



# Royal Retreat

Actor Suniel Shetty's weekend villa in Discovery, an upcoming private gated community in Khandala, is a perfect example of luxury living in the lap of nature.

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**OWNERS' PRIDE**  
Name of project: Discovery  
Owners: S2 Realty  
Designed by: Abraham John and Associates



Breathtaking landscape, elegant structures, green design, an abundance of natural light, natural air and skylights are what best characterise actor Suniel Shetty's weekend home in Discovery. Located in Khandala at a two-hour distance from the hustle bustle of Mumbai, this private gated community of premium

villas offers everything that the city life is devoid of.

**THE VILLA**

The villa has been designed in a way to ensure there is enough open space and comes with five bedrooms, seven bathrooms and an exotic private pool. What is more, every room has been designed in a way such that it opens out to a private



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outdoor space. The dining room is surrounded by a C-shaped private pool which lends an island-like feel to the space. The glass living area is a blend of sophistication with functionality and is designed to capture the breeze, natural sunlight and the awe-inspiring vistas of Khandala.

**THE DESIGN**  
What stands out in the villa is its open floor plan, compelling you to cherish the living-cum-dining-cum-swimming pool and deck areas, as an expansive lounge. Stylish ceiling lights not only add to the magic but also create an absolutely calming environment. On the first



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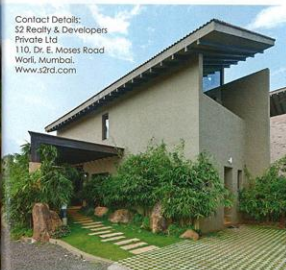
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The cool and clam pool near the dining zone helps to soothe the tired limbs.



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floor, are two bedrooms, separated from the master bedroom via a bridge spanning the living room. The master bedroom is a complete suite by itself and includes a private terrace, a master bathroom and a walk-in wardrobe. Indoor courtyards, skylights, double height sliding and folding windows will keep you connected to the serene landscape from the above vantage points.

Each villa at Discovery has been designed in response to specific site

conditions. The pitched roofs of the villas are suited to withstand the extreme monsoon rains experienced in Khandala and a carefully chosen palette of sustainable materials have been included. Open spaces supported by cross-ventilation would allow natural light to flush the indoors, supplanting the need for excessive air-conditioning inside the rooms.

In short, the place is a haven of peace wrapped in the wonders of Mother Nature.