



# HANDMADE HEAVEN!

Internal courtyards, curved hallways, sunroofs and internal water bodies dominate this experimental abode of green energy in *Goa*, reinterpreting design with a pragmatic approach

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Located in Goa's quaint village of Siolim, the Si-Oul Villas are a trio of unusual houses - Sol (Sun House), Lua (Moon House) and Terra (Earth House). Abiding thoroughly by the notions of Bahaus movement and the works of Geoffrey Bawa, the homes are a perfect exemplar of the eco-sustainable framework and infrastructure. With the consolidated efforts of design centric developer Kriss Real Estate and SAV Architecture and Design, this biophilic retreat emphasizes on the importance of conscious living, emphasizing on the sentiments of pulling the outdoors in. The project with its well laid out plan and lush spatial experience allows an excellent sneak peek of sunlight and wind which keeps the home well lit and properly ventilated.

Speaking about the second in this trilogy of the residences at Si-Oul Villas, Lua stretches across 5,800 sqft with a two storey structure and three distinct wings. Peculiar yet fascinating, the home's orbital layout and interloping sections strike the balance and tranquility of the lunar cycle. Constituting of granite and slate embellishments, the space radiates a gray exuberance that creates a natural blend of seclusion and intimacy. The thematic portrayal of the concept is evident in the cut out motifs of the lunar cycle in the teak wood doors, opening to the residence. The striking feature of the area is the 600 sqft wall of the living room treated with POP to exhibit the bluish-grey surface of the moon. Glittering amidst the creation is the low hanging shooting star cluster chandelier which enhances the area. The library is an artful expression, featuring mid-century Z- chairs and a bespoke bookshelf curated in metal and marble. Taking advantage of the extensive layout, the home features 4 spacious bedrooms. The master suite in the third wing provides a counterbalance to the internal stairway and observatory deck. Enticing and exceptional, the hand painted Mediterranean style tiles in ocean-blue-grey for dry kitchen amplifies the surrealism.





*Bathroom with natural light fill up the space*



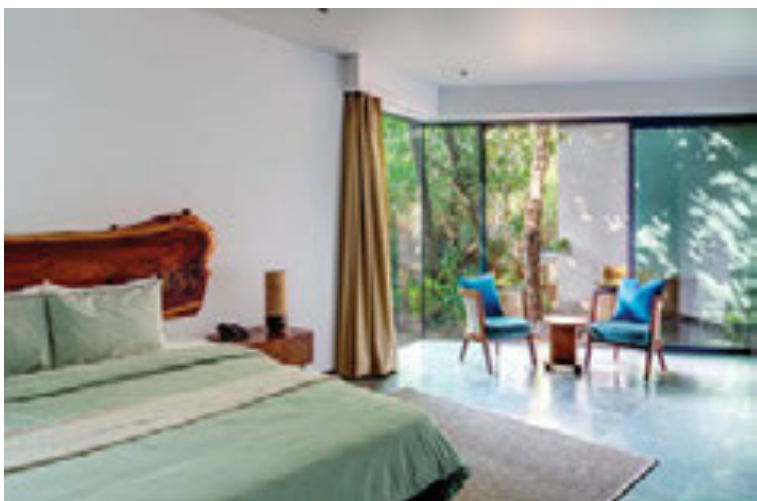
*Each portion reflects the untouched natural lushness that peeps in beautifully*



*Lua ensures a sense of romance & excitement as one walks through the house*



*Portuguese style tiles laid in Terra kitchen makes the ambience look luxurious*



*Terra Bedrooms with elegant and contemporary elements*



*Opulent outdoor gazebo in the western part of the property*



*Lavish pool complementing the sprawling garden*

With half of the 6,300 sqft area dedicated to lush gardens, Terra or Earth House interprets home as nature. The exterior is composed of sandstone which beautifully creates a contrast with the emerald green landscape. Louvered teak entrance doors look flamboyant, flanked by a water garden that flows adjacent to the reception foyer. The internal courtyard and curved hallway leading to the main living space is well ventilated. Inside, the immense living room showcases high ceilings and a breath-taking view of the pool and the sprawling garden. Pleasing and charming, the dry kitchen leading to the wet kitchen by Miten, soaks itself in the essence of Indo-Portuguese muse. This area and dinette flow into an indoor dining room and extended gazebo. The other end of the living room steps into yet another water garden and detached bar. The stretch from pool bar to formal dining room with centered living allows easy access to the outdoors and as well as internally. An undeniable focal point is also the elliptical staircase that spirals adjacently with courtyard's glass walls, leading to the two master bedrooms. Bathrooms at Terra exude magnificence with ultra huge ceilings and sunroofs. A must see is the amazing powder room, which is definitely an avant-garde marvel inside this spectacular abode! 