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# Nine Different Types of Houses in India

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India is a land of diverse cultures with different geographics and climate manifold. We have different kind of communities with a multifaceted lifestyle which reflects in their houses. Each house is different from the other in term so of architecture, look and build. This is also because each serves a different aspect in accordance with the demographics, climate and the way locals live in that particular area. Let's take you through some of the most common types of accommodation found in India.

## **Bungalows**

Bungalows are one-story house or cottage that are usually small in terms of square feet, one can easily find large bungalows prevailing these days. Large homes used as a solitary family unit. These type of houses are family owned and can be widely found in non-urban areas of India. Bungalows have slowly started taking over the urban areas and people have started blending the architecture with modern amenities that meet the urban lifestyle.

## **Apartments and Flats**

An apartment building has many apartments in it. In an apartment building, each apartment is a separate room or set of rooms for people to live in. This is the most common type of accommodation people are preferring these days. These are self-owned and controlled housing units in multi-storied buildings. These consists of different types of units like a penthouse, basement suites, and studio flats.

## **Penthouses**

Penthouses are the top floor units in an apartment building while the lower ones are called as basement suites. These are different from other apartments by luxury features. These are the largest and the most luxuriously built homes within a given building, which have the most expansive views. It has high ceilings and gets personal access to the terrace and is expensive than the other kinds of apartments. Penthouses epitomize the pinnacle of high-end luxury living with breathtaking views all around.

## **Studio Flats**

Studio Apartments is a newer concept which is gaining popularity across the world. The little one with no separate bedrooms is called as studio apartments and are quite rented by the young working individuals who wish to stay in a little cozy space with all the amenities confluence together. The flat consists of sections without any barrier of walls or divisions, wherein one could use the space as bedroom and living room. There are no separate rooms.

## **Villas**

Villas have always been referred to the stylish upper-class state homes. The size of villas ranges from a king size houses to ultra large houses with a private lawn, gardens swimming pools and driveway. The more private built aspect of the villas is what attracts the travelers for renting it over hotels, during their trips. Villas are gaining popularity for the reason of it providing a space surrounded by rejuvenating lush greenery.

## **Condominiums / Housing Complexes / Societies**

Each housing unit comes up in a wide range of styles but the kind of ownership is what makes it different from other types of accommodation. A condominium is a unit that's owned individually, with the access to the few of the common areas of the complex like rooftops, clubhouse, swimming pool, playrooms and outdoor areas, which is co-owned equally by all condo owners under the umbrella of an association. Real Estate Developer offers multiple amenities like lawn tennis, golf course, badminton etc in an integrated township which is common for all residents. Each owner pays their own mortgage, taxes and for the maintenance of the property. Occasionally one can lease condos from the owners and sell it individually just like any other personal property. A unit owner's association also called as condominium association is established at the time the condominium is created to enable the unit owners for managing and maintaining the property together.

## **Farmhouses / Second homes**

Farmhouses and vacations houses are located away from urban crowd have also become a common feature to attract hi-end buyers. In the last decade or so a large chunk of this kind of supply has become part of organised supply of housing, even as these are sporadic in nature. In case of such developments, home owners are responsible for creating all required infrastructure on their own and hence often exposed to related risks.

## **Huts**

These are crude shelters mostly found in the rural part of the country. It is made up of naturally obtainable materials like mud, bricks, wood, and leaves. Such huts are widely found in the tribal areas of India. It consists of mud wall that keeps it cool during summers. It is slowly evolving with the features like a chimney on the roof to release the smoke during cooking.

## **Eco-friendly Homes**

Eco-friendly Homes have become all the rage as people have started making efforts to be kinder to the environment, as well as their wallets. Sustainable homes are more than just segregating your waste but combining facets, right from building materials to the use

of energy sources and designs that strive for efficiency and harmony with the surrounding environment. Indians have begun taking initiatives to minimize both environmental impacts by outfitting their houses with sustainable technologies. These houses pool sustainable implementations like multi-fuel burning stoves, water recycling, efficient waste management and using renewable sources of energy. The resulting boom in green homes is leading to new architectural innovations.

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