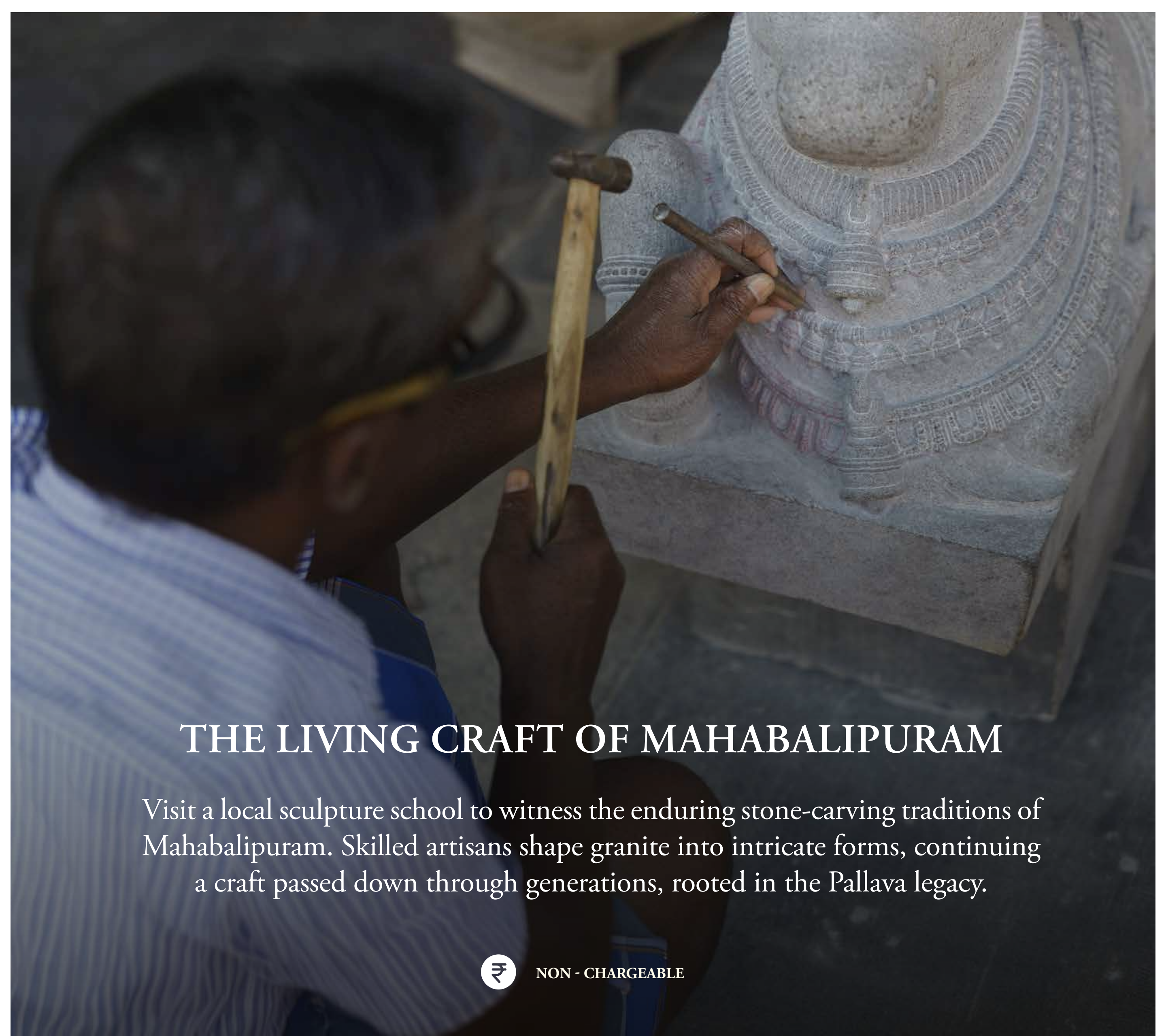


MORNING AT VENPURUSHAM

Begin your day with a visit to the fishing village of Venpurusham for an unfiltered glimpse into coastal life. Watch the auctioning of fresh seafood and witness the rhythms of a community shaped by the sea in a lively marketplace.



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THE LIVING CRAFT OF MAHABALIPURAM

Visit a local sculpture school to witness the enduring stone-carving traditions of Mahabalipuram. Skilled artisans shape granite into intricate forms, continuing a craft passed down through generations, rooted in the Pallava legacy.



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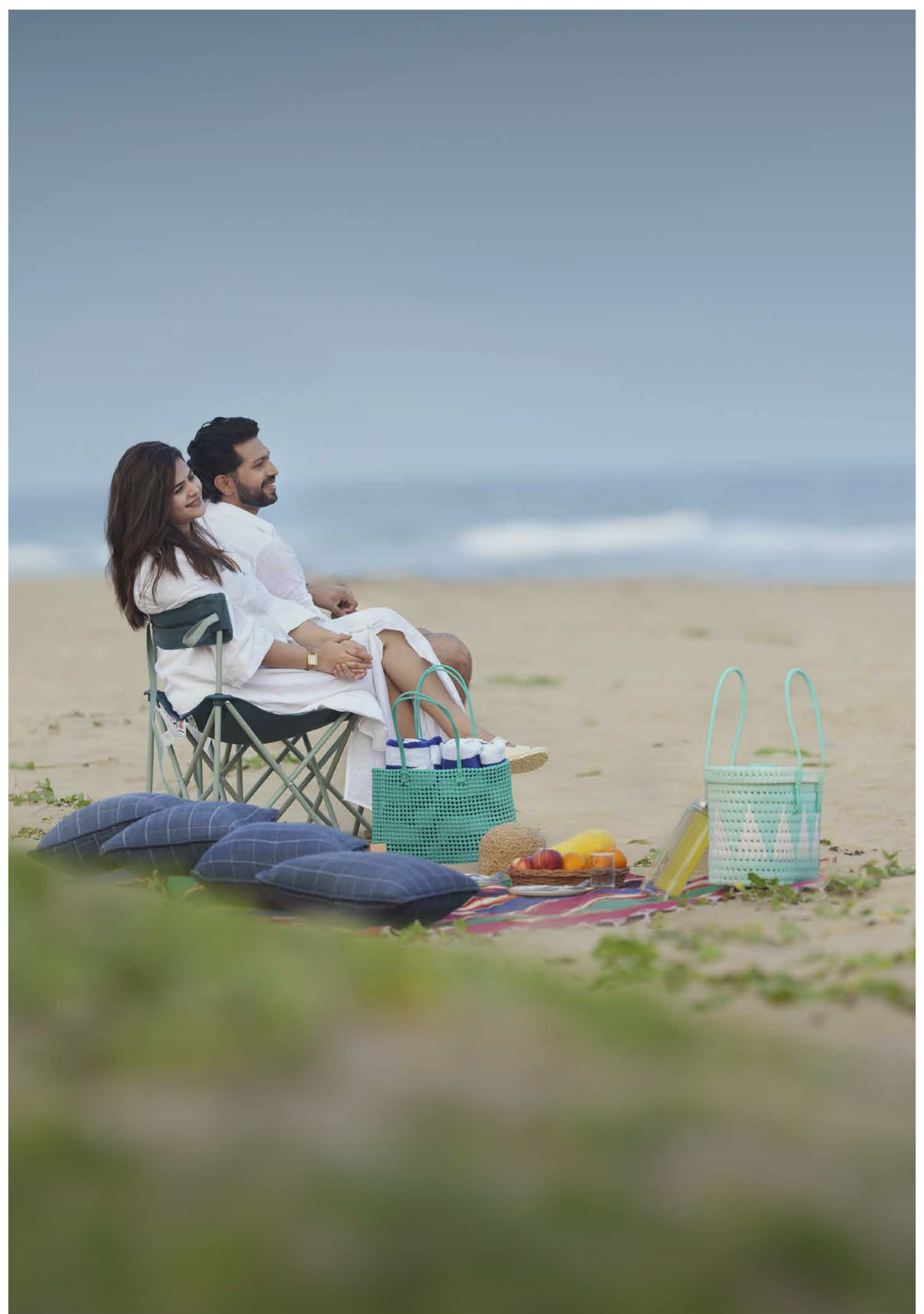


AN EVENING TO SAVOUR THE SEA

As the sun sets and the sea breeze cools, the aroma of a seafood barbecue fills the air. Under starlit skies, with the sound of waves and rustling trees, the evening unfolds in quiet indulgence. A perfect way to unwind and share moments with loved ones by the pool at Isai Karai.



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SEASIDE PICNICS

Soak up the sun, savour the beauty of the sea, and enjoy delectable snacks while sipping on refreshing beverages during a seaside picnic. It is a simple yet memorable way to connect with your surroundings and savour a tranquil moment by the shore.



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LOCATION AND CONNECTIVITY

50 metres

from the beach, close enough to hear the waves and easily access the other side of town.

15 minutes

to the Shore Temple and the rock-cut marvels of Arjuna's Penance and the Five Rathas.

1 minute

off the East Coast Road (ECR), your scenic route to Pondicherry or Chennai.

1 hour 30 minutes

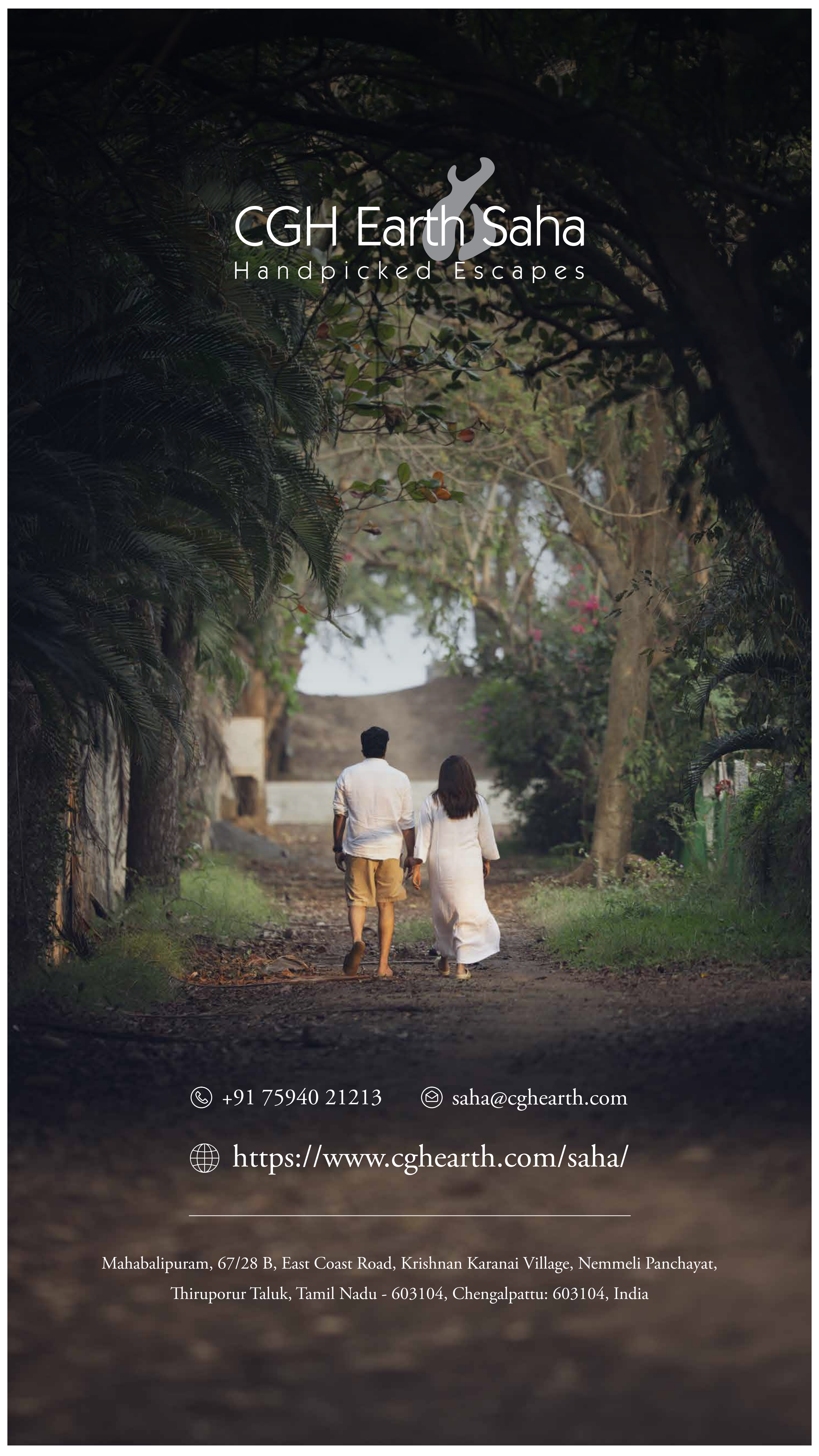
from Chennai International Airport.

2 hours 15 minutes

from Pondicherry.

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approximately 30 to 40 mins away.



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