

# Camp Out at Della Resort



There's something for everyone at Della Resorts, the adventure junkie, the food lover, the nature-seeker, the one just looking for some RnR. Jimmy Mistry takes **Farzana Contractor** around this marvel nestled in the Sahyadri Hills

If you ask me to define Jimmy Mistry's style, I'd say, bold and striking. Dramatic, even. And that would apply to anything he does. Whether in theme or action, on the drawing board or in reality, being executed out there. A thought, however small taking shape in its minutest detail with utmost perfection.

Yes, that is Jimmy Mistry, driven and passionate, the man behind Della Resorts, a stunning creation, even if a

fusion of varied ideas, that took shape and continues to grow in Lonavala nesting in the Sahyadri Hills. "Della Resorts, really is my dream project that I put every bit of me in," says Jimmy, looking out, over the expanse, where in the distance is a cluster of mansions and adventure games centres. We stood perched on a little clearing on a hill where *Camp Della* was pitched in luxurious glory.

I have to admit, after spending a

couple of hours down below where there is action galore, with every conceivable adventure sport in play, including a dusty buggy track and the Della Rocket Ejector, being up at *Camp Della*, was like finding an oasis in the desert. I loved it.

There on the slopes with mud alleys, sit, flapping in the cool breeze and happy sunshine, 30 luxury tents, air-conditioned and very inviting. With 140 sq. ft. of bathroom space it can't get better. I belong



30 luxury air-conditioned tents at *Camp Della* on a hilltop, what more could you ask for!

to that category of people who would not object at all, if my bedroom comprised of only just a large cozy bed (with sheets of 420 count thread and fluffy, white lace-trimmed, down duvet) and never mind, if smaller than the bathroom!

These tents were lovely, each with a small private patio where you could sit and enjoy the view. Or day dream away, sipping endless cups of tea from amenities in the well-fitted tent.

If you are the sporty kind, *Camp Della* is perfect. The landscaping is pure joy (ah, the lingering smell from the lemon trees) and walking around, up and down, here and there, a pleasure. Jimmy was talking about introducing the buggy ride in the tent lanes for those who may not be in a position of easy movement, but you ought to check before going there.

If you are a pet family nothing could



A tent by the hill-side



Take a breather



A tented alley



Jimmy Mistry, the "architect" of Della Resorts has truly outdone himself here, and he deserves every bit of success he has attained thus far



Nestled in the hills of Lonavala, Della gives you nature in all extravagance

be better than going to *Camp Della* with your dog! This is a pet friendly place and Jimmy and his family, dog lovers.

That was about *Camp Della*. But there is a lot more at Della Resorts, which totally has 125 resort rooms on offer. Could have even have gone up, knowing Jimmy is constantly on the go, adding here, adding there, doing this, introducing that! I was given an overview of the Signature Villas, to five Presidential Suites to which finishing touches were being given. Each suite has been adapted

after a luxury brand and named so. Check out the pictures alongside (*Versace*) and know what I mean. Jimmy says he takes an idea from somewhere, anywhere and then modifies it to fit his scheme of affairs. And yes, the way he does it involves the least maintenance. Like the grass outside these rooms is all faux, but you couldn't tell. And clever as he is and as well travelled and aware of building materials available worldwide, his cost of construction is pretty well controlled. He is an astute entrepreneur with zeal, heart and kindness.



Jimmy is truly blessed with the women in his life, wife Delina and daughter Pearl.

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Food, Wine & the Good Life

A charitable man who does not talk much about his giving nature which is deeply grounded in spirituality.

Food is all important and more so in today's lifestyle and Della Resorts does not disappoint, not a wee bit. There are five restaurants and the kitchen blew me away. It's modern, well equipped and large. The chefs enjoy themselves cooking in there.

I ate some Chinese for lunch when I was there and thought it was good cooking. But the Indian looked appetising too and the desserts, mind-blowing. Stuff

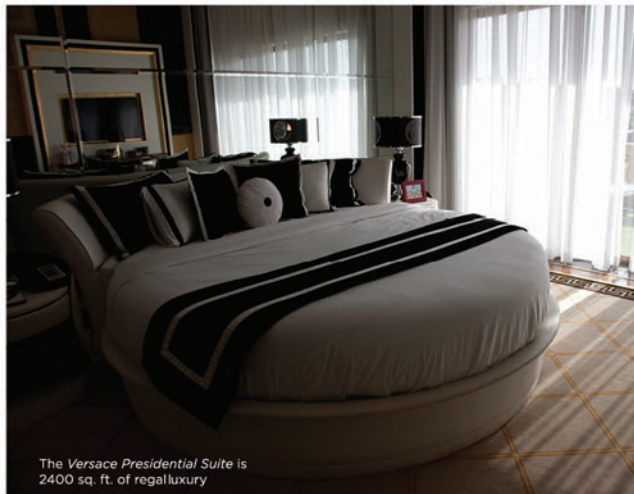
you want to indulge in, when on a holiday.

They have not one, but three lounge bars, a nightclub called *P18*, (a gift to his daughter Pearl, when she turned 18), a 24-hour spa, salon and gym. Even the swimming pool is open to guests all night long. Now if that is not luxury, what is?

To top it all, they have banquet rooms in varying sizes and various locations where you could have any kind of function you desired; weddings, pre-weddings, birthdays, anniversaries... plus corporate events with state-of-the-art facilities. So the



*Della Luxury Resort with 51 spacious rooms is like home*



*The Versace Presidential Suite is 2400 sq. ft. of regal luxury*



*Unique artifacts*



*The Versace touch*



Jimmy, the man of the hour, adventure junkie to the tee



That's the view from *Camp Della*

guests at Della are quite a mix.

After seeing so much, I had to gather my thoughts and so we retired to Jimmy's office, which like the man himself, is rather unique. On a loft, with no walls separating him from his staff, Jimmy functions like a maniac. At ease and in an open manner, sincere and frank, almost candid, he informs me with a glint in his eye, he has no degree in architecture, but is the architect of Della Resorts.

I can only say hats off to Jimmy, Principal Designer and Managing Director of his group, for orchestrating his fusion concept with great panache and dare. Like in fusion cooking where it is very easy to make a mess, a *bhichdi* out of the ingredients, it can be likewise in architectural concepts, when marrying so many ideas in one location. But Jimmy has pulled it off and very successfully, balancing different clientele; the hordes of fun-loving ones at Della Resorts and the snooty, reserved ones at *Camp Della*. Kudos!

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