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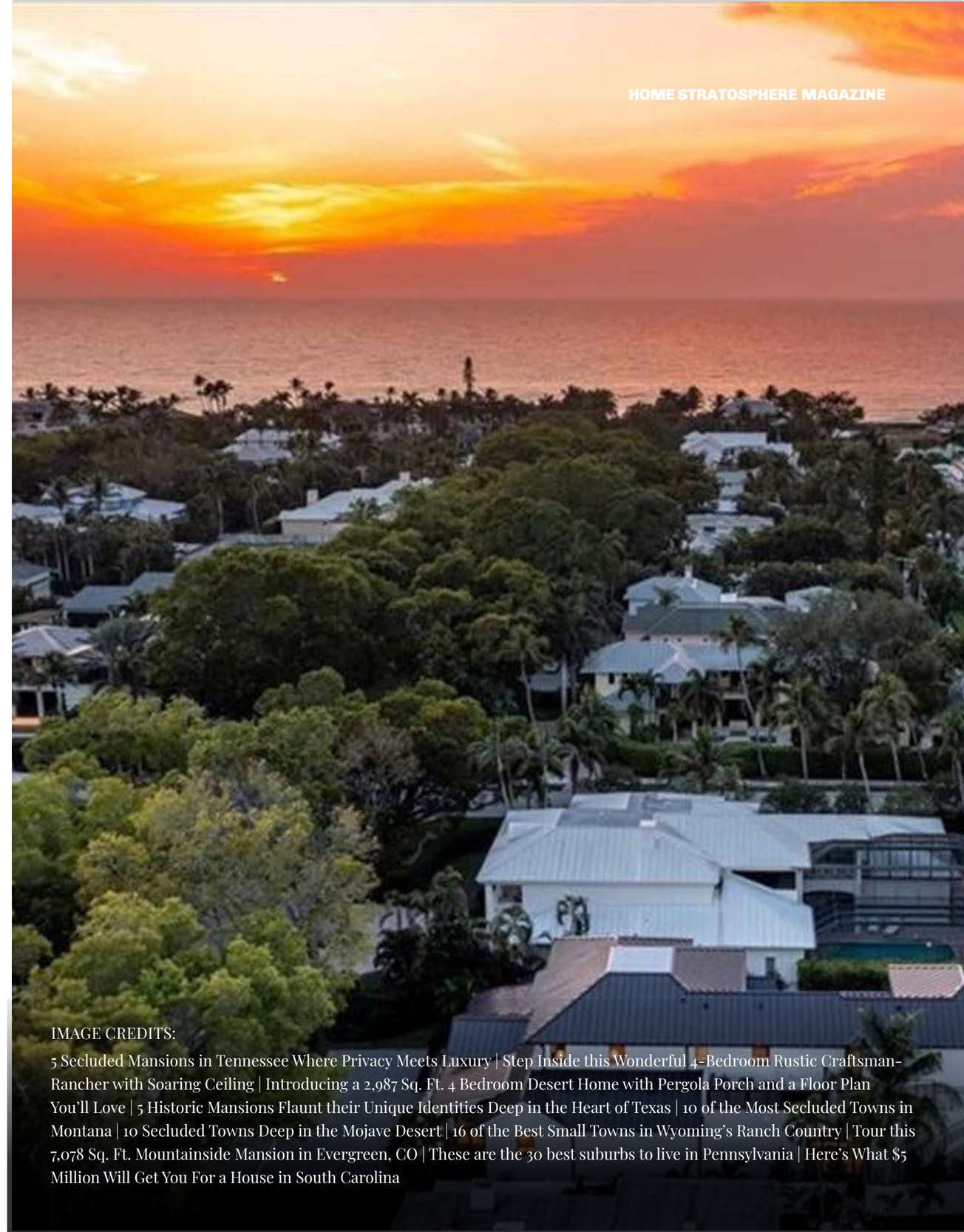

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5 SECLUDED MANSIONS IN TENNESSEE

Where Privacy Meets Luxury

Tucked away in Tennessee's serene landscapes, these five secluded mansions offer a harmonious blend of luxury, privacy, and natural beauty. From a ranch-style retreat surrounded by wooded tranquility near Nashville to a sprawling French-inspired estate on 336 acres with equestrian facilities and an indoor spa, each property showcases unique charm and grandeur. In Franklin, a custom-designed residence combines over 10,000 square feet of elegance with extensive outdoor entertaining areas and scenic river views.

Overlooking Dale Hollow Lake, an expansive 31,600-square-foot mansion boasts resort-level amenities, including a home theater, commercial kitchens, and private guest quarters. Near Memphis, a modern equestrian estate pairs luxurious living spaces with state-of-the-art facilities for upscale rural life. Together, these estates represent Tennessee's finest offerings for those seeking seclusion without sacrificing comfort or style.

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Hidden Falls Gated Estate

The Hidden Falls gated estate spans 60.07 acres and is located just 25 minutes from downtown Nashville, priced at $7,900,000. Custom-built home includes 5 bedrooms with en suite baths, an elevator, a chef's kitchen, a butler pantry, and a primary suite with marble heated floors and a steam shower.

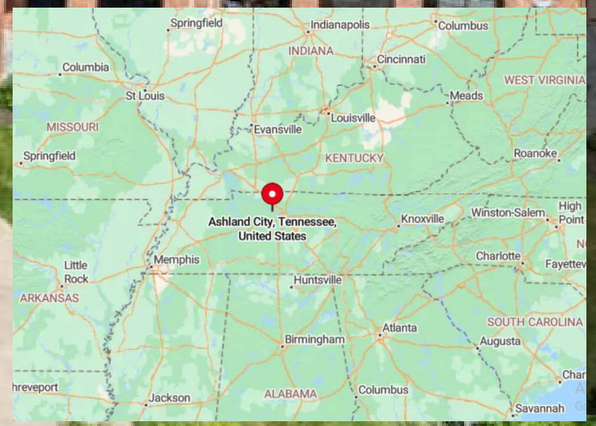
Additional features include a home theater, temperature-controlled wine cellar, gym, library, and billiard room with a wet bar, complemented by 6 fireplaces and 6 outdoor living areas. The property boasts a geothermal HVAC system, Control 4 smart home features with a 26-camera security system, two safe rooms, and a slate steel roof.

Outdoor amenities include a livestock barn, a heated workshop, fenced pastures, two creeks with a waterfall, an orchard, and irrigation from well water.

Where is Ashland City?

Ashland City, Tennessee, is located in Cheatham County, situated along the banks of the Cumberland River. It is approximately 30 kilometers northwest of Nashville, making it a convenient option for those seeking a quieter setting near the state's capital.

The town is surrounded by scenic landscapes and offers easy access to major routes connecting nearby cities like Clarksville and Springfield.



Living Room

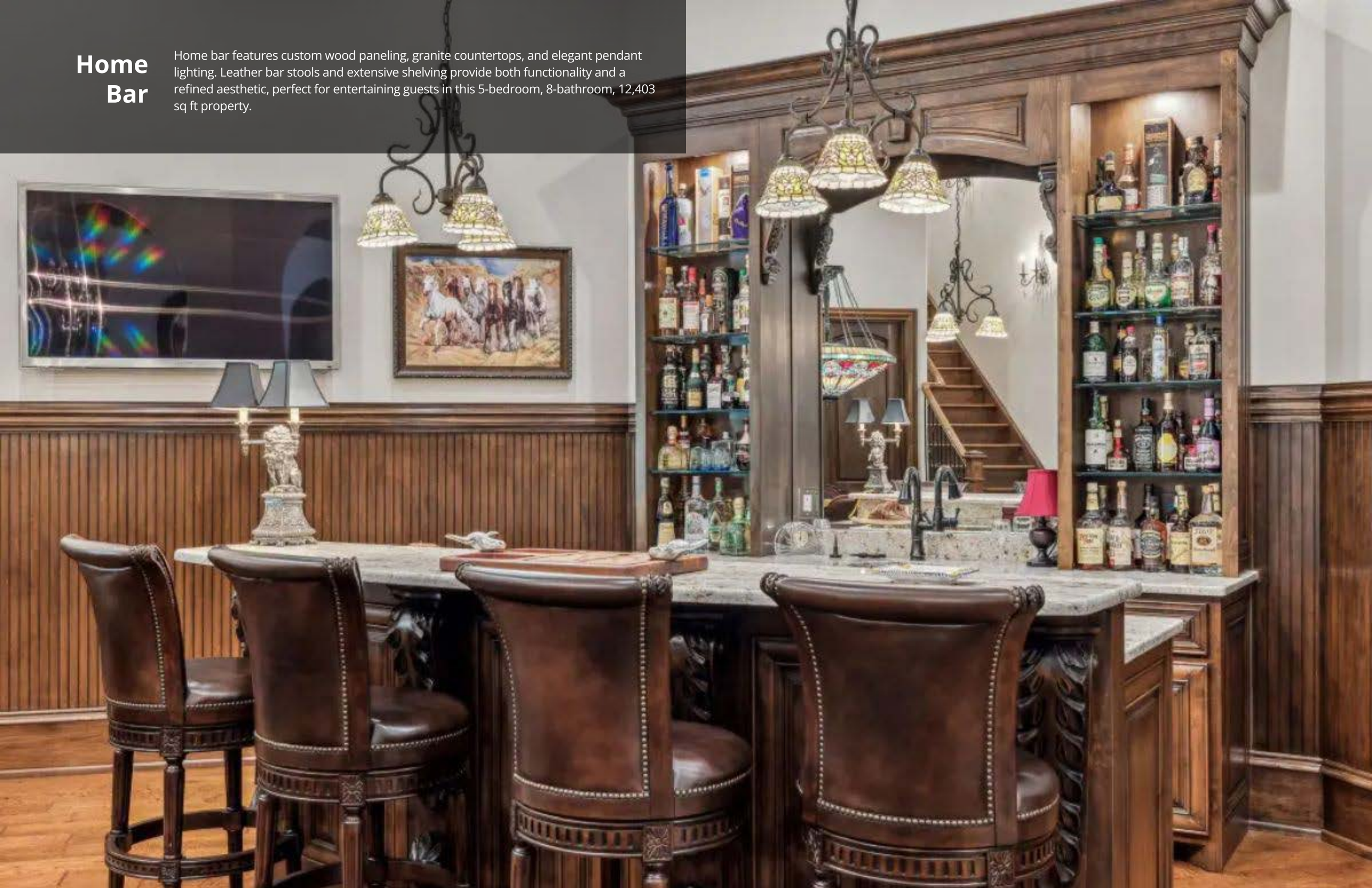
The living room showcases a stunning stone fireplace flanked by built-in shelving and a double-height ceiling adorned with a statement chandelier. Rich leather seating and warm hardwood floors add a touch of timeless elegance. This centerpiece of the 5-bed, 8-bath, 12,403 sq ft home is designed for both comfort and grandeur.

Bedroom

This sprawling 12,403 sq ft home boasts a luxurious master suite, the centerpiece of which is a grand carved canopy bed. Warm hardwood floors, soft neutral walls, and a cozy stone fireplace create a relaxing retreat. Tray ceilings and recessed lighting add to the opulent yet inviting ambiance. The home also features 5 bedrooms and 8 bathrooms.

Home Bar

Home bar features custom wood paneling, granite countertops, and elegant pendant lighting. Leather bar stools and extensive shelving provide both functionality and a refined aesthetic, perfect for entertaining guests in this 5-bedroom, 8-bathroom, 12,403 sq ft property.



Outdoor Patio

The patio invites relaxation with comfortable outdoor seating and views of lush greenery framed by wrought iron railings. A built-in grill station adds convenience for outdoor gatherings, while the peaceful surroundings create an idyllic retreat.

Heavy French Accents on 336-Acre Estate

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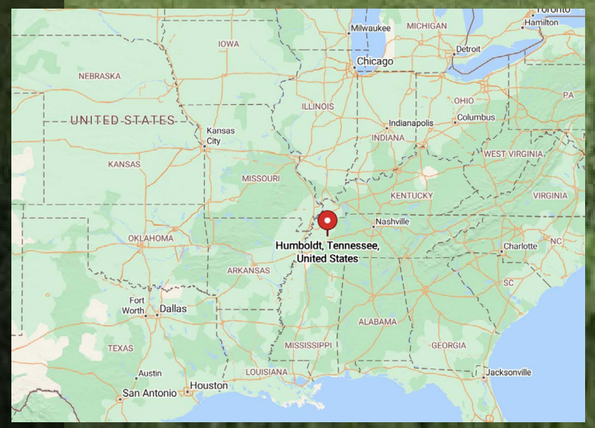
This breathtaking 336-acre estate seamlessly combines French architectural elegance with modern luxury and comfort. The main house spans 21,927 sq ft (17,200 sq ft heated) and features 5 bedrooms, 6 full baths, 4 half baths, an indoor pool, a spa, and an elevator.

The property also includes a carriage house, a groundskeeper's home, a horse barn, and three beautiful ponds, offering both functionality and charm. With smart home technology, a security system, and a geothermal system, the estate is designed for efficiency and convenience. Surrounded by serene natural beauty, this one-of-a-kind property embodies sophistication at its finest.

Where is Humboldt?

Humboldt, Tennessee, is located in Gibson County in the western part of the state. It lies about 20 kilometers north of Jackson, providing easy access to urban amenities.

The town is approximately 150 kilometers from Memphis, making it a convenient stop for travelers heading to or from major cities in Tennessee. Humboldt is well-connected by highways, offering accessibility to surrounding regions, including parts of Arkansas.



Kitchen

A chef's dream with custom cabinetry, a central island, and high-end appliances. Intricate woodwork and a statement chandelier create a refined atmosphere.

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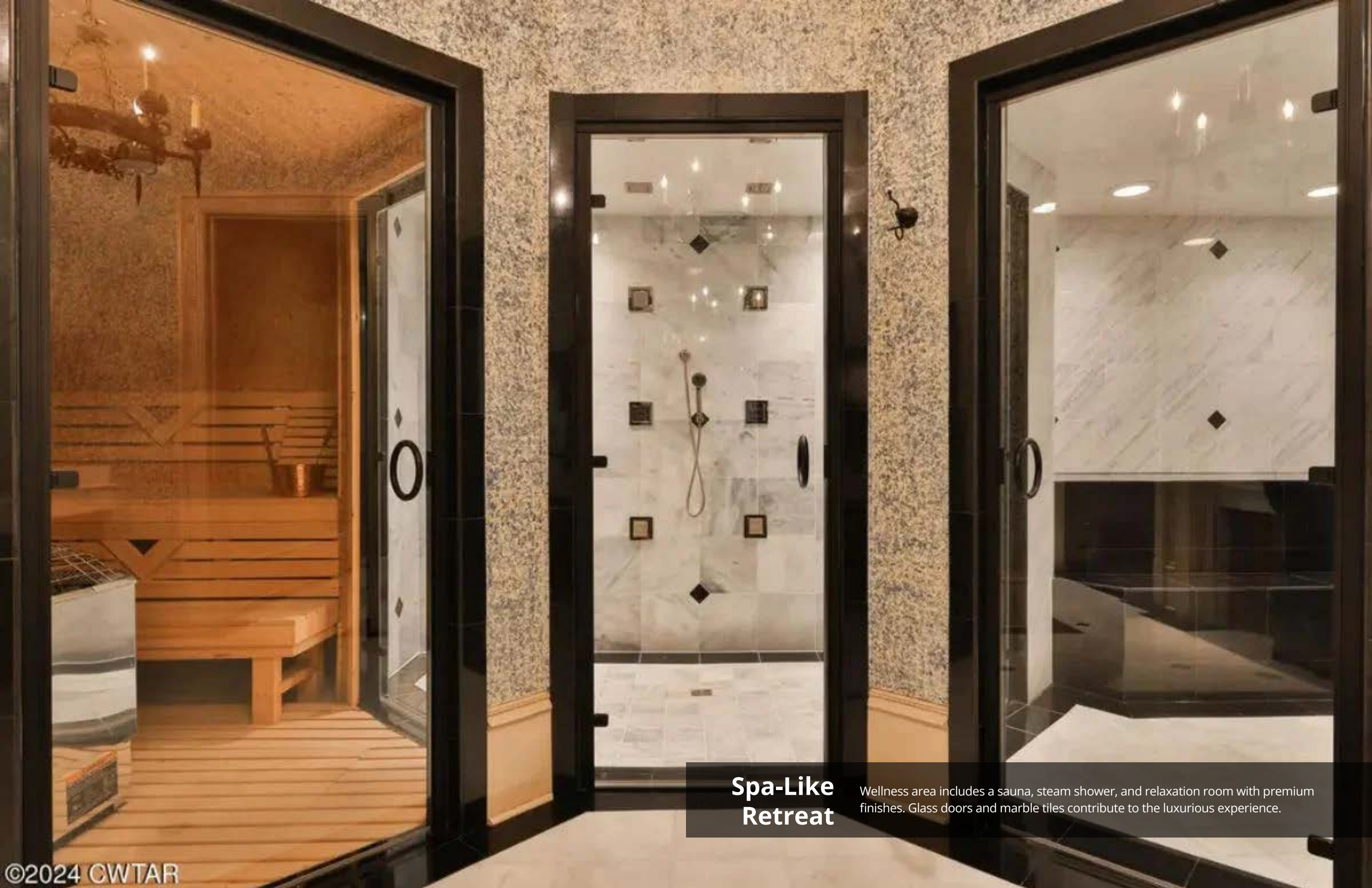

Spa-Like Retreat

Wellness area includes a sauna, steam shower, and relaxation room with premium finishes. Glass doors and marble tiles contribute to the luxurious experience.

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Media Room

An inviting media room features paneled walls, coffered ceilings, and built-in shelving. Large windows ensure plenty of natural light, complemented by rich red and gold accents.

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Balcony

This expansive balcony offers a serene view of the landscaped grounds and surrounding greenery, perfect for enjoying sunsets. Ornate railings and wall-mounted lanterns enhance the elegance of this outdoor space.

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Hilltop Estate on Over 11 Acres

This 5-bed, 9-bath luxury estate with 19,561 sq. ft. spans over 11 acres along the Harpeth River in the gated community of Hidden River in Franklin, TN.

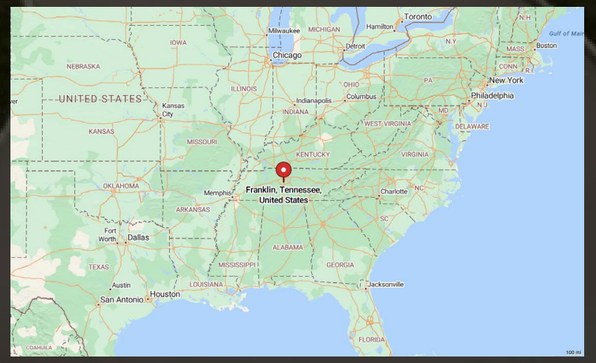
Designed by architect Preston Quirk, the home features a grand entrance, soaring ceilings, and expansive views. Amenities include a golf simulator, bowling alley, bars, caterer's kitchen, media room, wine cellar, two gyms, a pool, and a spa.

The property also includes a conditioned 6-car garage for vehicle storage.

Where is Franklin?

Franklin, Tennessee, is located in Williamson County, south of Nashville. It is approximately 30 kilometers from downtown Nashville, making it a convenient suburban location with historical significance.

The city is surrounded by other prominent areas, including Brentwood to the north and Spring Hill to the south. Franklin is well-connected by major highways, offering easy access to neighboring regions in Middle Tennessee.

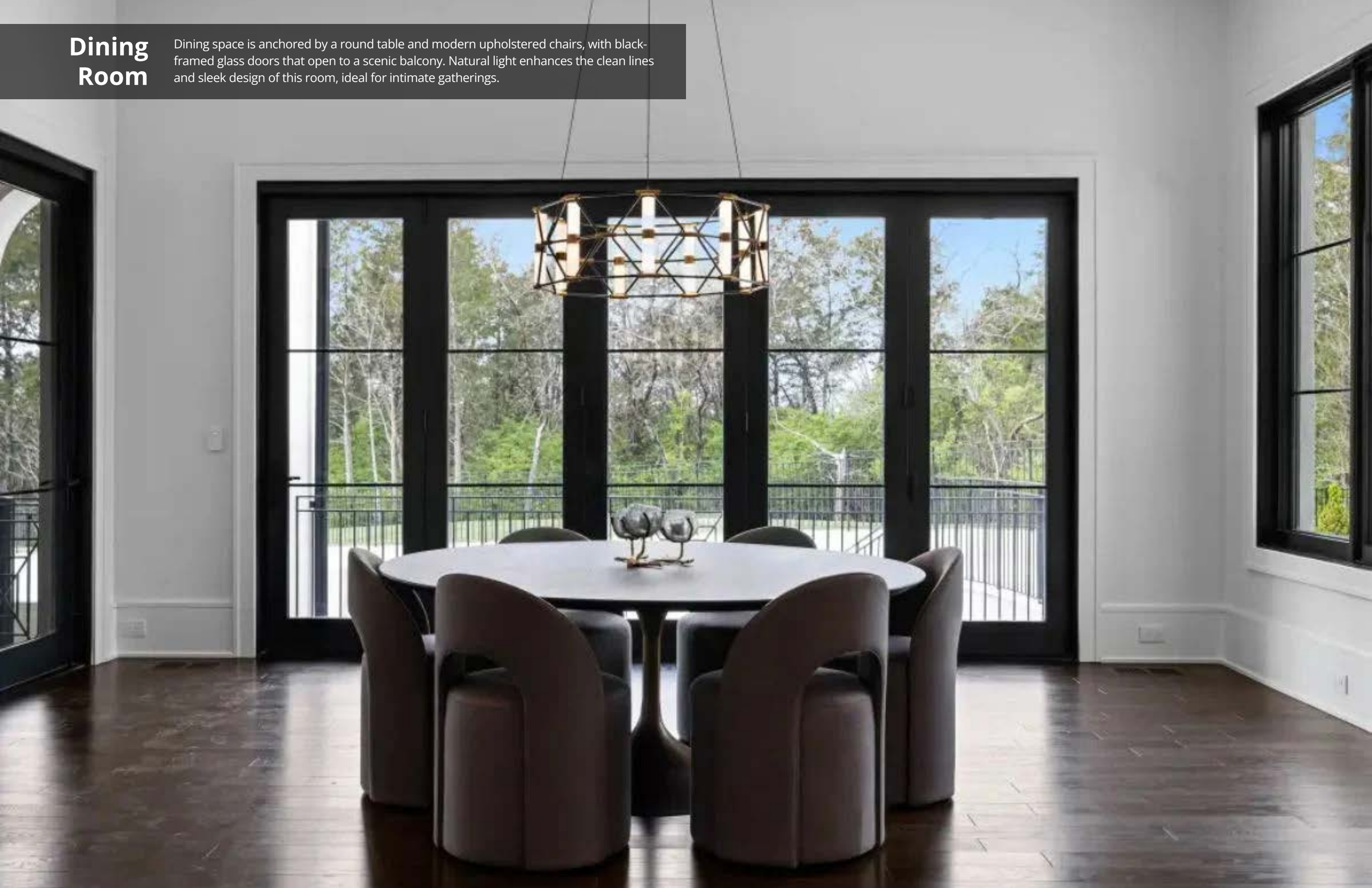


Living Area

Stunning marble fireplace serves as the focal point of this contemporary living room, accented by sleek furnishings and large windows that bring in ample natural light. A statement chandelier adds sophistication to the open and airy design.

Dining Room

Dining space is anchored by a round table and modern upholstered chairs, with black-framed glass doors that open to a scenic balcony. Natural light enhances the clean lines and sleek design of this room, ideal for intimate gatherings.

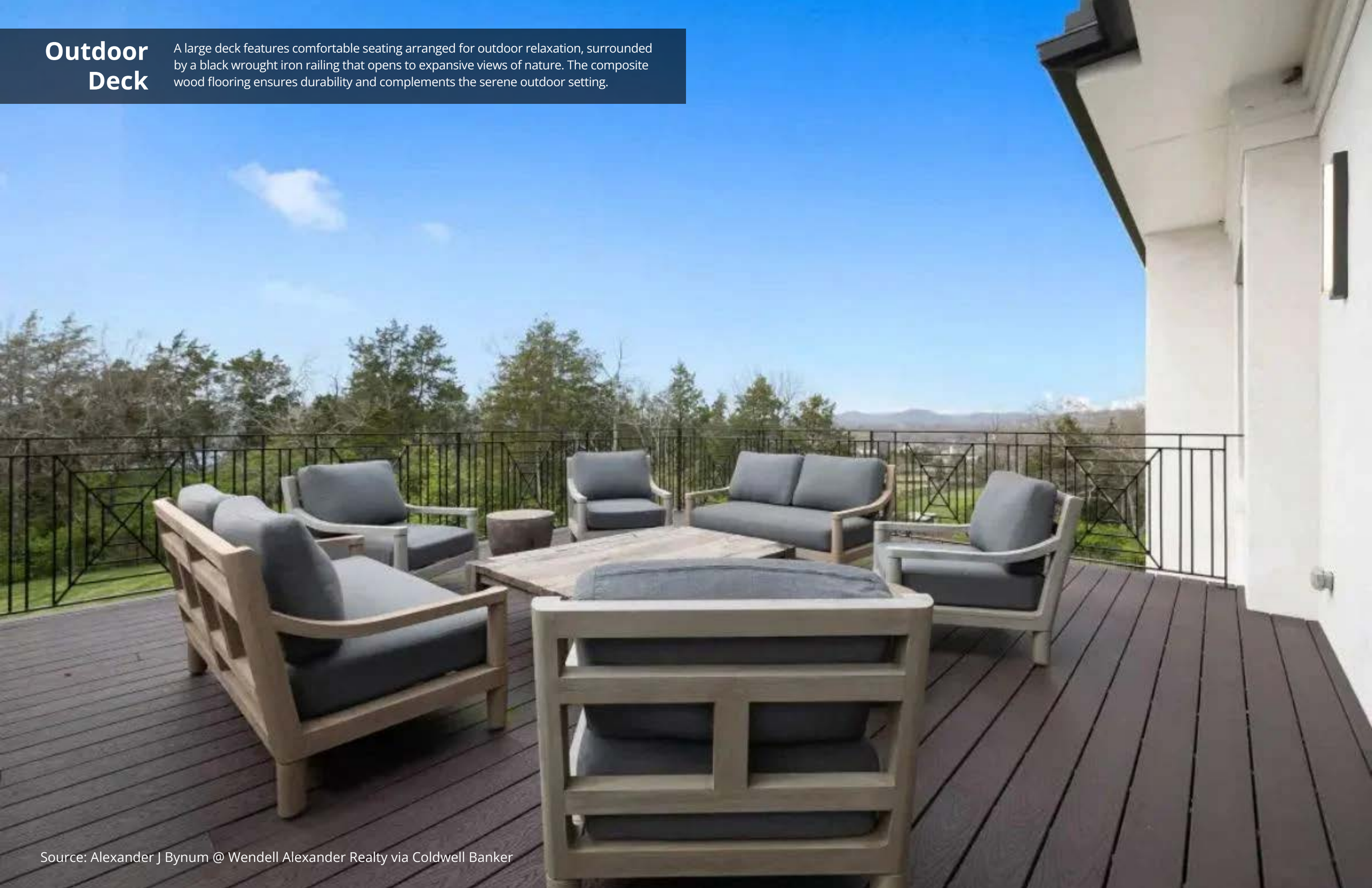


Master Suite

The master suite offers dark hardwood floors, recessed ceiling lighting, and access to a private balcony. Large windows and neutral tones create a bright and serene atmosphere, perfect for unwinding.

Outdoor Deck

A large deck features comfortable seating arranged for outdoor relaxation, surrounded by a black wrought iron railing that opens to expansive views of nature. The composite wood flooring ensures durability and complements the serene outdoor setting.



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Estate Overlooking Dale Hollow Lake

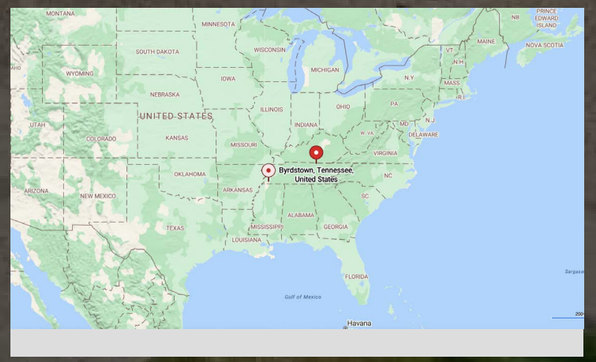
Lakeside estate spans 63 acres and offers panoramic views of Tennessee's Dale Hollow Lake. The 31,600 sq ft home includes 8 bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, custom marble and handcrafted woodwork, 3 full kitchens, additional kitchenettes, and a commercial-grade home theater.

A two-story breezeway connects the home's wings, which feature guest quarters with 3 bedrooms, an office/lounge, and a third-floor cupola with 360-degree views. The property also includes balconies, sunrooms, and a separate commercial-style shop/garage.

Where is Byrdstown?

Byrdstown, Tennessee, is located in Pickett County near the Kentucky state border. The town is close to Dale Hollow Lake, a popular destination for boating and fishing.

It is situated northeast of Cookeville and northwest of Knoxville, providing access to both outdoor recreation and regional city amenities. The area is characterized by its proximity to natural landmarks and its quiet, rural setting.

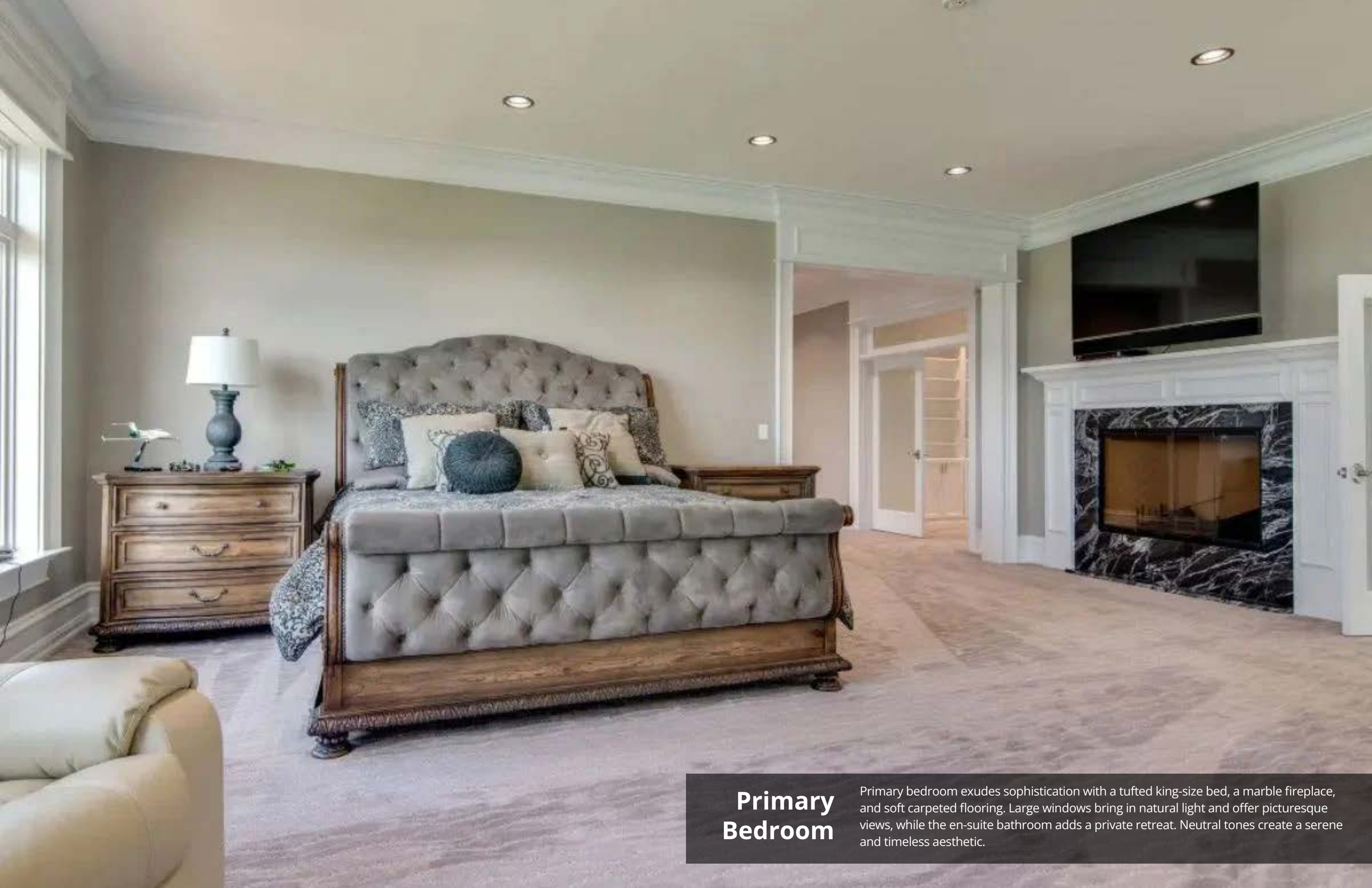


Living Room

Grand living room showcases a stunning coffered ceiling and gleaming marble flooring. Plush velvet seating arrangements surround a central coffee table, with large windows flooding the space with natural light. The open layout seamlessly connects the interior to outdoor views, making it a perfect space for entertaining.

Gourmet Kitchen

This gourmet kitchen features a striking combination of white cabinetry, granite countertops, and crystal chandeliers for a touch of elegance. A large island with bar seating anchors the room, while top-of-the-line appliances cater to culinary needs. Expansive windows provide serene views of the outdoors.



Primary Bedroom

Primary bedroom exudes sophistication with a tufted king-size bed, a marble fireplace, and soft carpeted flooring. Large windows bring in natural light and offer picturesque views, while the en-suite bathroom adds a private retreat. Neutral tones create a serene and timeless aesthetic.

Outdoor Covered Lounge Area

Outdoor lounge area offers a seamless blend of comfort and functionality, with ample seating and a sleek concrete floor. The wooden ceiling with recessed lighting and fans creates a warm ambiance, ideal for year-round relaxation. Open views of the surrounding greenery enhance the connection to nature.

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Deep Southern Style

This 137-acre estate features an 8,500 sq ft home modeled after Louisiana's Houmas House, with 6 bedrooms, 6.5 baths, and four 11×65 porches offering sunrise and sunset views.

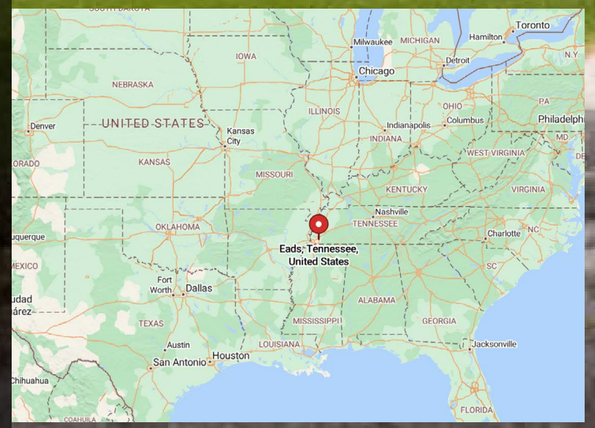
The property includes a ¾-mile treelined driveway, a 2-acre pond, an 8-acre stocked lake, and access to the pool area via a spiral staircase or porch.

Additional structures include a 1,600 sq ft pool house with a full bar and billiards room, a 60×100 party barn with living quarters, a 30×40 farm shop, and a 60×70 shop with a full bath overlooking the lake. The estate also includes a 50×70 pole barn and a detached 3-car garage.

Where is Eads?

Eads, Tennessee, is a community located in Shelby County in the western part of the state. It is situated northeast of Memphis, providing access to the city's amenities while maintaining a quieter, suburban environment.

The area is surrounded by smaller communities and offers a mix of residential and rural landscapes.

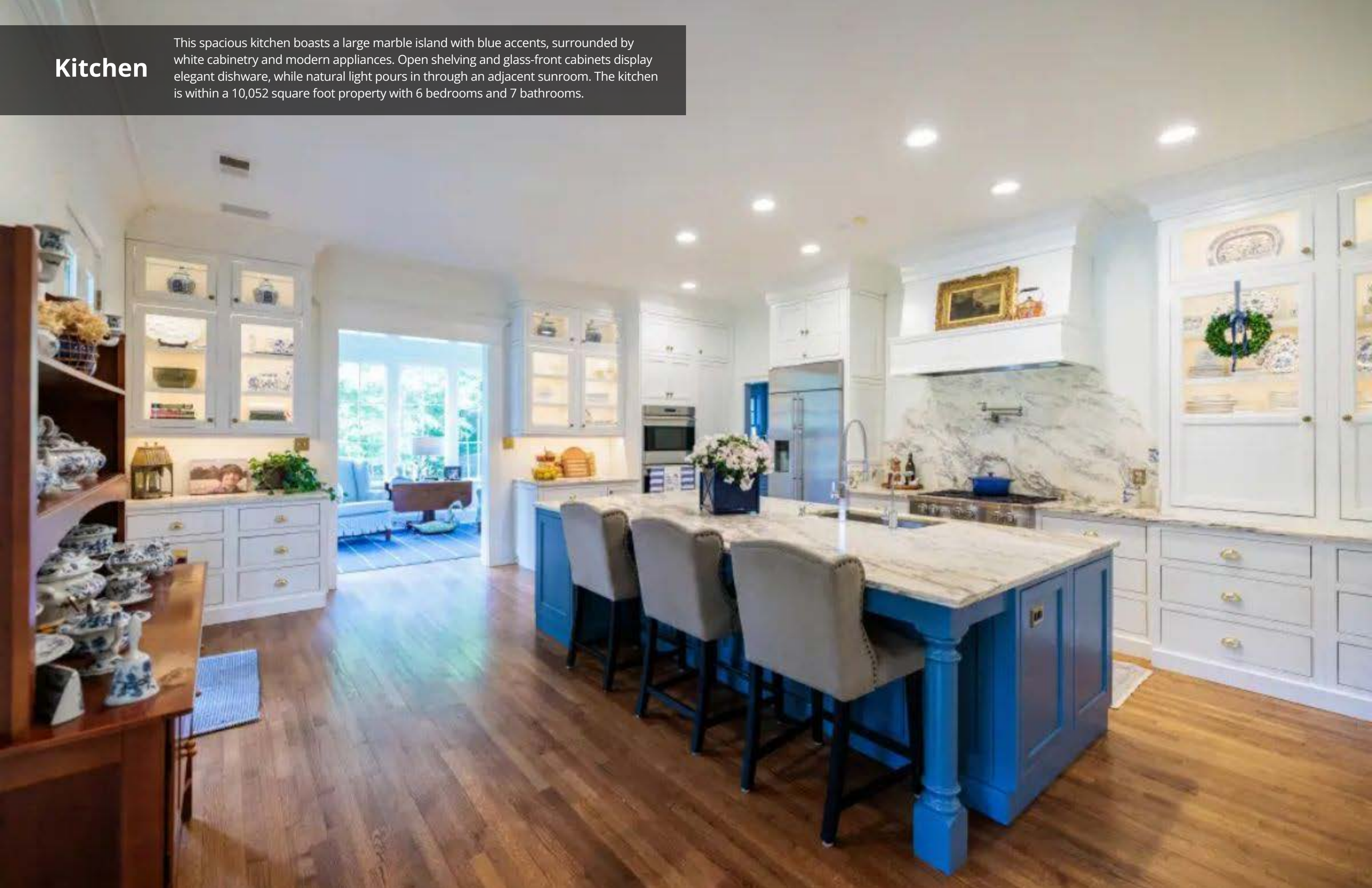


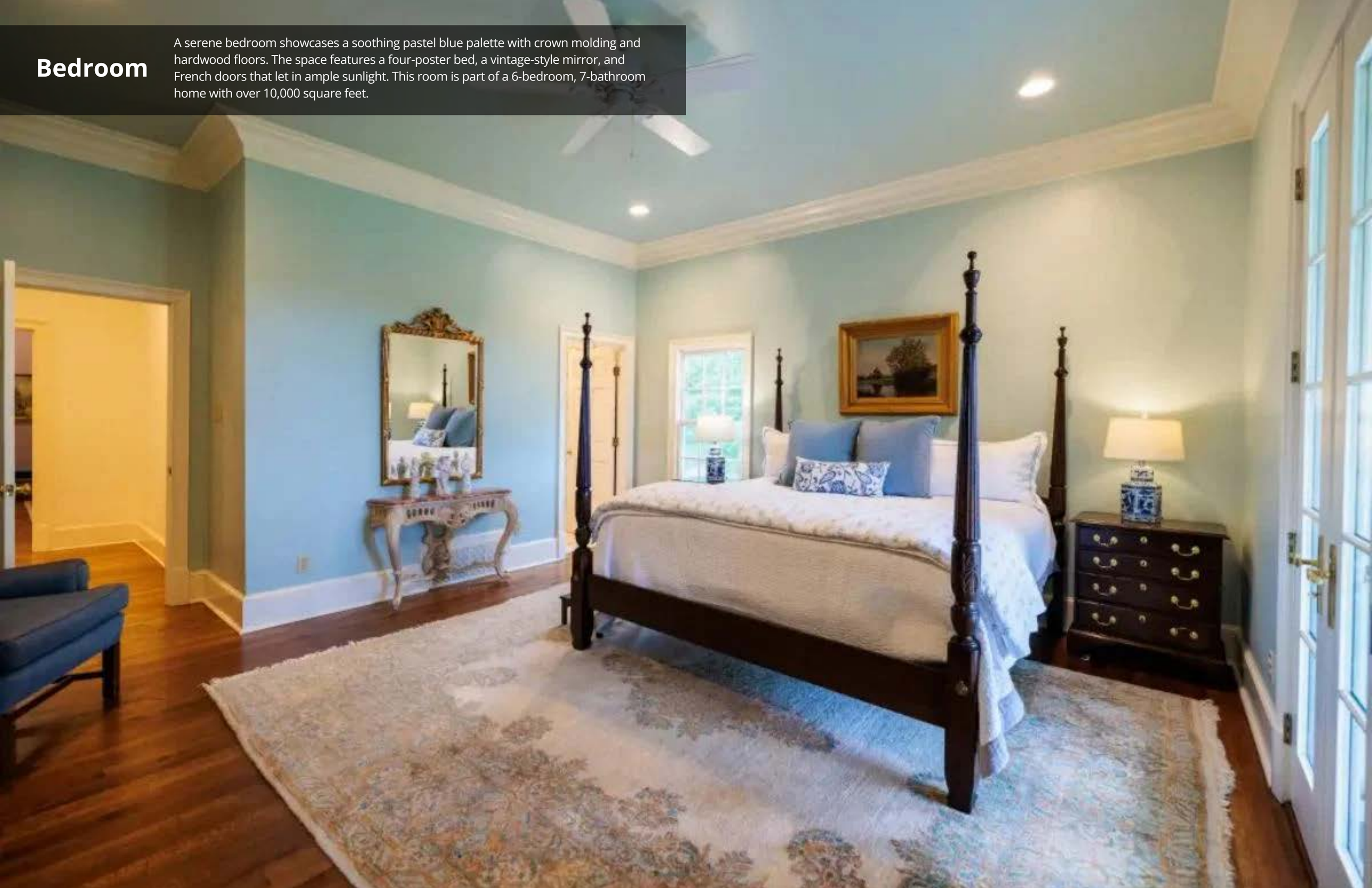
Living Room

A cozy living room features elegant white walls and built-in cabinetry framing a large TV. The classic fireplace with a wooden mantle adds warmth, complemented by comfortable seating and a striped area rug. This inviting space is part of a 6-bedroom, 7-bathroom home with 10,052 square feet.

Kitchen

This spacious kitchen boasts a large marble island with blue accents, surrounded by white cabinetry and modern appliances. Open shelving and glass-front cabinets display elegant dishware, while natural light pours in through an adjacent sunroom. The kitchen is within a 10,052 square foot property with 6 bedrooms and 7 bathrooms.





Bedroom

A serene bedroom showcases a soothing pastel blue palette with crown molding and hardwood floors. The space features a four-poster bed, a vintage-style mirror, and French doors that let in ample sunlight. This room is part of a 6-bedroom, 7-bathroom home with over 10,000 square feet.

Pool Area

An expansive outdoor pool is surrounded by lush greenery and features a pool house with classic dormer windows. Comfortable loungers and shaded seating areas create a perfect retreat for relaxation or entertaining. This luxurious property offers 6 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms, and 10,052 square feet of living space.

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FLOOR PLAN

STEP INSIDE THIS

WONDERFUL 4-BEDROOM RUSTIC CRAFTSMAN-RANCHER

WITH SOARING CEILING

Nestled among towering evergreens, this stunning 4,420 square foot Craftsman-Rancher beckons you to experience the perfect blend of rustic charm and modern luxury.

With its impressive 4-car garage and an inviting facade that seamlessly melds stone and wood, this home is a testament to thoughtful design and comfortable living.

Step inside to discover a spacious interior boasting 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms, where soaring ceilings create an atmosphere of grandeur and openness.

Woodland retreat: Craftsman elegance meets nature's embrace

The expansive facade showcases classic Craftsman elements, including a low-pitched gabled roof, exposed rafters, and a welcoming front porch supported by tapered columns. Natural materials like stone and wood siding pay homage to the home's wooded setting, while large windows invite ample natural light inside.

The Floor Plan

This floor plan offers a spacious and efficient layout with an emphasis on comfort and privacy. The master suite is privately located on one side of the home, featuring a luxurious ensuite bath and direct access to the covered patio. Central living areas, such as the vaulted great room and kitchen, are open and ideal for gatherings, with seamless indoor-outdoor flow to the outdoor covered living space. Additional bedrooms, a game room, and a four-car tandem garage make this layout perfect for both family living and entertaining.

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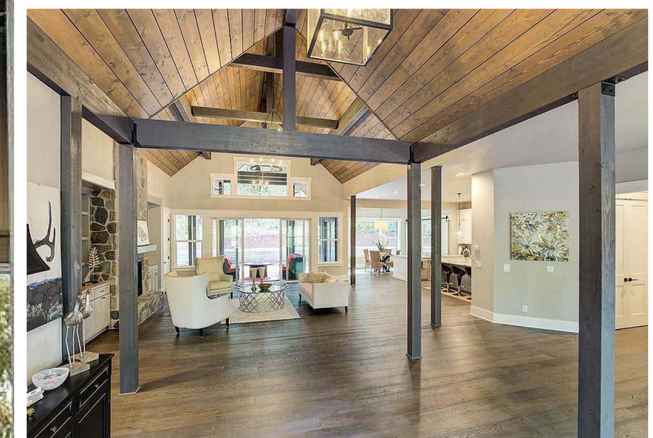
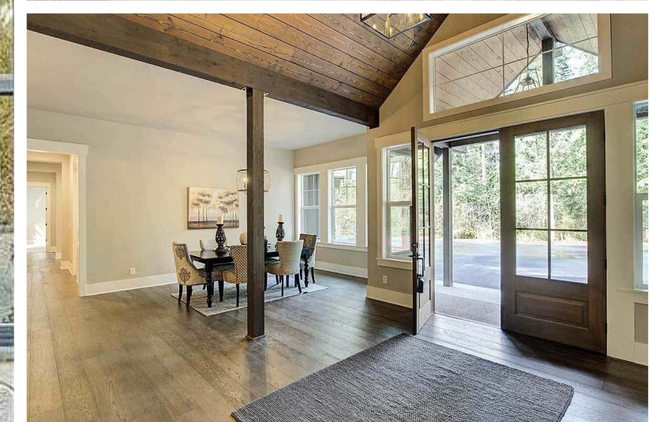
OPEN-CONCEPT LIVING WITH NATURAL WOOD ACCENTS

The vaulted wood ceiling with exposed beams sets a rustic yet refined tone in this spacious living area. Large windows bring in ample natural light, and the layout smoothly transitions from the living space to the kitchen and dining areas. The stone fireplace adds a cozy focal point, while the hardwood floors enhance the warm, inviting atmosphere. This thoughtful design is perfect for both entertaining and day-to-day living.

WELCOMING ENTRY WITH RUSTIC CHARM

The front entry greets visitors with natural wood beams and expansive windows, offering a preview of the warm, inviting interior. Stone accents on the exterior walls provide a charming touch of rustic elegance. The high ceilings in the entry create a sense of openness while maintaining a cozy, grounded feel that welcomes guests.





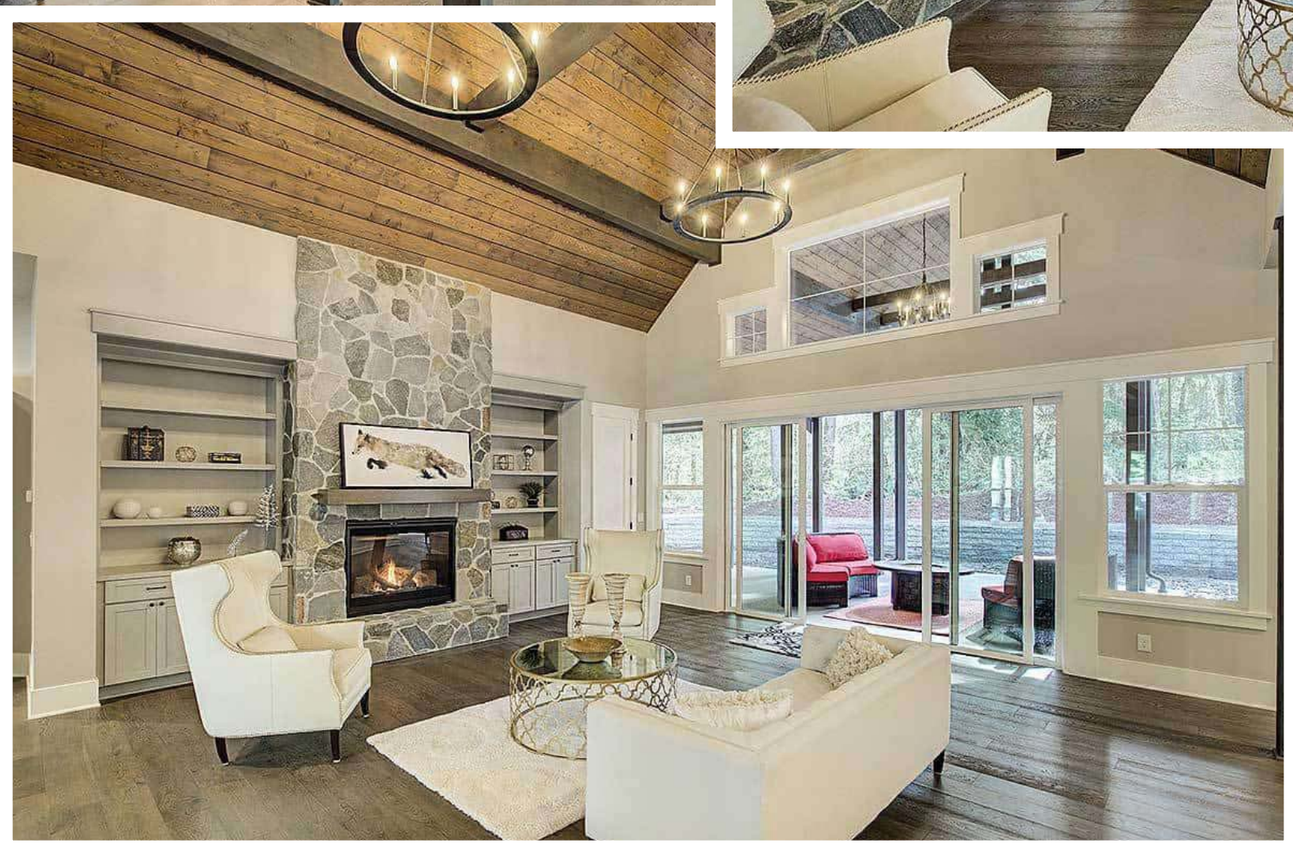
OPEN FOYER WITH COZY ADJACENT DINING AREA

A simple yet elegant dining space sits adjacent to the main living area, benefiting from the home's open layout. The room's large windows allow natural light to brighten the space, creating an intimate setting for meals. The rustic wood ceiling beams carry through, adding continuity and charm. The room's easy connection to the entry and living areas enhances functionality and flow.

SEAMLESS TRANSITION FROM LIVING TO OUTDOOR SPACE

This open living area extends seamlessly to the outdoor patio, offering an easy transition between indoor and outdoor entertaining.

The floor-to-ceiling windows not only allow for a panoramic view but also fill the space with soft, natural light. Wood ceiling beams and stone features add warmth to the neutral, contemporary interior.



SPACIOUS LIVING ROOM WITH SOARING CEILING AND RUSTIC FIREPLACE

The stone fireplace serves as a stunning focal point in this spacious living room, with its high vaulted ceilings and exposed wood beams. Built-in shelves on either side provide functional storage without compromising the room's clean lines. The large sliding doors lead to an outdoor space, making this living area ideal for gatherings both inside and out.

NATURAL ELEMENTS MEET MODERN DESIGN THROUGHOUT THE OPEN SPACE

This bright, open living area balances natural elements like the wood ceiling and stone fireplace with modern touches such as sleek furniture and minimalist decor. The large windows create a connection to the outdoors, while the layout encourages both relaxation and socializing. The balance of rustic materials and clean lines gives the room a timeless, versatile appeal.

STONE FIREPLACE CREATES COZY LIVING SPACE

I love this intimate sitting space. This inviting living area is centered around a stunning stone fireplace that extends up to the vaulted, wood-beamed ceiling. The natural textures of the stone are complemented by the neutral tones of the built-in shelving and plush seating, creating a cozy and elegant environment. The space feels open yet intimate, perfect for relaxing by the fire or enjoying conversation.

MODERN KITCHEN WITH EXPANSIVE ISLAND

The kitchen features a long island with a marble countertop, ideal for both meal preparation and casual seating. Pendant lighting provides focused illumination, while white cabinetry and light gray subway tiles create a fresh, clean aesthetic. The open layout allows the kitchen to flow seamlessly into the dining and living areas, making it perfect for entertaining.

STYLISH KITCHEN WITH FUNCTIONAL LAYOUT

This modern kitchen boasts a spacious island with bar seating, blending function and style. The sleek white cabinetry contrasts nicely with the natural wood floors, while stainless steel appliances add a modern edge. The open design allows easy movement between the kitchen, dining, and living areas, making it a practical and social space.

GOURMET KITCHEN WITH HIGH-END APPLIANCES

This well-equipped kitchen features a commercial-grade range and double oven, perfect for home chefs. The subway tile backsplash adds a clean, contemporary look, complementing the white cabinetry and marble countertops. With plenty of counter space and a functional layout, cooking in this kitchen is both enjoyable and efficient.

BREAKFAST NOOK WITH BACKYARD VIEWS

Adjacent to the kitchen, the cozy breakfast nook offers a serene spot for casual dining. Surrounded by windows that provide views of the backyard, this space is perfect for morning coffee or family meals. The barn-style sliding doors add a rustic touch and provide access to a versatile bonus room.

LIGHT-FILLED OPEN CONCEPT KITCHEN AND ISLAND DINING

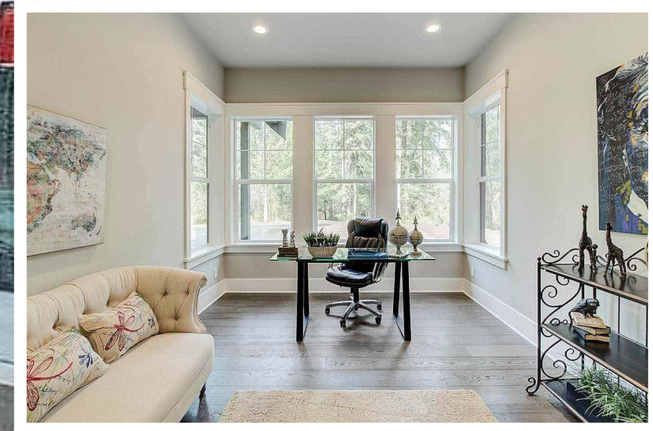
The open concept design allows for a smooth flow between the kitchen, dining, and living areas. Multiple windows flood the space with natural light, creating a bright and welcoming atmosphere. The combination of light cabinetry, polished countertops, and hardwood floors ties together a cohesive, elegant look throughout the space.

SMALL DINING ARE WITH LARGE PICTURE WINDOWS

The dining room is framed by large picture windows that bring the outdoors in, making meals feel more connected to nature. The room's simple yet elegant decor is accentuated by a beautiful chandelier, providing a comfortable and stylish space for hosting guests or enjoying family dinners.

OPEN AND INVITING DINING AND ENTRY AREA

With its high vaulted ceiling and exposed wooden beams, this dining and entry space exudes warmth and charm. The seamless transition between the dining area and the rest of the home enhances the sense of openness, while the rich wood tones of the ceiling add character to the contemporary setting.



BRIGHT AND AIRY HOME OFFICE SPACE

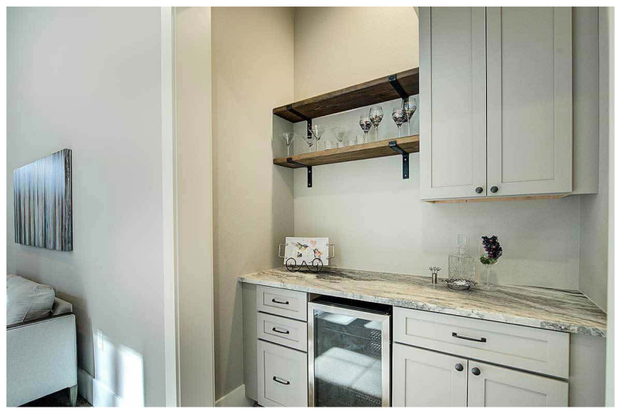
This bright home office is perfect for productivity, featuring large windows that let in plenty of natural light. The soft, neutral color palette creates a calming environment, while the clean, modern decor adds to the room's functionality. It's an ideal space for working from home or creative endeavors.

FAMILY ROOM BRINGS THE OUTDOORS IN WITH PANORAMIC FOREST VIEWS

Bathed in natural light, this airy living room seamlessly merges indoor comfort with the tranquility of its woodland surroundings. Floor-to-ceiling windows frame a breathtaking view of lush greenery, creating a living backdrop that changes with the seasons. The vaulted ceiling adds a sense of grandeur, while the neutral color palette allows the verdant scenery to take center stage. Thoughtfully placed seating areas invite quiet contemplation or intimate conversation, making this space a perfect retreat for nature lovers and design enthusiasts alike.

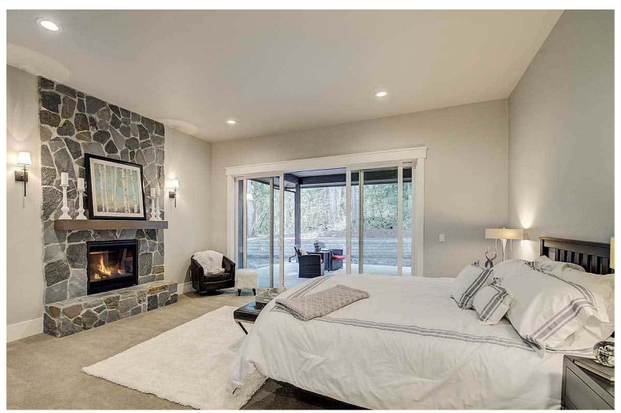
ENTERTAINER'S DELIGHT: COMPACT WET BAR COMBINES STYLE AND FUNCTION IN A CHIC PACKAGE

Tucked away in an alcove, this elegant wet bar packs a punch with its blend of form and functionality. The crisp white cabinetry is complemented by a stunning marble countertop, creating a luxurious foundation for mixing drinks and serving guests. Open shelving with rustic wood planks and industrial-style brackets adds a touch of warmth and provides an attractive display for glassware. The built-in wine refrigerator ensures that perfectly chilled beverages are always at hand for impromptu gatherings or cozy nights in.



MASTER SUITE MARRIES COMFORT AND SOPHISTICATION WITH STUNNING STONE FIREPLACE

This master bedroom is a testament to the art of creating a personal sanctuary within the home. The focal point is undoubtedly the impressive floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace, which adds rustic charm and warmth to the space. Large sliding glass doors open to a private patio, blurring the lines between indoor luxury and outdoor serenity. Soft, neutral tones in the bedding and carpet create a calming atmosphere, while carefully chosen lighting fixtures add layers of ambiance. The result is a harmonious retreat that balances cozy comfort with elegant design.

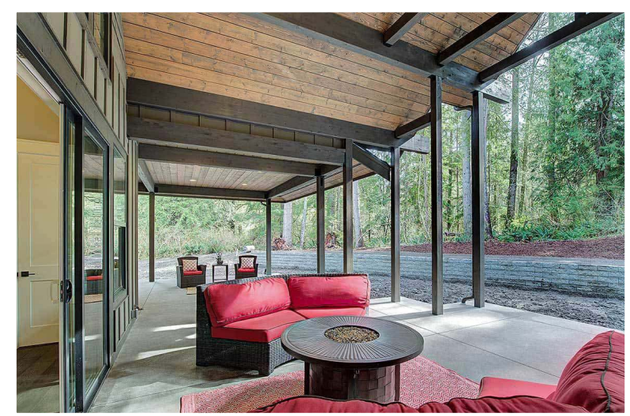


SPA-INSPIRED SERENITY: BATHROOM BLENDS LUXURY AND SIMPLICITY FOR ULTIMATE RELAXATION

This bathroom epitomizes modern elegance with its clean lines and soothing color palette. The expansive marble countertop with dual sinks offers both practicality and a touch of luxury, while the large mirror reflects light and enhances the sense of space. A glass-enclosed shower with sleek tiling provides a spa-like experience, and the strategically placed artwork adds a pop of organic beauty to the room. Thoughtful details like the multi-light fixture and polished chrome fittings elevate the overall design, creating a serene oasis for daily routines and pampering sessions alike.

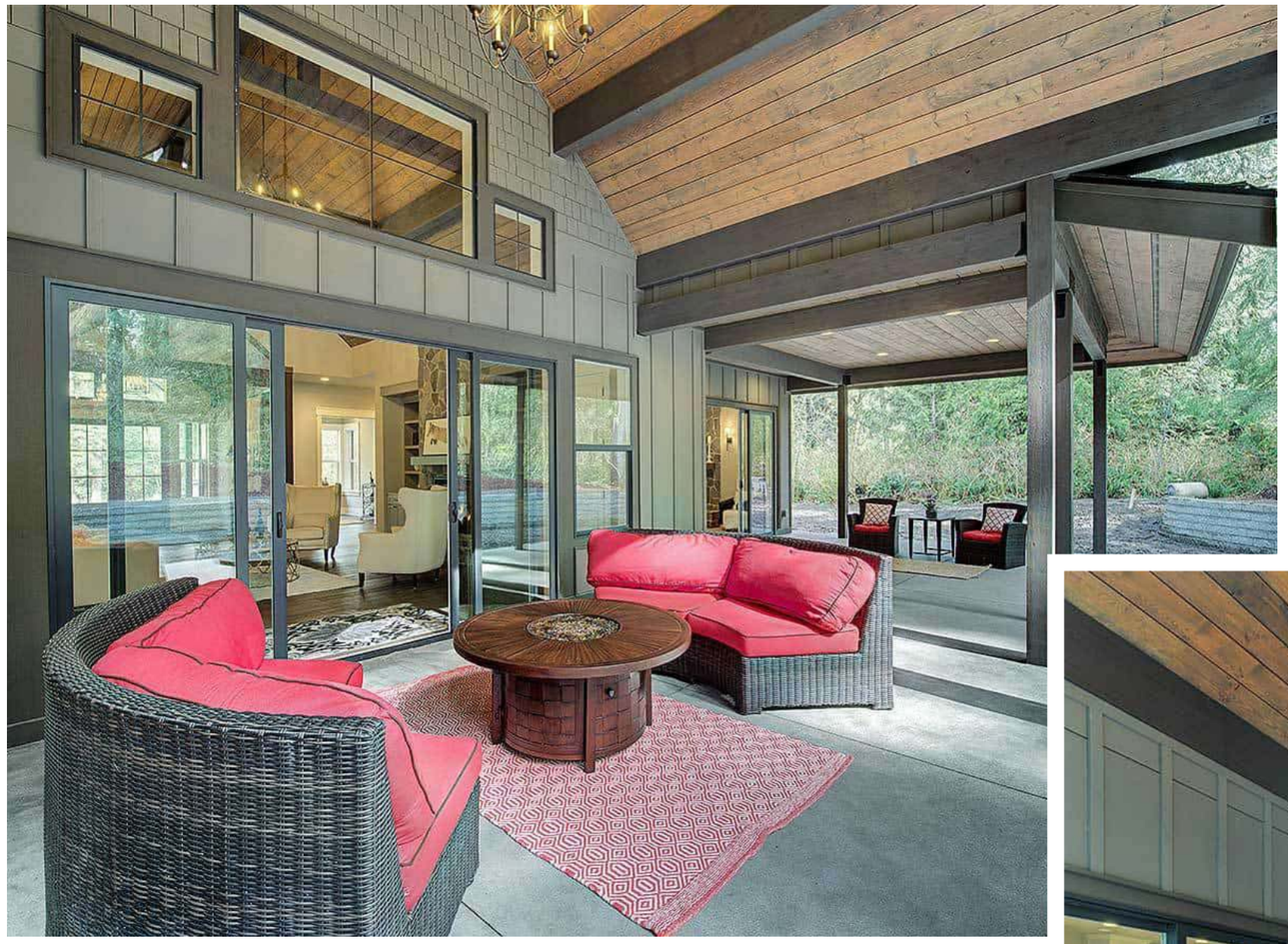
MASTER BATH BLENDS ELEGANCE WITH NATURE'S SERENITY

This master bathroom epitomizes sophisticated relaxation with its harmonious blend of luxurious amenities and natural elements. A freestanding soaking tub takes center stage, positioned before a large picture window that frames the lush outdoor landscape. Dual vanities with marble countertops flank the space, offering ample storage and preparation areas. The neutral color palette, dominated by soft whites and warm greys, creates a calming atmosphere. Subtle decor touches and strategically placed lighting fixtures add warmth and character to this spa-like retreat.



ALFRESCO LIVING REDEFINED: COVERED PATIO MERGES INDOOR COMFORT WITH OUTDOOR BEAUTY

This expansive covered patio seamlessly extends the home's living space into nature. The robust wooden ceiling, supported by sleek metal posts, provides shelter while maintaining an open, airy feel. Large sliding glass doors blur the boundary between indoors and out, allowing for easy flow and unobstructed views. Comfortable seating, including vibrant red cushions, adds a pop of color against the neutral backdrop. A central fire pit table creates a cozy gathering spot, perfect for entertaining or quiet evenings enjoying the surrounding forest scenery.



COVERED PATIO SHOWCASES STUNNING CRAFTSMANSHIP AND ADDS A POP OF COLOR

This covered pati is a testament to exquisite architectural design, marrying form and function in spectacular fashion. Soaring ceilings with exposed wooden beams create a sense of grandeur, while expansive windows on all sides invite nature indoors. The thoughtful placement of comfortable seating areas, including plush red cushions, offers multiple vantage points to enjoy the surrounding landscape. Sliding glass doors provide seamless access to the adjacent covered patio, further extending the living space. The room's design exemplifies the perfect balance between rustic charm and modern elegance.

INDOOR-OUTDOOR HAVEN: COVERED PATIO CAPTURES THE ESSENCE OF NATURE-INSPIRED LIVING

This stunning covered patio embodies the pinnacle of indoor-outdoor living. The vaulted ceiling, adorned with warm wood planks and elegant beams, draws the eye upward, creating a sense of spaciousness. Floor-to-ceiling windows and sliding glass doors on multiple sides dissolve the boundaries between interior and exterior spaces. Comfortable seating with vibrant red cushions provides a cozy spot to relax and enjoy the surrounding views. The room's design seamlessly integrates with both the home's interior and the adjacent covered patio, offering a versatile space for year-round enjoyment.

Nestled among the rugged landscape, this exquisite desert retreat offers 2,987 square feet of classic mission-style charm. Featuring four bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms, it combines the elegance of a red-tile roof and smooth stucco exterior with innovative design. Its inviting arched entryway and strategically placed large windows blend seamlessly into the natural surroundings, creating a warm and welcoming home environment.

INTRODUCING A

2,987 SQ. FT. 4 BEDROOM DESERT HOME

WITH PERGOLA PORCH AND A FLOOR PLAN YOU'LL LOVE

BY JON DYKSTRA

Admire the Mission-Style Beauty of This Desert Retreat

This home perfectly encapsulates the timeless mission style, known for its simple yet elegant lines, red-tiled roofs, and smooth stucco surfaces. As you explore this property, admire how the thoughtful landscaping with native plants and textured driveways enhances its integration into the desert ecosystem.

Explore the Well-Designed Layout of This Spacious Desert Home

This thoughtfully organized floor plan highlights a spacious great room centrally located for easy interaction with the connected dining and kitchen areas. The master suite features a high ceiling and ample storage, while the presence of a mudroom and a covered porch adds functionality. Additional bedrooms are placed strategically, ensuring privacy and comfort, complementing the mission-style charm of the home's exterior.

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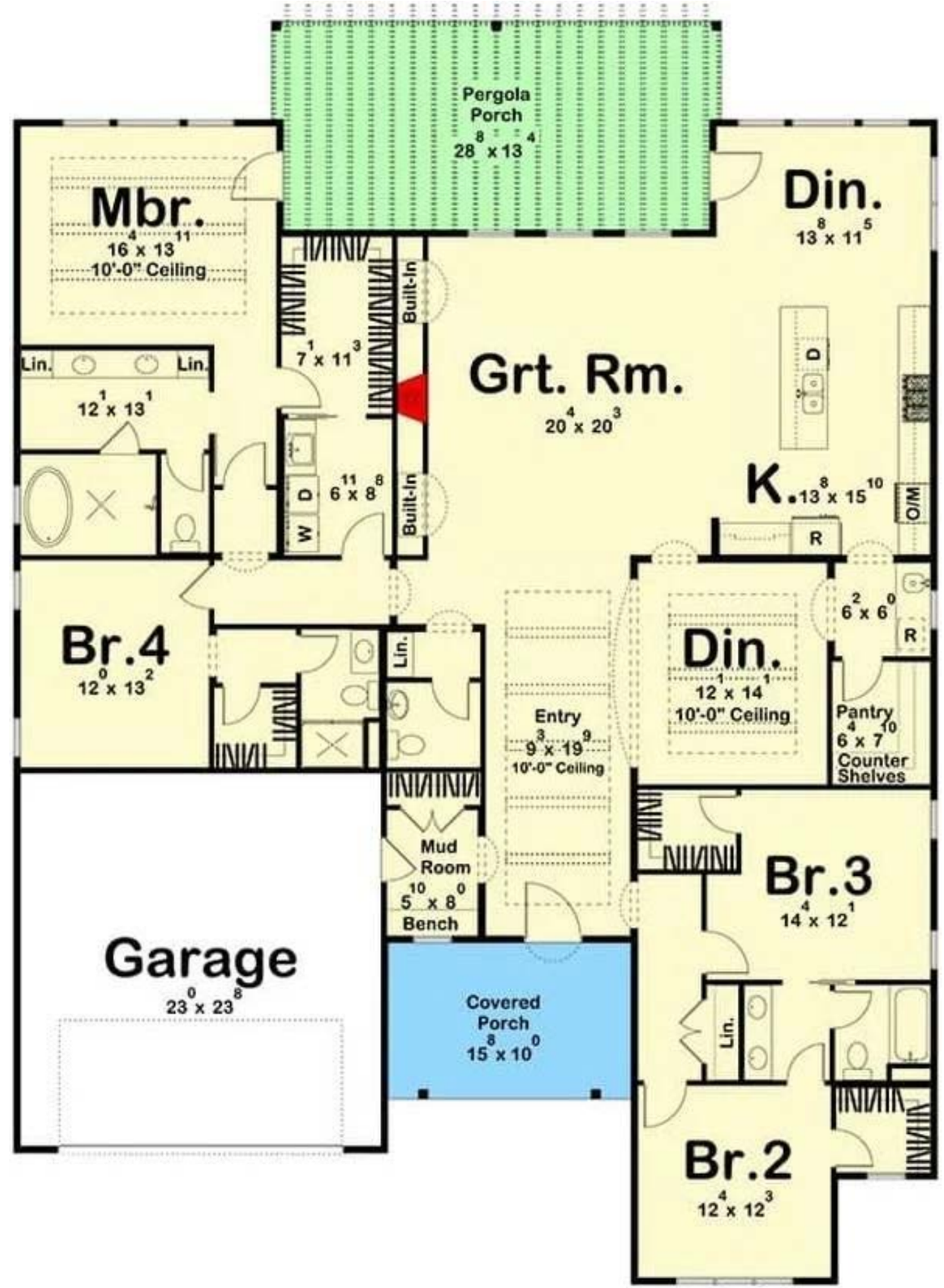

CHECK OUT THE SLEEK GARAGE DOORS ON THIS CONTEMPORARY DESERT HOME

This facade highlights a modern twist on mission-style architecture, with its clean lines and earth-toned palette that reflect the rugged desert environment. The dark, textured garage doors juxtapose beautifully against the smooth white stucco, adding a touch of sleekness. Complementary landscaping with succulents and cacti enhances the seamless integration with the natural backdrop, while the red-tile porch roof nods to traditional elements.

NOTICE THE ARCHED PORCH IN THIS DESERT OASIS

This inviting porch features a classic arched entryway and warm wood accents, echoing the mission-style architecture. The rich red-tile roof and textured stucco walls harmonize with the desert landscape in the background. Thoughtful touches like the potted plants and ambient lighting create a welcoming atmosphere, enhancing the home's natural beauty.

ADMIRE THE TIMELESS ARCHES AND DARK ACCENTS IN THIS STUNNING ENTRYWAY

This entryway captures a blend of classic and contemporary with its graceful arches and contrasting dark wooden beams. The parquet flooring adds a layer of sophistication, guiding you smoothly through the space. Natural light filters through the arched doorway, reflecting off the muted green accents in the adjacent dining area, creating a harmonious interior flow.

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NOTICE THE SUBTLE OLIVE PANELING HIGHLIGHTED BY EXPOSED BEAMS

This dining area is bathed in elegance with its olive-green paneling, offering a soft, sophisticated backdrop. The exposed wooden beams above contrast gently with sleek pendant lights, adding warmth and depth to the space. Arched details and the textured rug underfoot further enhance the room's refined appeal, making it both functional and stylish.

CHECK OUT THE UNIQUE FAN BLADES IN THIS SOPHISTICATED LIVING ROOM

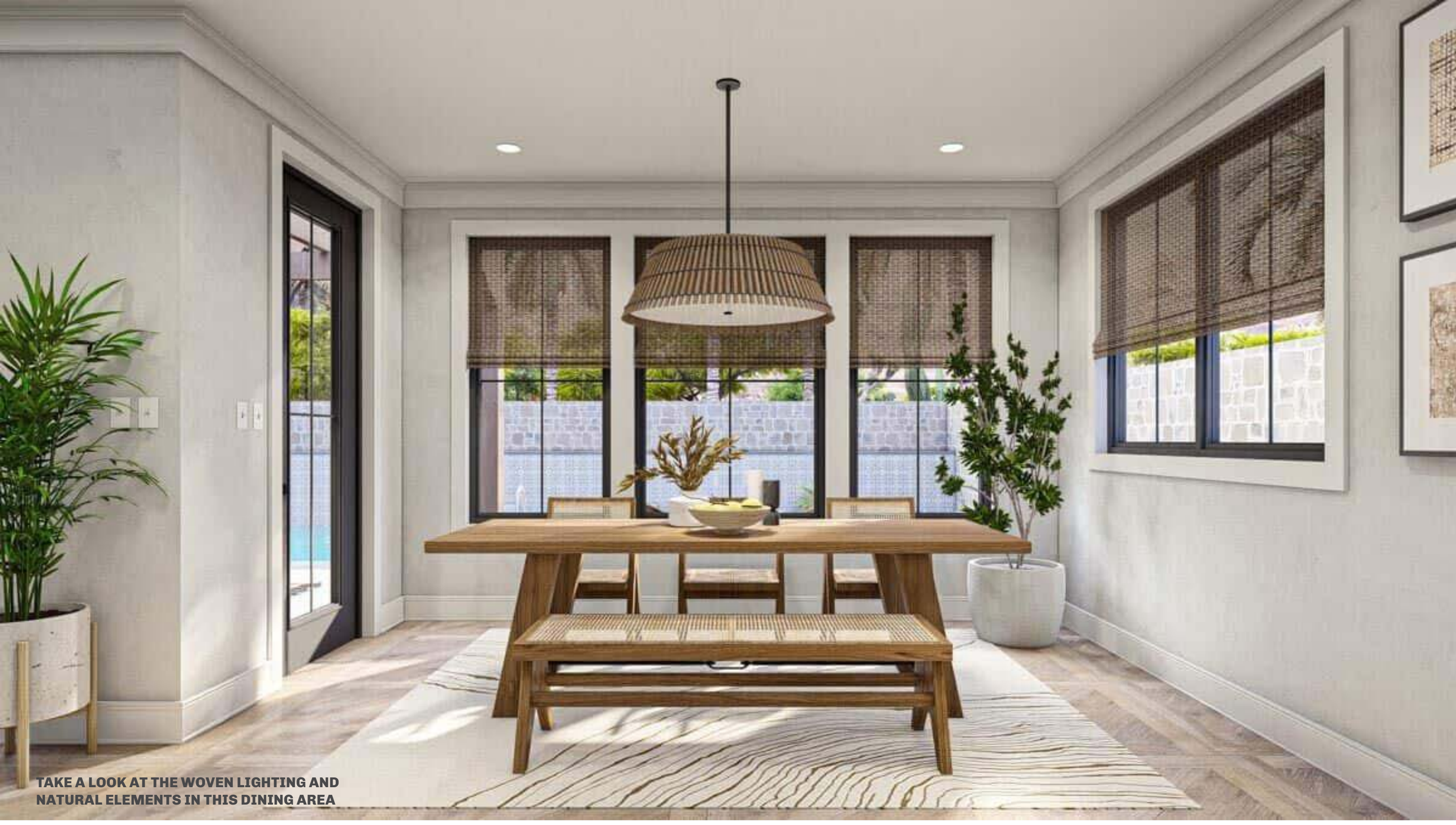
This living room marries elegance and comfort with arched built-in shelves framing a sleek green-tiled fireplace. The standout ceiling fan, with woven blades, adds an unexpected touch of texture and interest. Neutral furnishings and thoughtful decor create a cohesive space, complemented by large windows that invite natural light.

CHECK OUT THE BOLD GREEN ISLAND AND WOVEN PENDANT LIGHTS IN THIS MODERN KITCHEN

This kitchen features a striking green island that provides a vibrant contrast to the natural wood cabinetry and sleek stainless steel appliances. Woven pendant lights hang above the island, adding texture and a touch of rustic charm, while the patterned backsplash introduces a playful visual element. The open layout, complete with a built-in bench and dining table, offers a seamless transition to the dining area, enhancing the space's functionality and style.

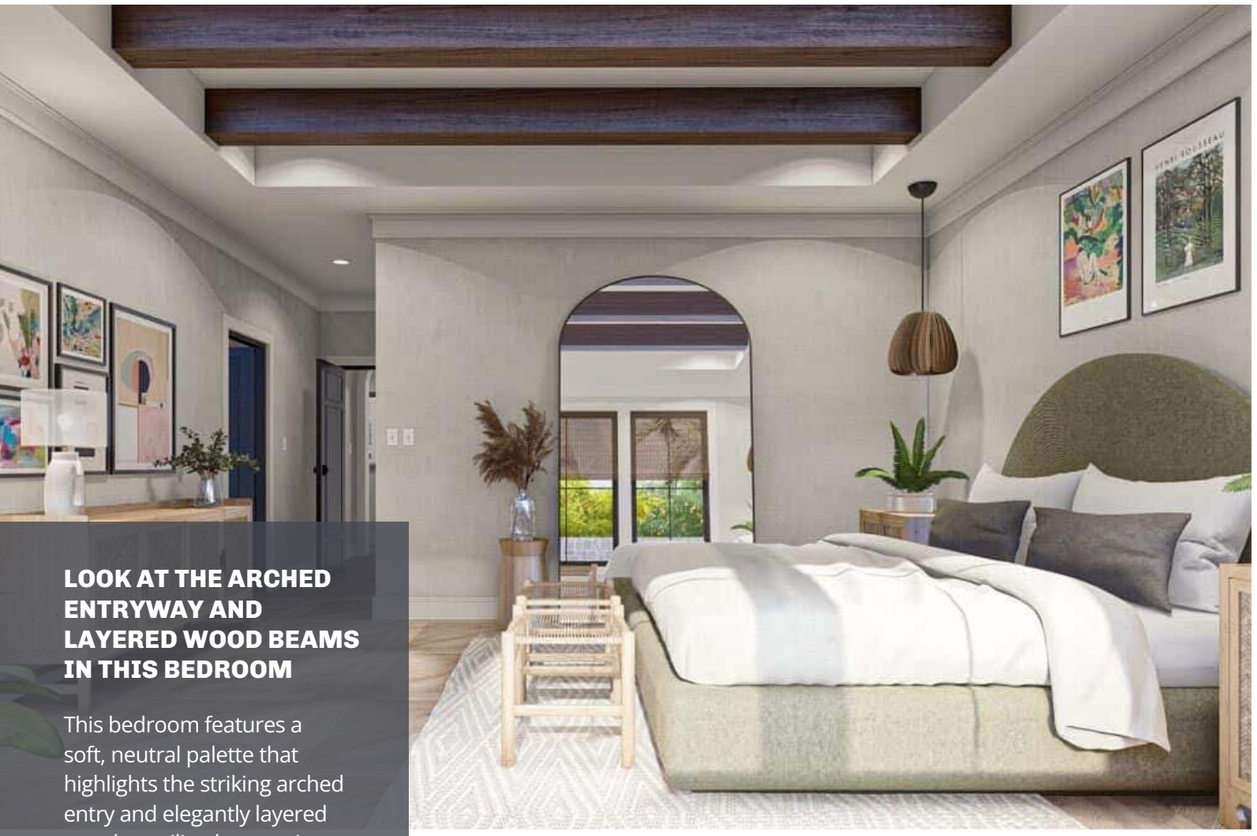
EXPLORE THE STYLISH BLEND OF TEXTURES IN THIS INVITING KITCHEN

This kitchen features rustic wooden cabinets paired with a striking patterned backsplash that adds visual interest and depth. Woven pendant lights hang above a spacious marble island, integrating natural textures and warmth into the space. The arched openings and soft color palette seamlessly connect the kitchen to adjacent rooms, creating a harmonious flow throughout the home.



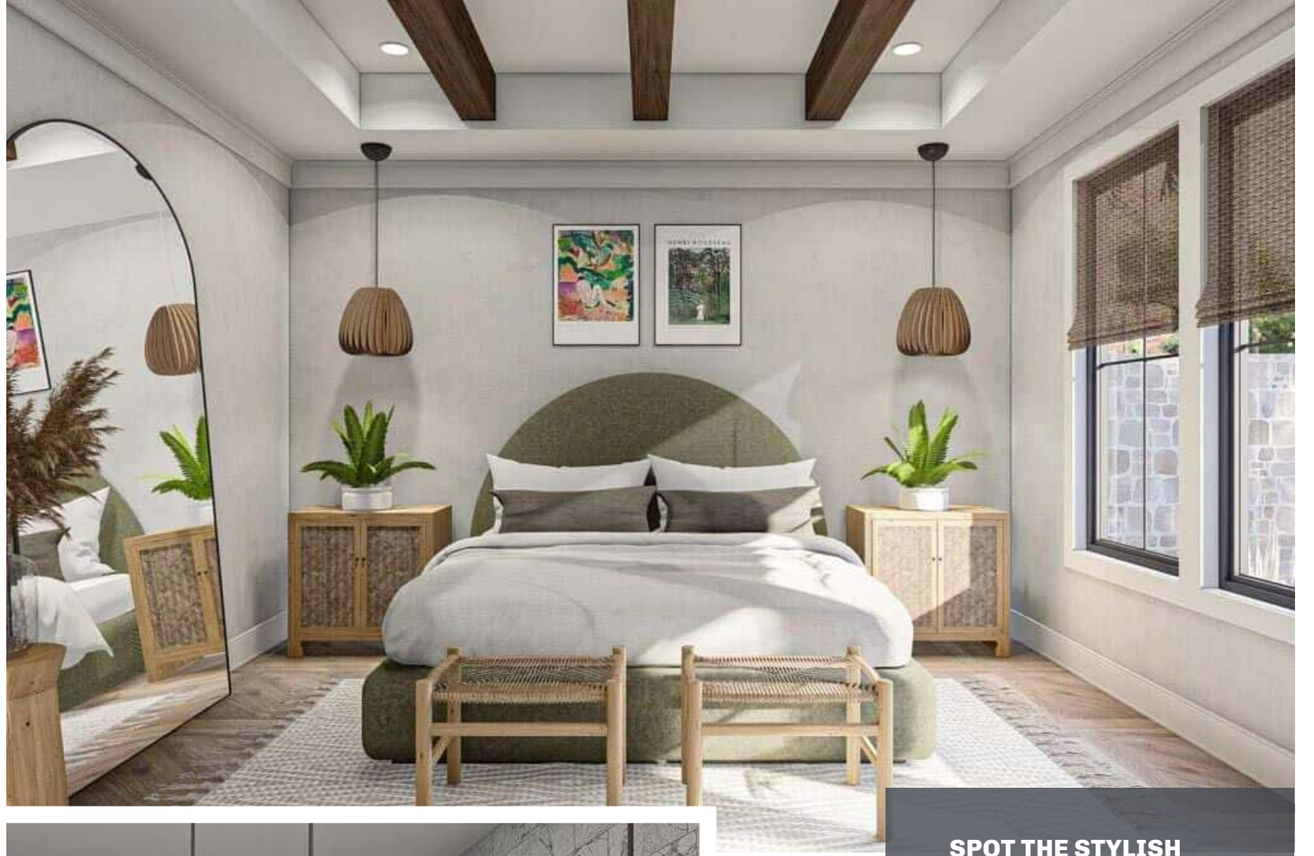
TAKE A LOOK AT THE WOVEN LIGHTING AND NATURAL ELEMENTS IN THIS DINING AREA

This dining room pairs a simple wooden table and benches with an inviting woven pendant light, echoing the natural textures throughout the space. Large windows with bamboo shades allow plenty of light to highlight the elegant wood floors and lush plant accents. The subtle, neutral color palette ties everything together, creating a serene atmosphere perfect for gatherings.



LOOK AT THE ARCHED ENTRYWAY AND LAYERED WOOD BEAMS IN THIS BEDROOM

This bedroom features a soft, neutral palette that highlights the striking arched entry and elegantly layered wooden ceiling beams. A blend of textures, from the woven bedside lamp to the sleek, modern furniture, adds depth and sophistication to the space. The large arched window fills the room with natural light, seamlessly connecting the interior with the lush greenery outside.

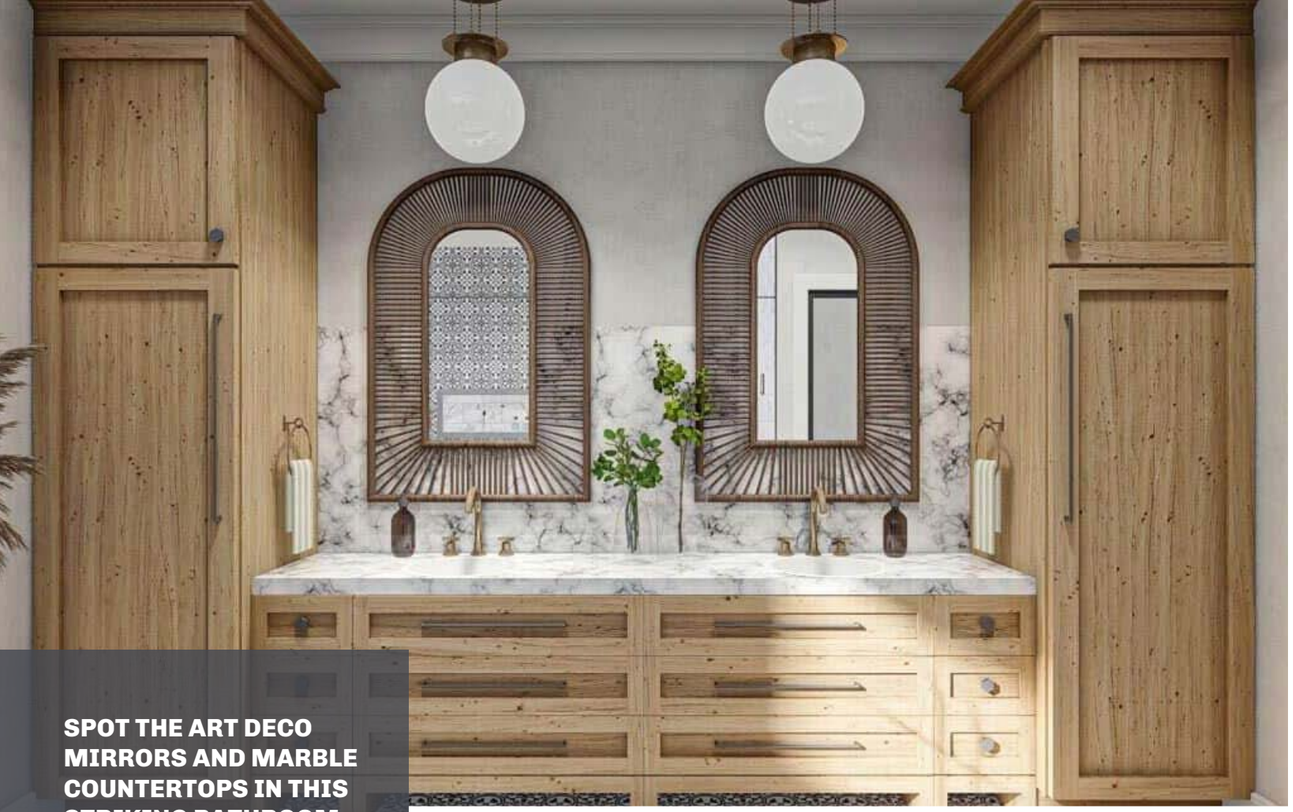


SPOT THE STYLISH LAYERED TEXTURES IN THIS BREEZY BEDROOM RETREAT

This bedroom artfully combines natural textures and modern design, featuring woven pendant lights that draw the eye. The elegant wooden beams on the ceiling coordinate with the furniture's earthy tones, creating a cohesive look. Oversized windows with textured blinds allow abundant natural light, adding to the serene atmosphere.

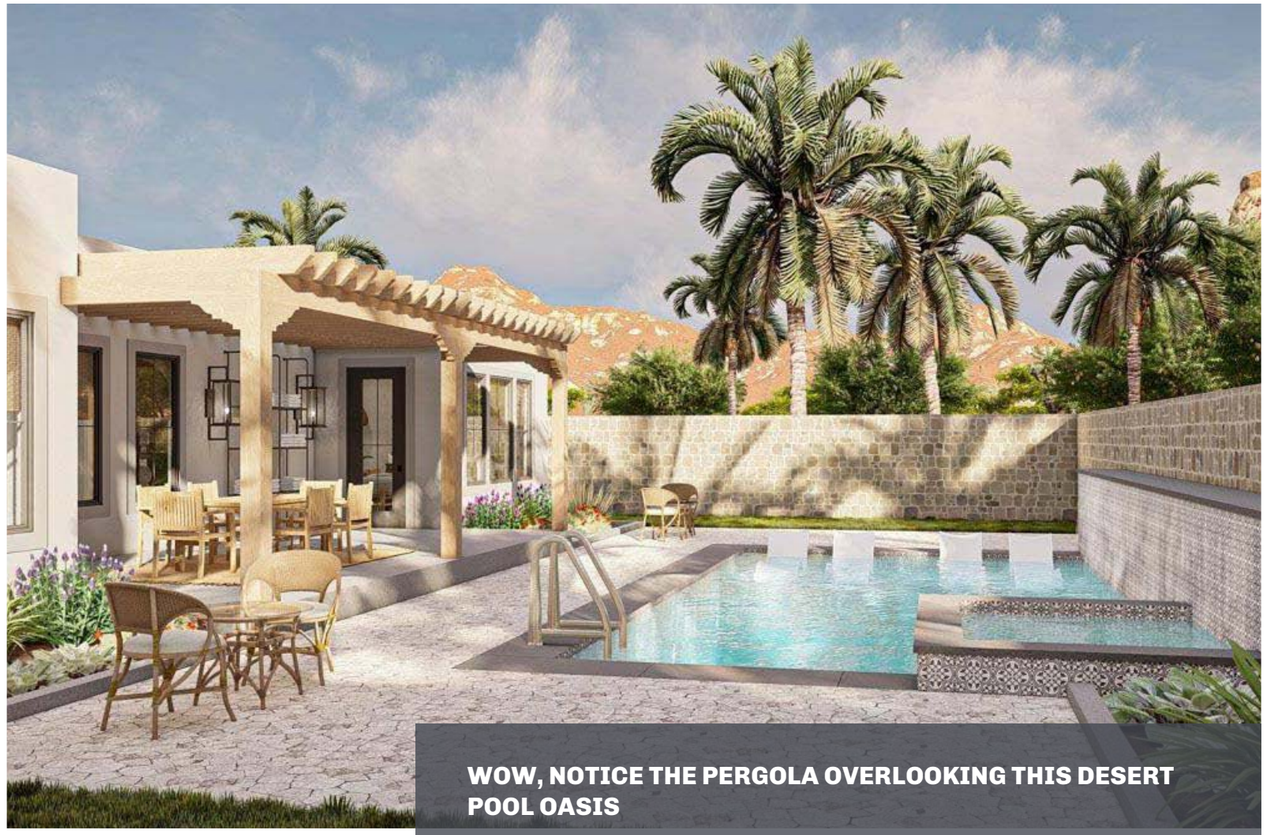
SPOT THE INTRICATE TILE PATTERNS IN THIS LUXURIOUS BATHROOM RETREAT

This bathroom highlights a stunning combination of intricately patterned tiles and sleek marble accents for a modern yet timeless look. The freestanding tub serves as an elegant focal point, complemented by warm brass fixtures that add a touch of sophistication. A built-in shelf, cleverly nestled within the accent wall, provides both functionality and a place to showcase decorative items.



SPOT THE ART DECO MIRRORS AND MARBLE COUNTERTOPS IN THIS STRIKING BATHROOM

This bathroom combines rustic charm and modern elegance with its natural wood cabinetry and polished marble countertops. The standout features are the Art Deco-inspired mirrors, which add a touch of historical flair. Above, globe pendant lights provide a soft glow, enhancing the intricate geometric floor tiles.



WOW, NOTICE THE PERGOLA OVERLOOKING THIS DESERT POOL OASIS

This backyard showcases a serene pool area, complete with a sun-dappled pergola that provides an inviting space for outdoor dining. The combination of lush palm trees and native desert landscaping integrates the pool seamlessly into the natural surroundings. Stone accents and textured paving enhance the sophisticated yet relaxed atmosphere of this outdoor retreat.

WOW, LOOK AT THIS POOLSIDE PERGOLA UNDER THE DESERT SUNSET

This outdoor space features a striking pergola that frames a contemporary dining area, perfect for sunset gatherings. The minimalist facade, with its large windows and subtle desert landscaping, complements the tranquil atmosphere. A shimmering pool, complete with in-water loungers, reflects the vibrant sky, enhancing the serene desert retreat vibe.

BY JON **DYKSTRA**

5 HISTORIC MANSIONS FLAUNT THEIR UNIQUE IDENTITIES

Deep in the Heart of Texas

Architectural diversity and historical significance define these remarkable residences in Texas.

The Greek Revival Home embodies classical elegance with its iconic columns and timeless design. The Olmos Park Home blends historic charm with modern updates in a coveted neighborhood.

The Mediterranean Revival Home in Shadyside features stucco exteriors and terracotta detailing reminiscent of coastal European villas. Monte Vista Home offers a glimpse into early 20th-century luxury with intricate craftsmanship and spacious interiors.

The Mediterranean Estate on Turtle Creek combines expansive living spaces with scenic surroundings, showcasing a seamless blend of architectural beauty and functionality. Each property represents a unique era and style, preserving history while catering to contemporary living.

1. Greek Revival Home

Greek Revival estate built in 1921, updated for contemporary living while preserving historic details. Spacious rooms with large windows, a sunroom, and six fireplaces offer elegance and warmth. Third-floor media and game room, 1200+ bottle wine cellar, and tasting room provide unique entertainment spaces. Backyard includes a pool, spa, pool house with full kitchen, and guest quarters above the garage.

Where is McKinney, Texas?

McKinney, TX 75069 covers the historic downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods in the eastern part of the city. The area includes tree-lined streets, local shops, and parks, offering a blend of small-town charm and modern amenities. It sits within the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, providing convenient access to major highways and nearby cities while maintaining its unique character.

Living Room with Built-In Shelving

Large windows and a classic fireplace at the center. Built-in shelves with a contrasting blue backdrop display books and decorative items. A grand piano sits prominently, adding to the room's elegant design. Velvet seating and a detailed area rug complete the refined space.

Dining Room

Dining room centered around a long table with carved wooden chairs. Large windows with draped curtains provide natural light and garden views. A bold chandelier hangs above, complementing the detailed furnishings, including a hutch and gilded mirror. Ornate decor and a vibrant rug complete the elegant space.

Breakfast Area

Dining space with a glass-top table and upholstered chairs. Large windows allow natural light to illuminate the room, which features dark accent walls and a crystal chandelier. Adjacent to the dining area, the kitchen includes custom cabinetry and a granite breakfast bar. Brick flooring adds texture and warmth to the overall design.

Kitchen

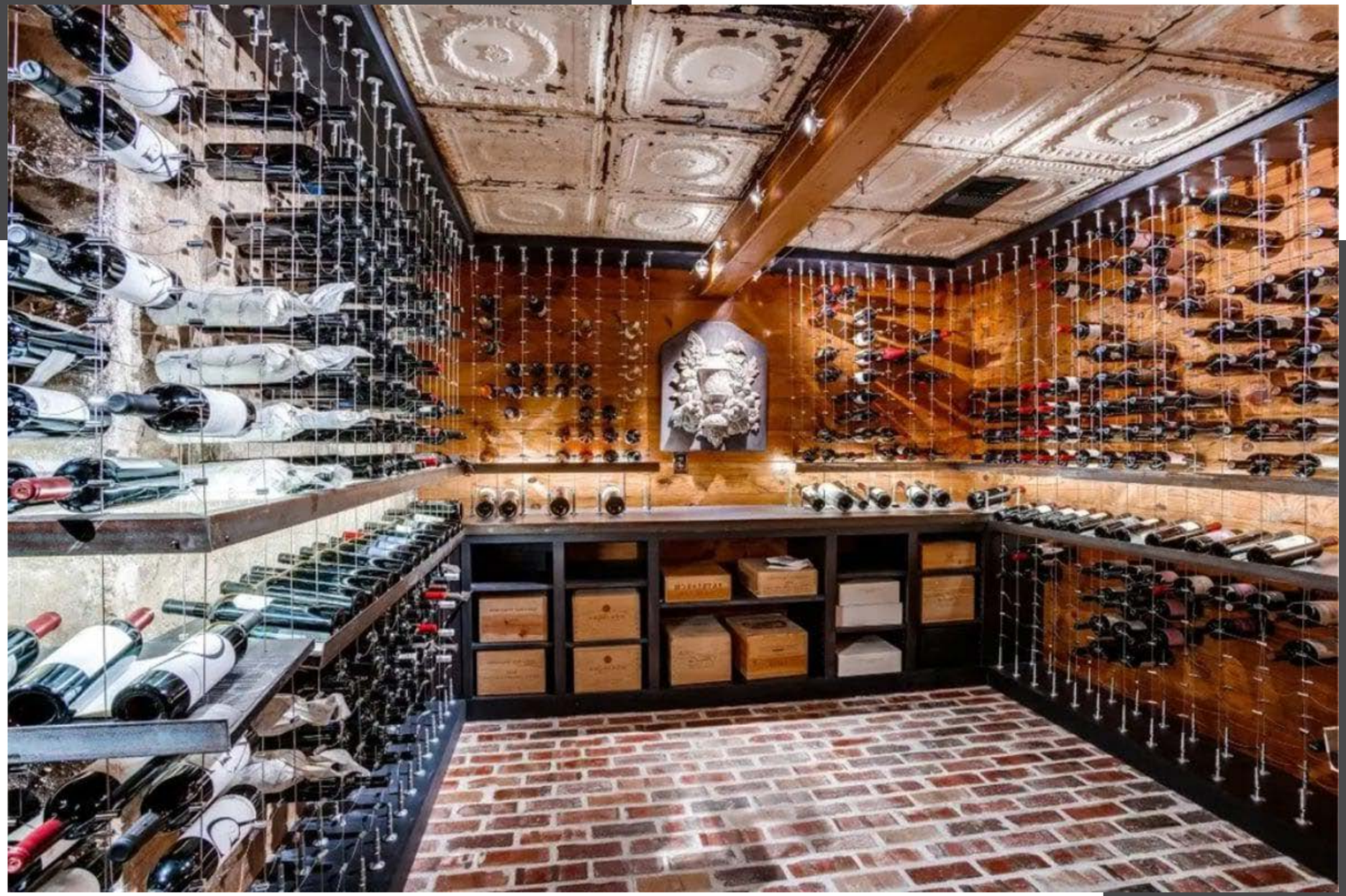
Kitchen with dark-stained, ornate cabinetry and granite countertops throughout. Central island provides additional workspace and includes a decorative hanging pot rack. Brick flooring adds warmth, complementing the dark walls and classic design elements. Large windows bring in natural light, creating a balance between elegance and functionality.

Bedroom

Large bedroom with an intricately carved four-poster bed as the centerpiece. Hardwood flooring is complemented by a richly colored area rug, adding warmth to the space. Natural light streams through multiple windows, accented by yellow curtains. A cozy seating area and textured walls enhance the room's elegant atmosphere.

Bathroom

Bathroom with dual sinks set in a marble countertop and polished metal fixtures. Walls feature marble accents and a bathtub with a curtain enclosure. Built-in storage provides functionality while maintaining a clean design. Natural light streams in through a window with blinds, adding brightness to the space.



Wine Cellar with Floor-to-Ceiling Racks

Custom wine cellar with floor-to-ceiling metal racks for organized bottle display. Brick flooring and wood-paneled walls add warmth to the space, complemented by soft accent lighting. A tin ceiling with vintage detailing enhances the room's character. Open shelving and cubbies provide additional storage for wine crates and accessories.

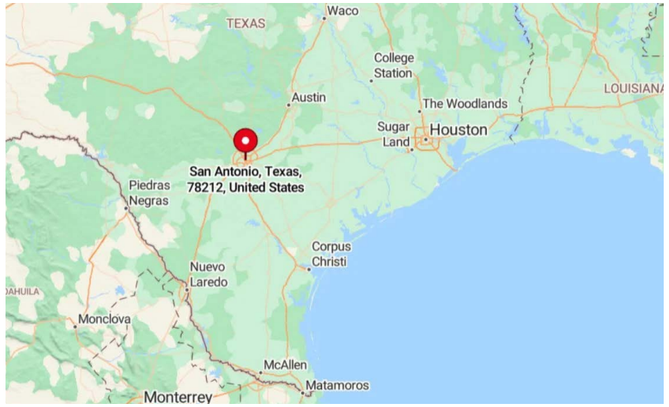
Source: Coldwell Banker

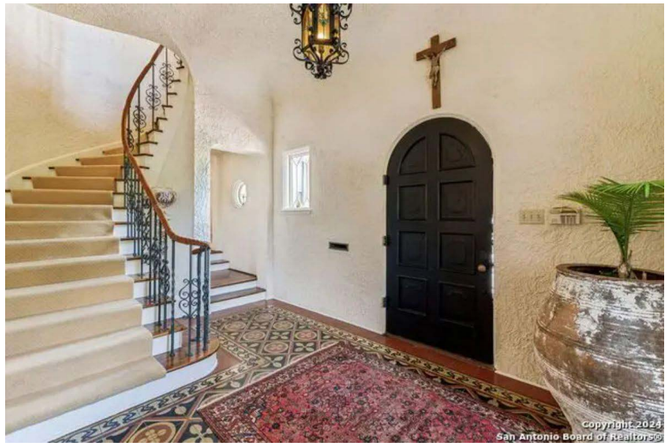
2. Olmos Park Home

Built-in 1927 by Amye Bozart and architects Atlee B. and Robert M. Ayres, this 5,800 sq. ft. home showcases classic architecture and original hardwood and Redondo flooring. The interior includes a large primary suite with a sitting room, walk-in closet, and customizable bathroom. Each of the three guest bedrooms has its own bathroom, ensuring privacy and convenience. The expansive yard includes heritage oak trees, a flagstone patio, and an outdoor wood-burning fireplace.

Where is San Antonio, Texas

San Antonio, TX 78212 encompasses central neighborhoods near downtown, including areas like Monte Vista and Tobin Hill. The region features historic homes, cultural landmarks, and proximity to the San Antonio Riverwalk and Pearl District. It offers a mix of residential and commercial spaces with easy access to major attractions and highways.





Foyer

Entryway with textured walls and a custom black arched door. Curved staircase features a decorative wrought iron railing and carpeted steps. Ornate tile flooring and a patterned rug add warmth and character to the space. Small windows allow natural light to accentuate the architectural details.

Living Room

Living area with arched doorways connecting multiple rooms. Textured walls and patterned tile flooring create a warm and inviting atmosphere. Built-in shelves display decor and collectibles, while natural light enters through large windows. A mix of seating and vibrant accents highlights the room's eclectic style.

Dining Room

Dining room with a round table surrounded by upholstered chairs for an intimate setting. Textured walls and an ornate chandelier enhance the room's character and elegance. Large windows provide natural light, highlighting the detailed decor and centerpiece arrangement. A sideboard with a mirror adds depth and functionality to the space.

Kitchen

Kitchen with textured walls, terracotta tile flooring, and a large center island with seating. Stainless steel appliances, including a luxury gas range, are integrated into the design. Ample natural light enters through multiple windows, enhancing the open and functional space. Arched doorways and a nearby staircase add architectural charm.

Bedroom

A vibrant orange headboard and patterned bedding creating a focal point. Natural light filters through a window with bamboo blinds and patterned curtains. A wooden dresser and decorative shelving provide both style and storage. A modern chandelier adds light and complements the eclectic decor.

Powder Room

Bathroom with bold palm leaf wallpaper creating a vibrant atmosphere. White tiled countertop and brass fixtures add a touch of elegance to the sink area. Terracotta flooring complements the dark ceiling and black accents, including the mirror frame. Decorative wall art and lighting enhance the room's eclectic style.

Outdoor Fire Pit

An outdoor fire pit stands as the centerpiece in a circular outdoor seating area surrounded by lush greenery. Butterfly chairs are arranged around a low stone table, creating a cozy gathering space. Large terracotta planters with greenery accent the curved stone wall. The area is shaded by mature trees, providing a serene and private atmosphere.

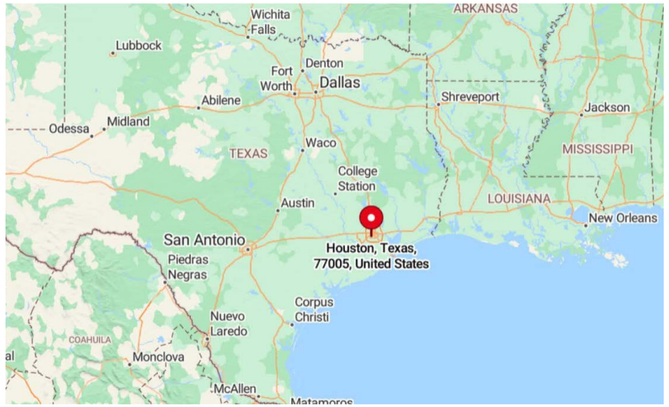
Source: Coldwell Banker

3. Mediterranean Revival Home in Shadyside

Built in 1926, this 9,863 sq. ft. Mediterranean Revival home is located on over 2 acres in the gated Shadyside neighborhood of Houston. Designed by William Ward Watkin, the property includes a recent 1,200 sq. ft. addition by Rudy Colby Design and received the "Good Brick Award" from Preservation Houston. The property includes a pool, tennis court, landscaped grounds by the Office of James Burnett, and a three-car Carriage House with apartments. Situated in the Museum District, it offers proximity to Downtown, the Medical Center, and Rice University.

Where is Houston, Texas

Houston, TX 77005 covers the area of West University Place and parts of the surrounding neighborhoods. The region is known for its tree-lined streets, upscale homes, and proximity to Rice University and the Texas Medical Center. It offers a mix of residential and commercial spaces with convenient access to parks, shopping, and downtown Houston.



Foyer

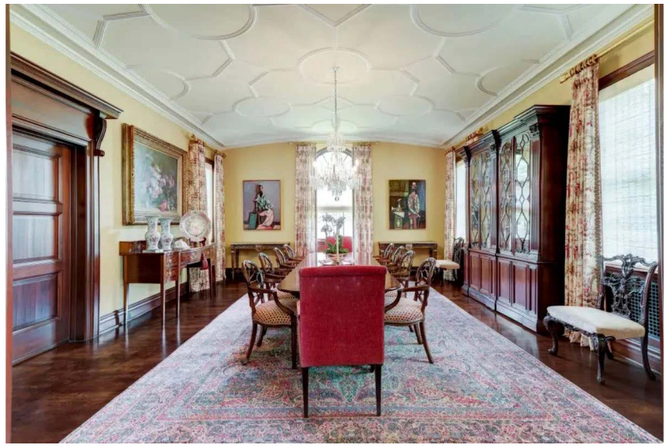
Living area with rich wood-paneled walls and a curved staircase as a focal point. Large windows allow natural light to highlight the elegant furniture and decorative details. Polished wood floors add warmth, while intricate chandeliers enhance the room's classic design. Arched doors with decorative glass complete the sophisticated atmosphere.

Living Room

Living room centered around a carved wood fireplace with a decorative mantel. Arched windows and light-colored curtains provide natural light and a soft ambiance. Comfortable seating is arranged around a glass coffee table, complemented by traditional decor and artwork. Crystal chandelier adds an elegant touch to the classic design.

Dining Room

Elongated dining room with a detailed coffered ceiling and a large central chandelier. Long dining table surrounded by upholstered chairs and accented by a red head chair. Built-in wood cabinetry and decorative artwork enhance the space's traditional elegance. Large windows with floral curtains allow natural light to brighten the room.



Kitchen

Kitchen with a polished wooden island that includes shelving and seating for four. White cabinetry is accented by mirrored panels and detailed metallic hardware. Stainless steel appliances, including a large custom hood, complement the modern design. Pendant lighting and natural light from large windows brighten the space.

Bedroom

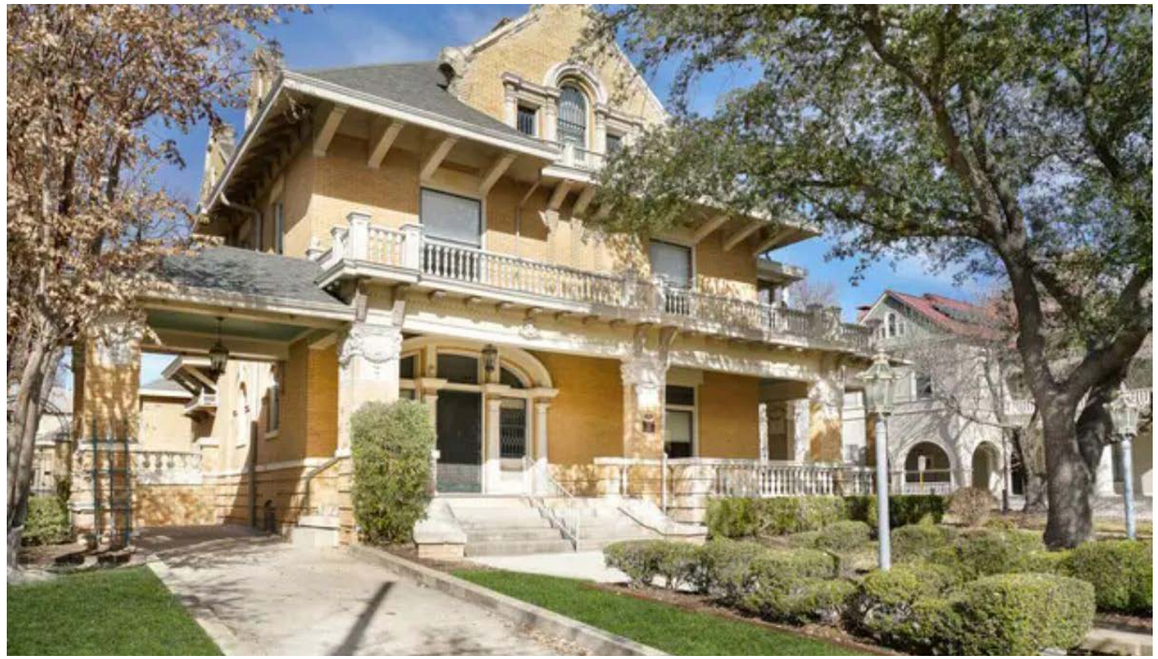
Bedroom featuring a four-poster canopy bed with intricate wood carvings and fabric drapery. Matching furniture pieces, including a chest of drawers and an armoire, display classic craftsmanship. Light blue walls and a patterned area rug create a calming ambiance. Decorative mirrors, artwork, and a small bench add to the room's refined aesthetic.

Pool

Two-story Mediterranean Revival home with arched windows, wrought iron balcony, and terracotta tile roof. Manicured landscaping surrounds the property, with symmetrical topiary arrangements near the facade. A long rectangular pool reflects the home's warm evening lighting. The setting is enhanced by a vibrant sunset backdrop.

Source: Coldwell Banker

4. Monte Vista Home



Three-bedroom home built in 1903, located in the Monte Vista Historic District of San Antonio. Listed on the National Historic Registry, it showcases early 20th-century architecture with original longleaf pine wood flooring throughout. Includes a third-floor ballroom and an updated kitchen and bathrooms that blend modern amenities with historical integrity. The property also includes a 704-square-foot carriage house and a landscaped backyard with a pool.

Where is Houston, Texas

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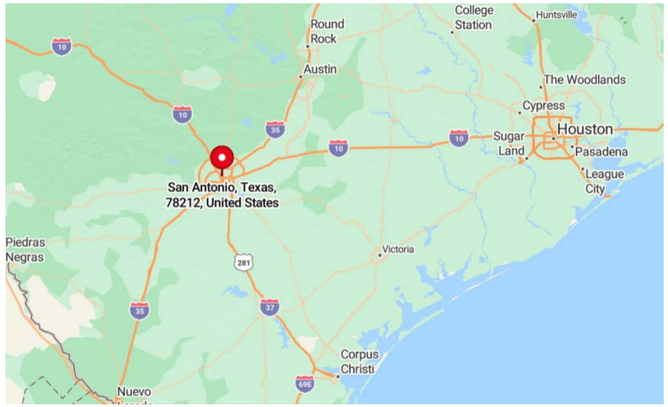


Foyer

Intricate wood paneling and beautifully polished longleaf pine flooring. Ornate staircase leads to the upper levels, reflecting the craftsmanship of the early 20th century. Period lighting fixtures and built-in wood furnishings emphasize the historical character of the home. Large windows fill the space with natural light, enhancing its welcoming atmosphere.

Living Room

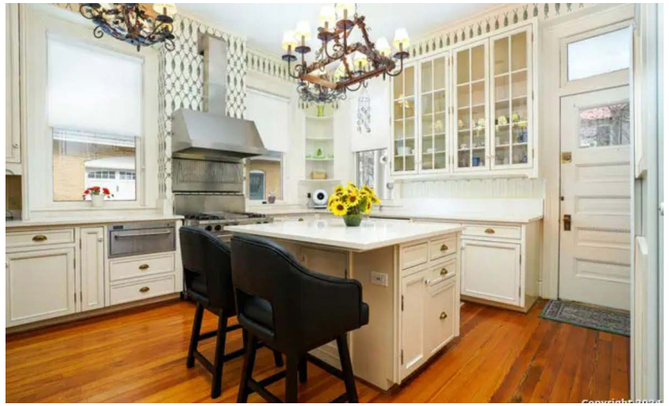
Living area featuring intricate wallpaper and rich wood detailing. Large windows provide natural light, complementing the polished longleaf pine flooring. A grand fireplace with a detailed mantel serves as the focal point of the room. Period furniture and fixtures maintain the historical authenticity of the space.

Dining Room

Dining room showcasing intricate wood paneling and a decorative fireplace. Large windows with wood trim provide natural light, while a central chandelier illuminates the space. Period dining furniture complements the room's historic charm. The open design allows for a seamless connection to the adjacent living area.

Kitchen

Kitchen with white cabinetry and glass-front storage. Large island with a marble countertop and seating provides a functional workspace. Commercial-grade stainless steel range and hood anchor the cooking area. Chandelier lighting and wooden floors add warmth and character to the room.



Bedroom

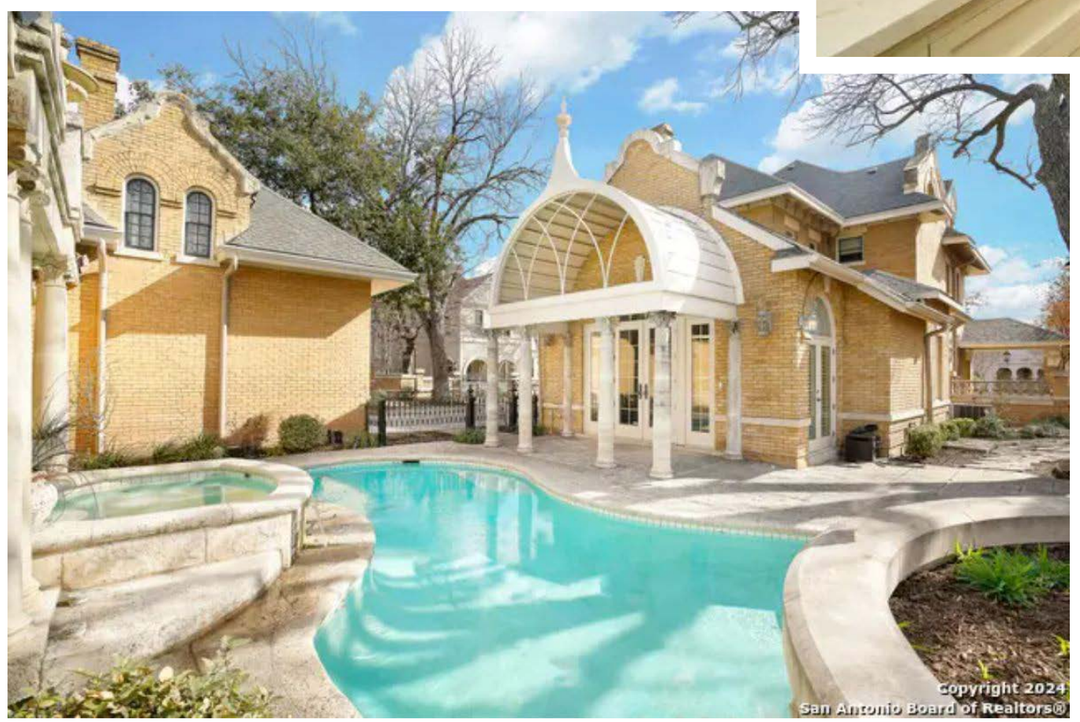
Large bedroom with gleaming hardwood floors and wood-framed windows. High ceilings and neutral walls create an airy and bright atmosphere. Arched doorway leads to an adjoining room or bathroom for convenience. Classic furnishings include a wooden bed frame and side table.

Bathroom

Bathroom with a built-in soaking tub framed by columns and steps. Dual sinks with gold-tone fixtures sit atop tiled countertops. Ample natural light filters through multiple windows with fitted shades. Neutral tones and decorative trim create a classic and clean aesthetic.

Laundry Room

Laundry room with built-in cabinets lining the walls for ample storage. Front-loading washer and dryer are positioned beneath a countertop for additional workspace. A single-basin sink with a modern faucet is included for convenience. Natural light enters through a window with a fitted shade, enhancing the room's bright and clean design.



Pool

Outdoor pool area surrounded by natural stonework and landscaping. The curved pool design includes a raised hot tub, enhancing the backyard retreat. A brick guest house with a distinctive arched entrance complements the main property. Tall trees and well-maintained fencing provide a serene and private atmosphere.

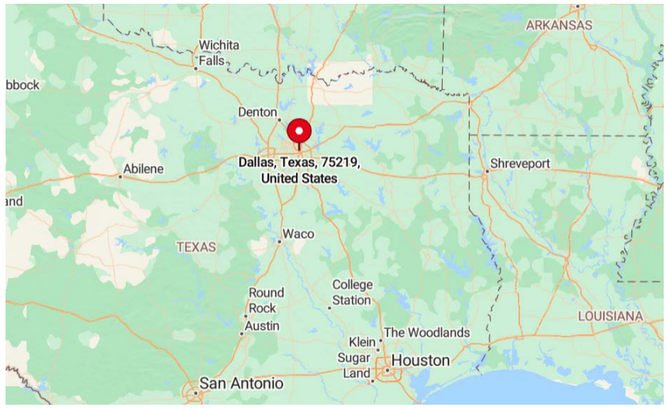
Source: Coldwell Banker

5. Mediterranean Estate on Turtle Creek

Historical Mediterranean estate built in 1926 spans 6,650 sq. ft. on 2.12 acres overlooking Turtle Creek. The main level includes a 25-ft ceiling salon, family room, dining room, library, chef's kitchen, and guest suite. The second level houses a primary wing with dual baths, walk-in closet, and terrace, along with a guest bedroom and bath. Outdoor amenities include a saltwater pool, spa, multiple dining areas, and a 1,500-bottle wine cellar with direct Katy Trail access.

Where is Dallas, Texas

Dallas, TX 75219 covers the vibrant Oak Lawn and Turtle Creek neighborhoods near the city center. The area is known for its high-rise condominiums, upscale apartments, and proximity to the Dallas Arts District and Uptown. It offers a mix of residential, cultural, and entertainment spaces with easy access to major highways and downtown Dallas.



Living Room

Living room with high, vaulted ceilings and exposed wooden beams. Large arched window allows natural light to illuminate the space while offering views of the surrounding greenery. Neutral-toned furniture is arranged around a central coffee table with vibrant teal chairs adding a pop of color. Adjacent spaces are visible through open doorways, enhancing the room's flow and connection.

Dining Room

Arched floor-to-ceiling windows providing expansive views of the garden. Minimalist black dining table is complemented by white chairs with gold accents. Modern chandelier adds a sleek and contemporary touch to the space. Terracotta flooring enhances the warmth and natural aesthetic of the room.

Kitchen

Kitchen with white cabinetry and a terracotta tile floor. A central island with a polished wood countertop includes a sink and seating for casual dining. Large glass-front cabinets provide ample storage and display space. Arched windows in the adjacent dining area offer abundant natural light and a view of the greenery outside.

Bedroom

Clean lines and minimalist decor, offering ample open floor space. Double glass doors lead to an outdoor seating area with striped awnings, providing natural light and outdoor views. Neutral tones dominate the room with hardwood flooring and a geometric-patterned area rug. A bench at the foot of the bed adds functionality, while framed artwork adds visual interest.

Pool and Exterior to Backyard

Mediterranean-style home surrounded by lush greenery, showcasing arched windows and a tile roof. The backyard includes a sparkling blue pool with a tiled sundeck and landscaped terraces. A raised garden area with potted plants complements the architecture and adds to the outdoor ambiance. Stone-paved lounging space offers seating and relaxation areas near the pool.

Exterior

Stucco-clad Mediterranean residence framed by mature trees and lush greenery. Arched windows and doors add architectural charm to the exterior, complemented by a vibrant blue-tiled roof. A well-manicured lawn stretches across the property, bordered by potted plants and landscaped accents. The domed structure in the background enhances the estate's elegant aesthetic.

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10 OF THE MOST SECLUDED TOWNS IN MONTANA

(BUT STILL ON THE GRID)

If you're yearning for a peaceful escape surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty, Montana's secluded towns offer a perfect retreat. Nestled among towering mountains, lush forests, and serene lakes, these hidden gems provide a tranquil haven away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Whether you're seeking outdoor adventures, rich history, or simply a quiet place to unwind, Montana's lesser-known communities have something special to offer. Let's embark on a journey to explore ten of the most secluded towns in the Treasure State, each with its unique charm and allure.

10. Seeley Lake:
MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SERENITY

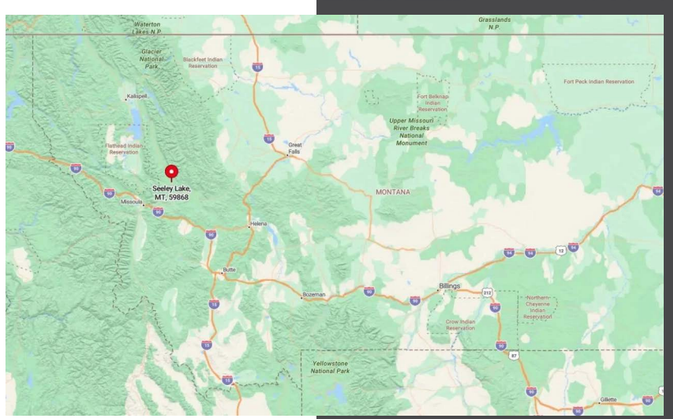
Seeley Lake, with a population of just over 1,600 residents, is a tranquil community nestled in the heart of the Lolo National Forest. It's a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts, offering activities like hiking, fishing, and boating on the pristine waters of Seeley Lake itself.

The town thrives on tourism and small-scale logging industries, maintaining a balance between economic vitality and preservation of its natural surroundings. What makes Seeley Lake secluded is its location amidst vast stretches of untouched wilderness, providing residents and visitors with unparalleled access to Montana's rugged beauty. Away from the noise of urban centers, it's a place where one can truly disconnect and immerse oneself in nature.

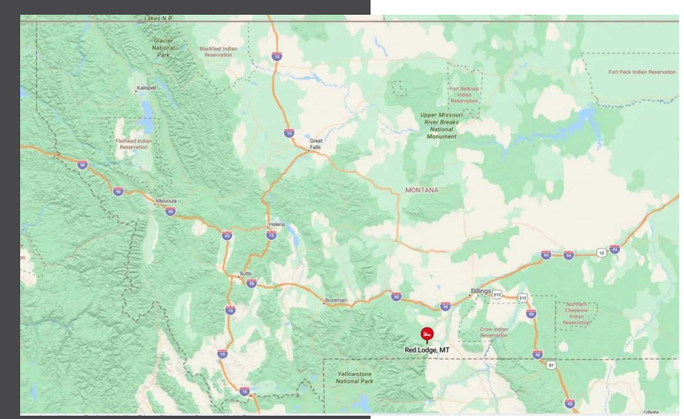
Where is Seeley Lake?

Located in western Montana, Seeley Lake sits along Highway 83, about 55 miles northeast of Missoula. Its seclusion stems from being surrounded by the Swan and Mission mountain ranges, as well as numerous glacial lakes.

The area is less frequented by tourists compared to other parts of Montana, adding to its quiet charm. Access to Seeley Lake is primarily via scenic mountain roads, making the journey there as enchanting as the destination itself.



9. Red Lodge:
ALPINE ADVENTURE BASE



Red Lodge is a charming mountain town with approximately 2,300 inhabitants, serving as a gateway to the Beartooth Mountains. It's a hub for outdoor activities like skiing at Red Lodge Mountain Resort, hiking, and exploring the nearby Custer Gallatin National Forest.

The local economy revolves around tourism, with a vibrant downtown filled with unique shops, eateries, and historic sites. Red Lodge's seclusion is accentuated by its proximity to the Beartooth Highway, one of America's most scenic drives, and its distance from major urban areas. The town offers a serene environment where the rhythms of nature set the pace of life.

Where is Red Lodge?

Nestled in south-central Montana, Red Lodge is located about 60 miles southwest of Billings. Its secluded nature is due in part to its position at the base of the Beartooth Pass, leading into Yellowstone National Park.

Accessing Red Lodge involves traveling through expansive landscapes, and the town is a starting point for the Beartooth Highway, which is open seasonally due to snow. This scenic, yet less-traveled route contributes to Red Lodge's peaceful ambiance, making it a hidden treasure for those who seek alpine adventures off the beaten path.

8. Gardiner:

NORTHERN YELLOWSTONE RETREAT

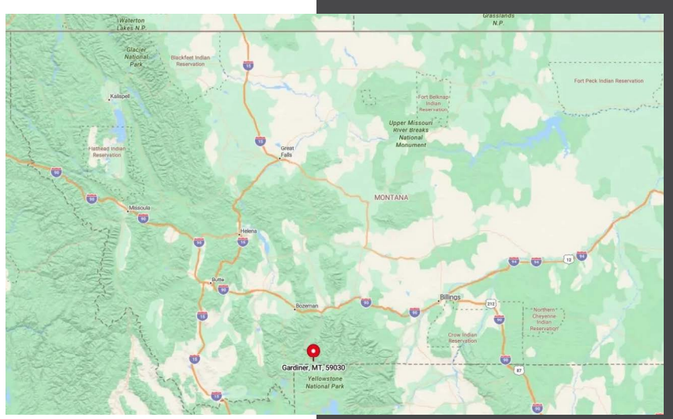
With a modest population of around 875 people, Gardiner is a quaint town situated at the northern entrance of Yellowstone National Park. It's renowned for wildlife viewing opportunities, as elk and bison frequently wander through town.

Visitors and residents alike enjoy rafting on the Yellowstone River, hiking, and soaking in the nearby Mammoth Hot Springs. The town's economy is heavily tied to tourism and hospitality, serving as a base for park visitors. Gardiner's seclusion comes from its remote location amid vast wilderness areas, providing an intimate connection with nature that's hard to find elsewhere.

Where is Gardiner?

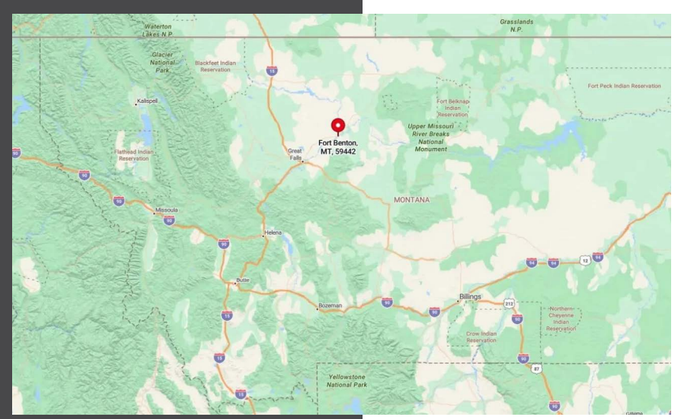
Located in southwestern Montana, Gardiner sits right on the border with Wyoming, at the junction of Highway 89 and the entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Its seclusion is bolstered by the surrounding Gallatin National Forest and Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, which envelop the town in rugged terrain.

Access to Gardiner is mainly via long stretches of highway through sparsely populated areas, reinforcing its status as a secluded retreat. The journey to Gardiner immerses travelers in sweeping vistas, setting the tone for a tranquil stay in this gateway community.



7. Fort Benton:

HISTORIC RIVER TOWN



Fort Benton, home to around 1,500 residents, is a historic town situated along the Missouri River. Known as the "Birthplace of Montana," it boasts well-preserved historical sites like the Fort Benton Historic District and the Museum of the Upper Missouri.

Canoeing and fishing on the river are popular activities, offering quiet moments in nature. Agriculture and tourism are primary industries, with the town's rich history attracting history buffs and travelers seeking a peaceful experience.

Fort Benton's seclusion is derived from its remote plains setting and its role as a quiet reminder of Montana's frontier past.

Where is Fort Benton?

Located in north-central Montana, Fort Benton is about 40 miles northeast of Great Falls. Its secluded character arises from the expansive prairie landscapes that surround it, with vast distances between neighboring towns.

Access is via Highway 87, which winds through rolling plains dotted with wheat fields. The town's location along the Missouri River adds to its tranquility, providing picturesque views and a sense of timelessness away from the hurried pace of modern life.

6. Choteau:

GATEWAY TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT

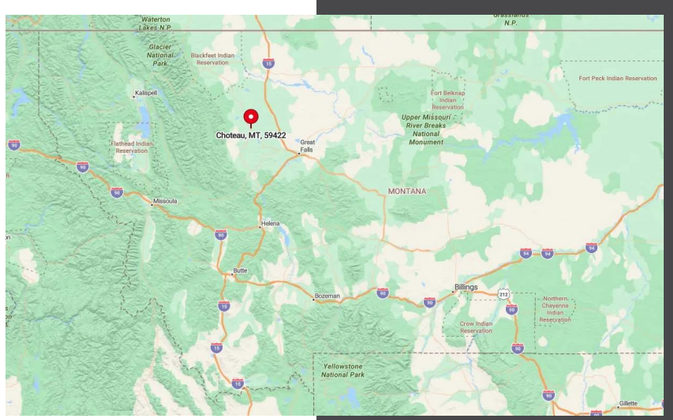
Choteau is a quiet town with a population of approximately 1,700 people, nestled near the impressive Rocky Mountain Front. It's a haven for paleontology enthusiasts, with the Old Trail Museum showcasing local dinosaur discoveries.

Outdoor activities include hiking, bird watching, and exploring the nearby Lewis and Clark National Forest. The town relies on agriculture and ranching, reflecting its rural roots. Choteau's seclusion is marked by its proximity to unspoiled landscapes and limited commercial development, offering a peaceful environment dominated by the majesty of the mountains.

Where is Choteau?

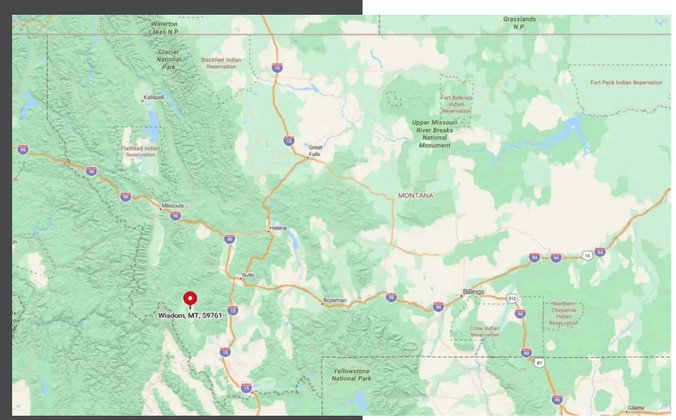
Situated in northwestern Montana, Choteau lies along Highway 89, about 85 miles northwest of Great Falls. The town's seclusion stems from its location at the transition zone between the plains and the Rockies, with few neighboring communities nearby.

Access involves traveling through expansive farmlands and open skies, highlighting the vastness of Montana's landscape. The absence of major highways or urban centers in the vicinity contributes to Choteau's serene atmosphere, making it an ideal spot for those seeking solitude amid natural beauty.



5. Wisdom:

SERENITY IN THE BIG HOLE VALLEY



With a population hovering around 100 residents, Wisdom is a small town offering a tranquil escape in the expansive Big Hole Valley. Known for its vast ranchlands and open meadows, it's a place where fly-fishing, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing are favorite pastimes.

The local economy is primarily driven by cattle ranching, maintaining a traditional rural lifestyle. Wisdom's seclusion is due to its isolated location amid one of Montana's most picturesque valleys, where the pace of life is unhurried and the surroundings are untouched by modern development.

Where is Wisdom?

Located in southwestern Montana, Wisdom is accessible via Highway 43, about 60 miles west of Dillon. The town's remote setting is accentuated by the Pioneer and Bitterroot mountain ranges that encircle the valley.

Getting there involves traversing mountain passes and winding roads, enhancing the sense of departure from urban settings.

The minimal traffic and distance from major highways reinforce Wisdom's peaceful solitude, making it a hidden sanctuary for those looking to disconnect.

4. Bigfork:
ARTISTIC LAKESIDE HAVEN

Bigfork is a charming village of around 4,200 residents perched on the northeastern shore of Flathead Lake. It's renowned for its vibrant arts scene, with galleries, live theater at the Bigfork Summer Playhouse, and various festivals throughout the year.

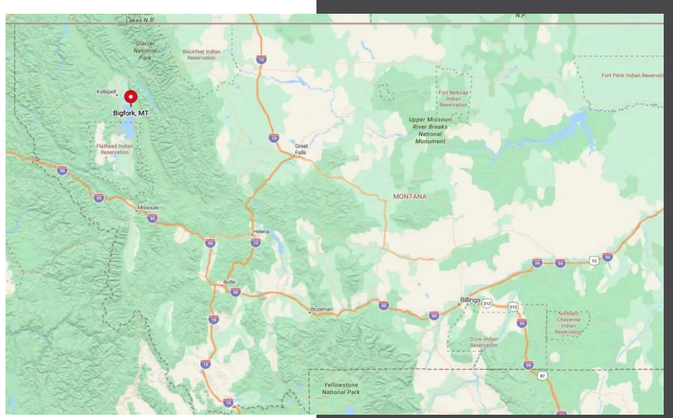
Outdoor activities abound, from boating and fishing on the lake to hiking in the nearby Swan Mountains. Tourism and the arts are mainstays of the local economy.

Bigfork's seclusion comes from its tucked-away position amid forests and its distance from larger cities, providing a peaceful lakeside atmosphere away from crowds.

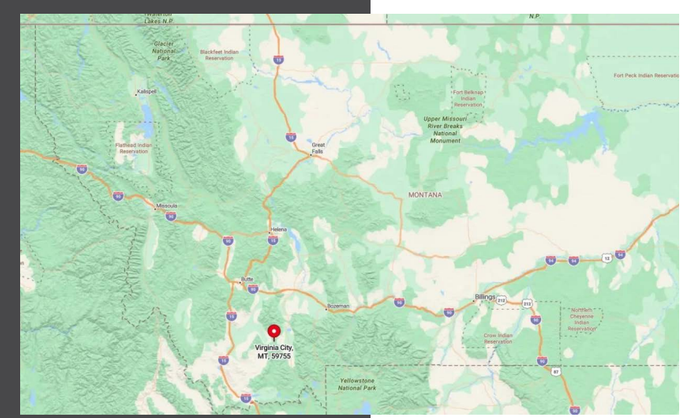
Where is Bigfork?

Found in northwestern Montana, Bigfork is about 20 miles south of Kalispell, accessible via Highway 35. The town is nestled between Flathead Lake and the Swan River, with surrounding woodlands enhancing its secluded feel.

The journey to Bigfork includes scenic drives along the lake's edge and through quiet, forested areas. Its relative remoteness and the enveloping natural beauty contribute to Bigfork's allure as a serene retreat for artists and nature lovers alike.



3. Virginia City:
A STEP BACK IN TIME



Virginia City is a living museum with a population of about 190 people, preserving Montana's gold rush heritage. The town is lined with 19th-century buildings, offering visitors glimpses into the past through historic tours, train rides, and old-time theater performances.

Tourism centered on history and education is the main industry, with local businesses embracing the town's vintage charm.

Virginia City's seclusion is enhanced by its mountainous surroundings and the deliberate preservation of its historical ambiance, providing an immersive experience away from the modern world.

Where is Virginia City?

Located in southwestern Montana, Virginia City is about 20 miles west of Ennis and accessible via Highway 287. The town is nestled in the Ruby Valley, surrounded by the Tobacco Root Mountains.

Its seclusion is due to its off-the-beaten-path location, with limited signage and fewer visitors compared to other tourist destinations.

The winding roads leading to Virginia City pass through expansive rural landscapes, reinforcing the sense of stepping back in time and away from contemporary life.

2. Polebridge:
OFF-THE-GRID WILDERNESS

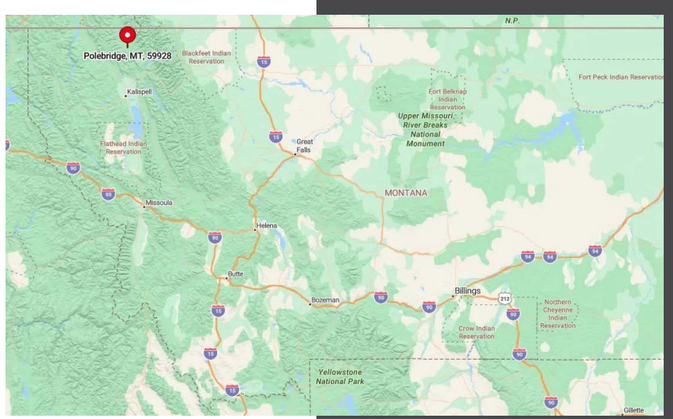
Polebridge is a tiny, off-the-grid hamlet with a population of less than 100 people, located near the northwestern edge of Glacier National Park. Famous for the historic Polebridge Mercantile and its delicious huckleberry bear claws, the town offers a rustic retreat with activities like hiking in the park and stargazing under dark skies unmarred by light pollution.

There are no utility lines; residents rely on solar power and generators, and the local economy is based on tourism and small businesses. Polebridge's seclusion is extreme, with limited accessibility and an emphasis on simplicity and connection with nature.

Where is Polebridge?

Situated in northwestern Montana, Polebridge is accessible via unpaved roads, about 35 miles northwest of Columbia Falls. The seclusion arises from its remote location along the North Fork Road, with Glacier National Park to the east and vast forests all around.

The journey involves navigating gravel roads and crossing rough terrain, contributing to the town's isolated feel. This remoteness makes Polebridge a haven for those seeking wilderness experiences and a break from modern conveniences.



1. Cooke City:
GATEWAY TO THE BEARTOOTHS

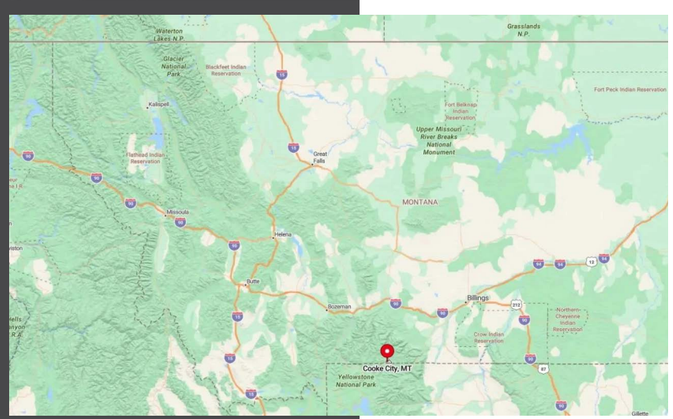
Cooke City is a remote mountain town with a population of around 75 residents, nestled near the northeastern entrance of Yellowstone National Park. Surrounded by the stunning Beartooth and Absaroka mountain ranges, it's known for its alpine scenery and untouched wilderness.

Activities include hiking, snowmobiling, and wildlife watching, with grizzly bears and wolves inhabiting the area. The economy revolves around tourism, catering to adventurous visitors seeking solitude in nature. Cooke City's seclusion is due to its high-altitude location and limited access, making it a perfect spot to disconnect and immerse oneself in Montana's rugged landscapes.

Where is Cooke City?

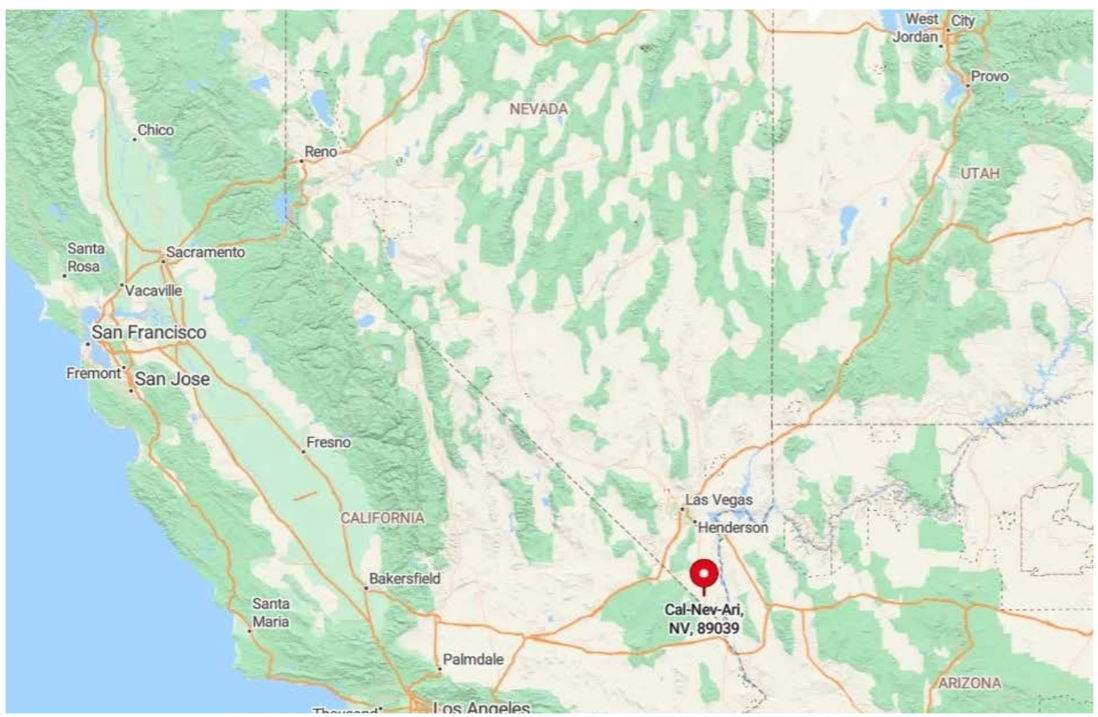
Located in south-central Montana, Cooke City sits along the Beartooth Highway (Highway 212), about 65 miles northeast of Cody, Wyoming. Its seclusion is intensified by its position at over 7,500 feet elevation and the road closures that occur during winter, isolating it from certain directions.

Access during warmer months involves traversing the scenic Beartooth Pass, one of the highest roads in the contiguous United States. The challenging journey to Cooke City underscores its remoteness, offering an unparalleled sense of escape for those who venture there.



10 SECLUDED TOWNS DEEP IN THE MOJAVE DESERT

Looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life? The Mojave Desert offers some of the most secluded and intriguing towns in the United States. Hidden among vast stretches of arid land and surrounded by stunning desert landscapes, these towns provide a unique blend of solitude, history, and natural beauty. Whether you're seeking a quiet retreat, a touch of history, or simply an off-the-beaten-path adventure, these ten secluded Mojave Desert towns are sure to captivate your imagination.



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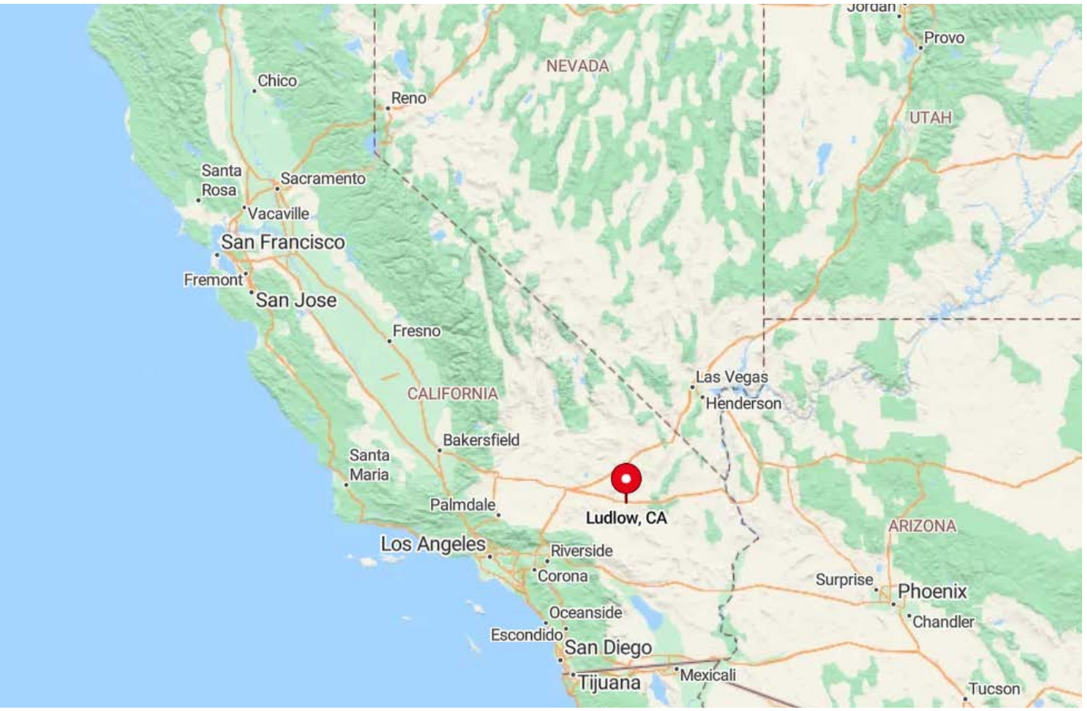
CAL-NEV-ARI, NEVADA:

A REMOTE AVIATION COMMUNITY

With a population hovering around 100 residents, Cal-Nev-Ari is a tiny desert town founded in the 1960s as a fly-in aviation community. Here, you can explore the local casino, dine at the cozy restaurant, or even land your own plane at the private airstrip. The town's primary industry revolves around tourism and aviation enthusiasts who appreciate its quiet charm. What makes Cal-Nev-Ari truly secluded is its vast surrounding desert expanse, offering residents and visitors unparalleled tranquility and wide-open skies.

Where is Cal-Nev-Ari?

Situated in the southern tip of Nevada, Cal-Nev-Ari lies along U.S. Route 95, about 70 miles south of Las Vegas and near the borders of California and Arizona. Its remote location, far from bustling urban centers, enhances its sense of isolation. To get there, you'll embark on a scenic drive through the Mojave Desert, and the town's small size means amenities are limited, reinforcing its secluded nature. This desert oasis is perfect for those seeking a peaceful retreat away from the crowds.



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LUDLOW, CALIFORNIA:

A DESERT STOP LOST IN TIME

Ludlow is a nearly forgotten town with a population of less than 10 people. Once a bustling stop along Route 66, it's now a quiet waypoint where you can explore remnants of old buildings and imagine life in a bygone era. There aren't many activities, but its proximity to the Mojave National Preserve makes it a gateway for desert exploration. The lack of industry and sparse population contribute to its seclusion, offering a snapshot of desert solitude that's rare to find.

Where is Ludlow?

Nestled along Interstate 40 in San Bernardino County, Ludlow is about 50 miles east of Barstow, California. Its remote desert location and the abandonment of Route 66 as a primary highway have left it largely isolated. Accessed primarily by car, travelers can reach Ludlow by taking I-40 and exiting onto the historic Route 66. The town's isolation is accentuated by miles of open desert on all sides, making it a quiet stop for those journeying through the Mojave.

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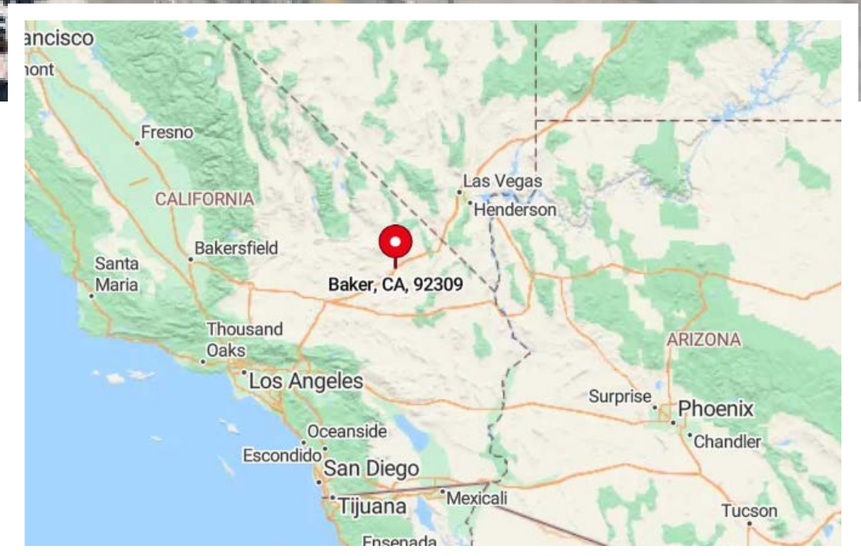
BAKER, CALIFORNIA:

GATEWAY TO DEATH VALLEY AND HOME OF THE WORLD'S TALLEST THERMOMETER

Baker, with a population of around 700, is best known for its towering 134-foot thermometer, a tribute to the highest temperature ever recorded in nearby Death Valley. Visitors can enjoy local eateries, explore quirky shops, or use Baker as a starting point for adventures into Death Valley National Park. The primary industry here is hospitality, serving travelers along Interstate 15. Baker's seclusion stems from its location in the heart of the Mojave Desert, surrounded by vast stretches of arid land.

Where is Baker?

Located in San Bernardino County, Baker sits along Interstate 15 between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, approximately 90 miles southwest of Las Vegas. Its desert surroundings and distance from major cities enhance its secluded feel. To reach Baker, travelers drive along I-15, and it's often considered the "Gateway to Death Valley" due to its proximity to the national park. The town's isolation provides a quiet respite for road trippers and desert explorers alike.



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GOFFS, CALIFORNIA:

A TINY TOWN WITH RICH RAILROAD HISTORY

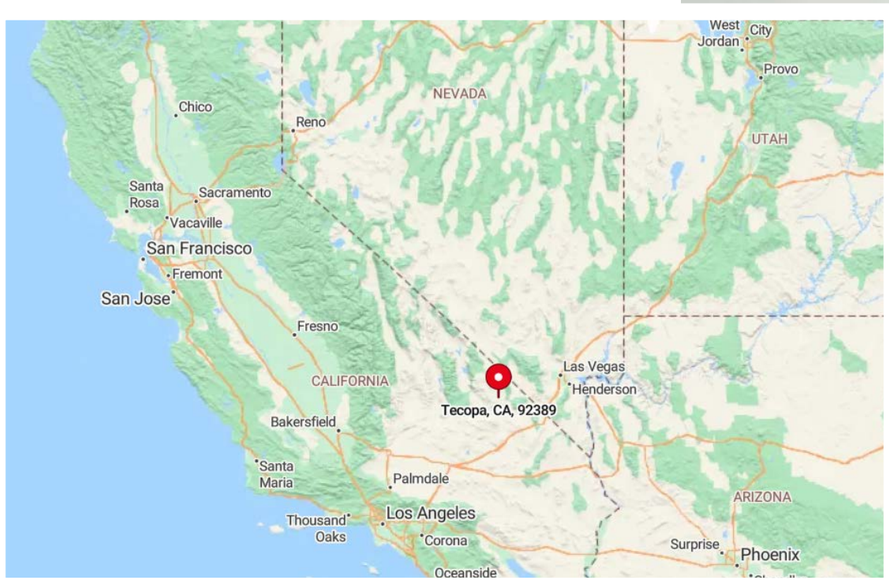
Goffs is a small desert hamlet with a population of just a handful of residents. The main attraction is the restored 1914 Goffs Schoolhouse, which now serves as a museum showcasing the area's rich railroad and mining history.

Visitors can explore exhibits on the Mojave Desert's past, hike nearby trails, or simply enjoy the serene desert environment.

The absence of commercial industries and its minimal population make Goffs a peaceful and secluded spot in the Mojave.

Where is Goffs?

Goffs is located in San Bernardino County, at the intersection of Goffs Road and Lanfair Road, northeast of the Mojave National Preserve. Its remote position far from major highways contributes to its isolation. Accessible via historic Route 66, reaching Goffs involves a drive through expansive desert landscapes. The town's seclusion is enhanced by its surroundings of open desert terrain and distant mountain ranges, offering a quiet escape for history enthusiasts and solitude seekers.



Tecopa is a small community with approximately 150 residents, renowned for its natural hot springs. Visitors come to soak in the mineral-rich waters at local resorts or public bathhouses. Outdoor activities include exploring the nearby Amargosa River Canyon and birdwatching in the desert wetlands. The town's economy is primarily based on tourism centered around the hot springs. Tecopa's seclusion is evident in its quiet streets and vast desert surroundings, offering a tranquil retreat.

Where is Tecopa?

Situated near the southeastern edge of Death Valley National Park in Inyo County, Tecopa is about 80 miles west of Las Vegas. Its remote location, away from major cities and highways, contributes to its peaceful atmosphere. Accessed via California State Route 127, getting to Tecopa involves a scenic drive through the Mojave Desert. The town's isolation is heightened by the expansive desert landscapes that envelop it, making it an ideal spot for relaxation and rejuvenation.

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TECOPA, CALIFORNIA:

HOT SPRINGS SOLITUDE IN THE DESERT

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GOLDFIELD, NEVADA:

A ONCE-BOOMING GOLD TOWN TURNED QUIET RELIC

Goldfield was once Nevada's largest city during the gold rush but now has a population of around 260 residents. Visitors can explore well-preserved historic buildings, such as the Goldfield Hotel and the old schoolhouse, giving a glimpse into its bustling past.

The town also hosts annual events like the Goldfield Days celebration. Mining was its primary industry, but as the gold dwindled, so did the population, leaving behind a quiet, historic enclave. Its seclusion stems from its remote desert location and preserved ghost town ambiance.

Where is Goldfield?

Located in Esmeralda County along U.S. Route 95, Goldfield is approximately 180 miles northwest of Las Vegas. Its positioning in the middle of vast desert terrain enhances its isolated feel.

Travelers reach Goldfield by driving through stretches of unpopulated desert, underscoring its remote nature. The town's distance from major urban centers and its historic charm make it a unique destination for those interested in Nevada's gold rush history.

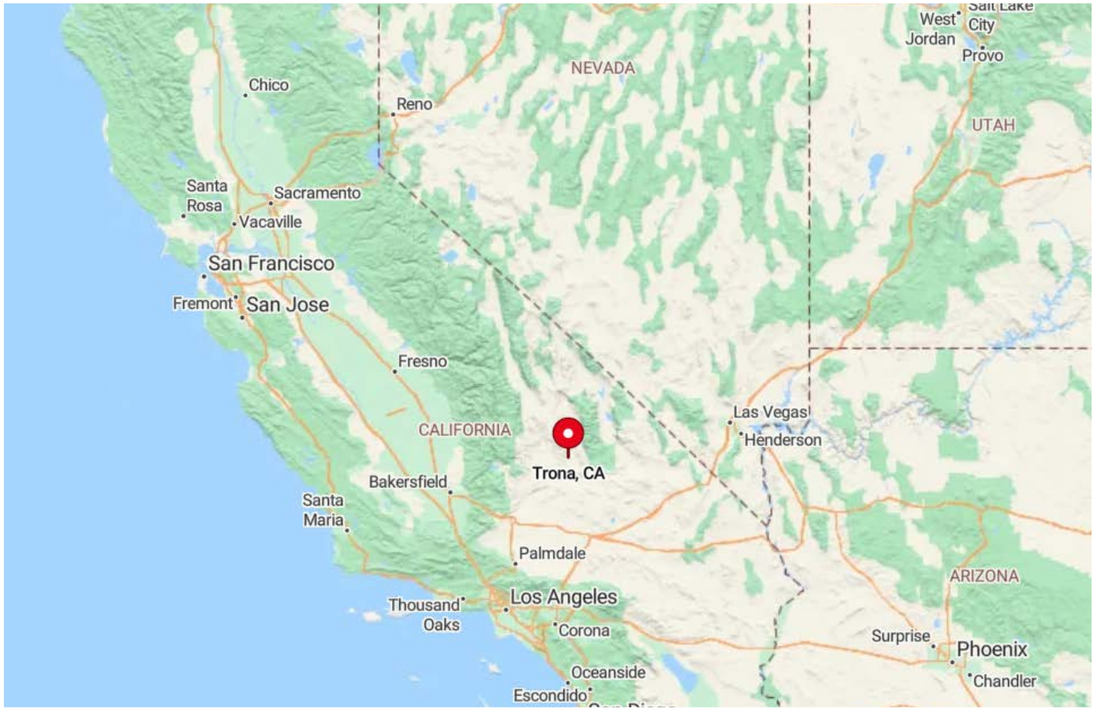
Trona, with a population of about 1,800, is a small mining town known for its production of minerals like borax and soda ash. Visitors can explore the nearby Trona Pinnacles, an otherworldly landscape of tufa spires featured in many films.

The town offers a glimpse into industrial mining life amid the desert. Its main industries are mining and chemical processing, which contribute to its economy. Trona's remote location and surrounding rugged desert terrain make it a secluded spot unlike any other.

Where is Trona?

Trona is located in the Searles Valley in San Bernardino County, about 170 miles north of Los Angeles. To get there, visitors travel along State Route 178 through the Mojave Desert.

The town's isolation is amplified by its distance from major highways and cities, as well as the stark desert landscapes that surround it. The seclusion offers a unique experience for those interested in geology, mining history, and desert exploration.



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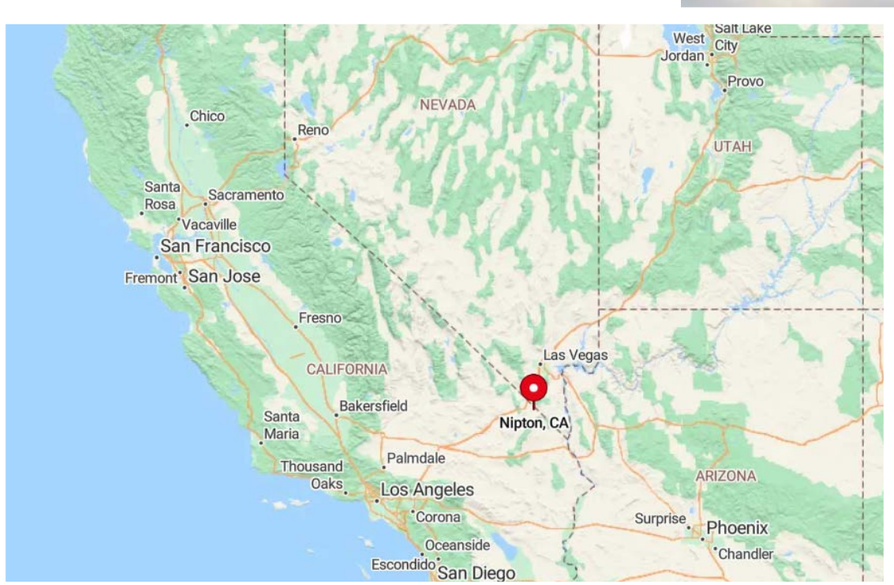
TRONA, CALIFORNIA:

A SECLUDED MINING TOWN SURROUNDED BY PINNACLES



Nipton is a tiny town with a population of around 20 residents. Known for its solar-powered eco-resort, Nipton offers visitors eco-friendly accommodations, art installations, and workshops on sustainability. Activities include stargazing, hiking, and enjoying the peaceful desert environment. The town's primary focus is eco-tourism and sustainable living practices. Nipton's off-the-grid status and minimal population make it a haven for those seeking solitude and a connection with nature.

Where is Nipton?

Nipton is located in San Bernardino County, near the California-Nevada border, about an hour's drive from Las Vegas. Accessible via Nipton Road off Interstate 15, the journey takes you through remote desert landscapes. The town's seclusion is due to its distance from urban centers and its positioning on the edge of the Mojave National Preserve. Nipton's serene environment and commitment to sustainability provide a unique desert retreat.

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NIPTON, CALIFORNIA:

AN OFF-THE-GRID OASIS

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KELSO, CALIFORNIA:

THE DESERT DEPOT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

Kelso is a historic ghost town with a restored 1920s train depot that now serves as a visitor center and museum for the Mojave National Preserve.

While the town itself has no permanent population, visitors can learn about the area's railroad and mining history, hike nearby trails, and explore the massive Kelso Dunes.

The lack of residential areas and commercial development contributes to its seclusion, offering a window into the desert's past.

Where is Kelso?

Kelso is situated within the Mojave National Preserve in San Bernardino County. It lies at the junction of Kelbaker Road and Kelso-Cima Road, far from major highways. To reach Kelso, travelers drive along Interstate 15 or Interstate 40 before venturing onto smaller desert roads.

The town's remote location in the heart of the preserve ensures minimal traffic and a peaceful environment surrounded by miles of untouched desert landscape.

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AMBOY, CALIFORNIA:

A GHOST TOWN FROZEN IN TIME

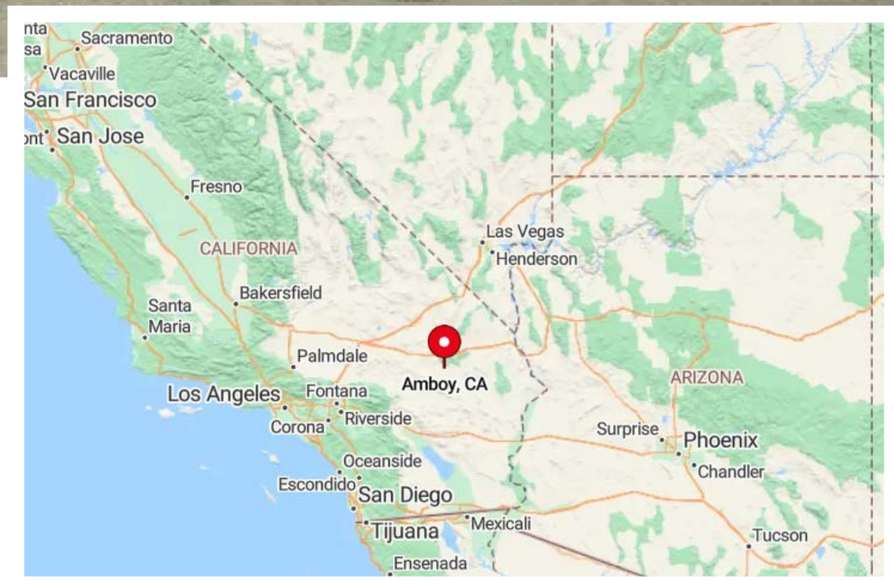
Amboy is a classic ghost town with a population of around 10 people. Famous for Roy's Motel and Café, a relic of the iconic Route 66, Amboy offers a nostalgic glimpse into mid-20th-century Americana. Visitors can photograph the Amboy Crater, an extinct volcanic cinder cone, and explore the desolate surroundings.

With no significant industries and its status as a near-abandoned town, Amboy epitomizes seclusion in the Mojave Desert.

Where is Amboy?

Amboy is located in San Bernardino County along old Route 66, about 75 miles east of Barstow. Accessing Amboy involves a drive through vast stretches of desert on National Trails Highway.

The town's isolation is due to its distance from major freeways and cities, as well as the decline of Route 66 as a primary travel route. Surrounded by open desert and volcanic landscapes, Amboy offers a serene and solitary experience for those seeking to step back in time.



16 OF THE BEST SMALL TOWNS IN WYOMING'S RANCH COUNTRY

(yet still on the grid)

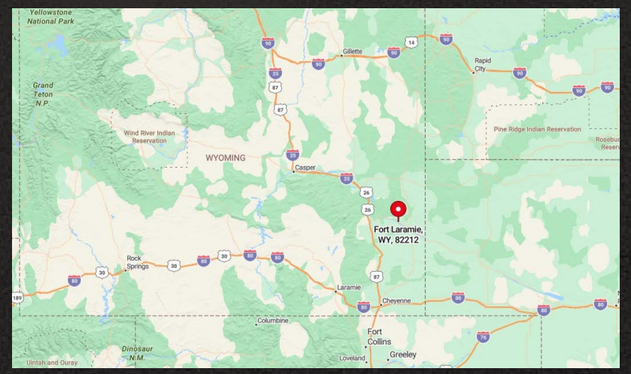
Wyoming's ranch country is a land of open skies, rugged mountains, and small towns brimming with western charm. It's a place where history and nature intertwine, offering a unique glimpse into the heart of the American West. From historic forts to hot springs and wild mustangs, these towns provide authentic experiences that showcase the state's rich heritage and natural beauty. Join us as we count down the 16 best small towns in Wyoming's ranch country, each with its own story and allure waiting to be discovered.

16 Fort Laramie:
A Crossroads of American History

Fort Laramie is a small town that holds a big place in the story of the American West. As a former military post, it played a crucial role during the westward expansion, serving as a hub for pioneers, trappers, and traders.

Today, visitors can explore the Fort Laramie National Historic Site, where restored buildings and informative exhibits bring the past to life. Strolling through the grounds, you might feel as if you've stepped back in time, surrounded by echoes of soldiers and settlers. Beyond its historical significance, Fort Laramie offers a peaceful setting along the Laramie River, perfect for picnics and quiet reflection.

It's a place where history and nature intertwine, providing a unique glimpse into the early days of Wyoming's ranch country. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Fort Laramie range from $261,131 to $483,111, making it an affordable choice for history lovers and nature enthusiasts.



Where is Fort Laramie?

Fort Laramie is located in eastern Wyoming, near the confluence of the Laramie and North Platte Rivers. This strategic position made it a vital meeting point during the 19th century. The surrounding landscape is characterized by gentle rolling plains and open skies that stretch as far as the eye can see. To reach Fort Laramie, you can drive along U.S. Highway 26, which connects to Interstate 25, making it accessible yet still tucked away from bustling cities. The town's remote atmosphere adds to its charm, offering a serene escape into America's frontier heritage.

Lovell:
Gateway to Wild Mustangs

Lovell is a quaint town that serves as the perfect starting point for encounters with Wyoming's wild side. Known as the gateway to the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, it's a haven for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike.

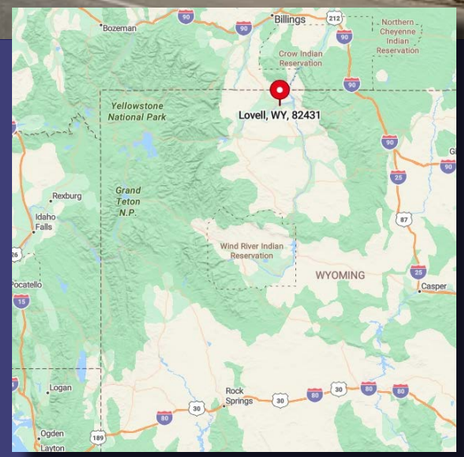
One of Lovell's most remarkable attractions is the Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center, where you can learn about and even observe herds of wild mustangs roaming freely. The town itself exudes small-town charm, with friendly locals and unique shops that reflect the area's western heritage. Whether you're exploring the rugged canyons or enjoying a leisurely day in town, Lovell offers an authentic taste of ranch country life.

Homebuyers can find 3-4 bedroom houses here priced between $291,664 and $348,684, providing a range of options in this scenic town.

Where is Lovell?

Situated in northern Wyoming, Lovell lies just east of the Wyoming-Montana border. Nestled between the Bighorn Mountains and the Pryor Mountains, the town is surrounded by breathtaking landscapes that are quintessential to the region.

Its location provides easy access to U.S. Highway 14A, making it a convenient yet secluded destination. The geography here is particularly special due to the convergence of mountain ranges and the presence of the wild mustangs that call the area home. Getting to Lovell is part of the adventure, taking you through some of Wyoming's most scenic routes.

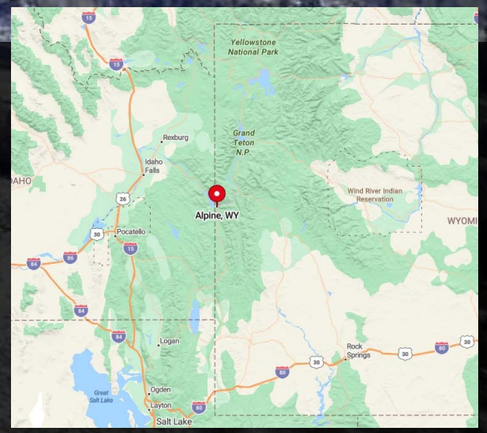


14 Alpine: Mountain Views and Untouched Wilderness

Alpine is a picturesque town where the grandeur of the mountains meets the tranquility of untouched wilderness. Nestled among towering peaks, it's a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy hiking, fishing, and exploring the great outdoors. Alpine sits at the confluence of three rivers—the Greys, the Snake, and the Salt—making it a prime spot for water sports and fishing adventures. The town's cozy atmosphere is enhanced by local eateries and shops that cater to visitors seeking a genuine Wyoming experience. Hidden gems like the nearby Bridger-Teton National Forest offer endless opportunities to immerse oneself in nature's beauty. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Alpine are priced between $370,000 and $450,000, ideal for those wanting both comfort and adventure.

Where is Alpine?

Located in western Wyoming, Alpine is just south of the famous Jackson Hole area, yet it maintains a quieter, more secluded feel. The town is easily accessible via U.S. Highway 26/89, which winds through some of the state's most stunning mountain scenery. Its position near the Idaho border adds to its unique geographical appeal, providing a mix of landscapes and ecosystems. The journey to Alpine is scenic and inspiring, leading travelers through valleys and along rivers that showcase Wyoming's rugged charm.

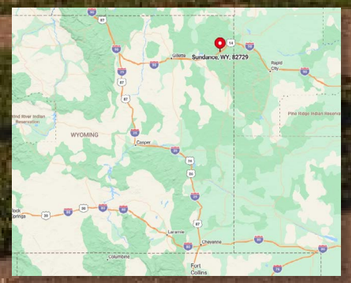


Sundance:
Inspiration for a Legendary Outlaw

Sundance is a small town with a big name, famously lending its moniker to the Sundance Kid of Wild West lore. Steeped in pioneer history, the town offers a rich tapestry of stories from the days of outlaws and lawmen. Visitors can explore the Crook County Museum to delve into the area's past, or stroll through the charming downtown filled with historical buildings and local artistry. Nestled in the Black Hills, Sundance is also a gateway to outdoor activities like hiking, biking, and wildlife watching. The town's blend of history and natural beauty makes it a unique destination that embodies the spirit of the West. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Sundance range from $345,199 to $420,312, providing excellent value in a historically rich area.

Where is Sundance?

Sundance is located in northeastern Wyoming, near the border of South Dakota. The town is surrounded by the scenic Black Hills National Forest, offering lush forests and rugged landscapes distinct from much of Wyoming's terrain. Accessible via Interstate 90, Sundance is an easy drive from larger cities like Rapid City, yet it retains a peaceful, small-town atmosphere. The region's distinct geography, with its rolling hills and rich mineral deposits, adds depth to Sundance's allure and historical significance.



Greybull:
Where Rivers and Rails Converge

Greybull is a town where the echoes of the railroad era intertwine with the natural beauty of Wyoming's rivers. Situated at the meeting point of the Bighorn and Greybull Rivers, this community has a rich history tied to transportation and industry.

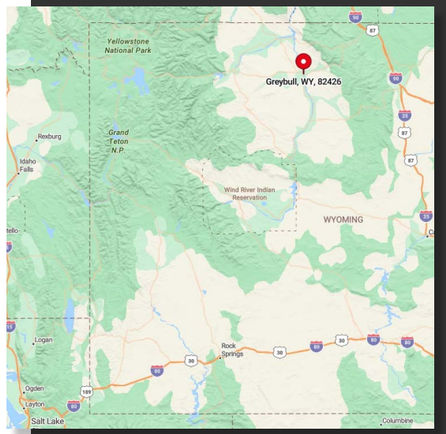
The town pays homage to its past at the Museum of Flight and Aerial Firefighting, showcasing aircraft that have battled forest fires. Greybull's downtown offers a slice of small-town life with its local shops and eateries. Nearby, visitors can explore the Red Gulch Dinosaur Tracksite, uncovering traces of prehistoric times—a hidden gem that adds to the town's unique offerings.

Home prices for 3-4 bedroom properties in Greybull range from $257,953 to $318,745, appealing to families and history buffs alike.

Where is Greybull?

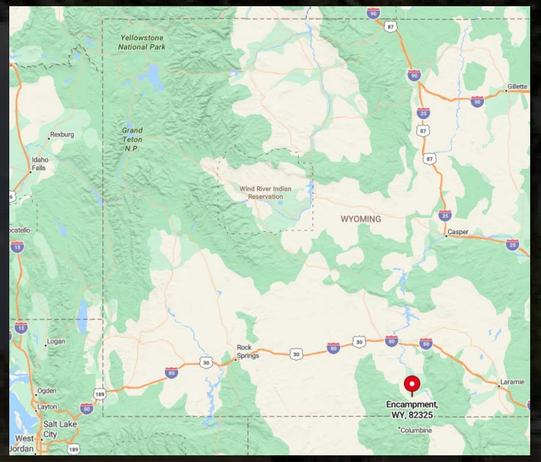
Located in north-central Wyoming, Greybull sits along U.S. Highways 14, 16, and 20, making it easily accessible while still offering a quiet retreat. The town is nestled between the Bighorn Mountains to the east and the Absaroka Range to the west. This location provides diverse landscapes, from rolling plains to rugged mountains.

The proximity to major highways makes Greybull a convenient stop for travelers exploring Yellowstone National Park or venturing deeper into ranch country. The convergence of rivers and rails here reflects the town's historical and geographical significance.



Encampment:
A Glimpse into Mining History

Encampment is a small town that offers a window into Wyoming's rich mining heritage. Once a booming copper mining area, it now preserves that history with well-maintained structures and the Grand Encampment Museum. Visitors can step back in time and experience the fascinating stories of early settlers and miners. The annual Woodchopper's Jamboree and Rodeo is a highlight, celebrating the town's logging and ranching traditions with events that showcase local skills and entertainment. Encampment's close-knit community and scenic surroundings create a welcoming atmosphere for those looking to experience authentic ranch country charm. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Encampment are priced from $375,000 to $595,000, offering a blend of rustic charm and modern comfort.



Where is Encampment?

Situated in southern Wyoming near the Colorado border, Encampment is nestled along the banks of the Encampment River. The town lies just off State Route 230, offering a scenic drive with views of the Sierra Madre Mountains. This location provides ample opportunities for outdoor activities like fishing, hiking, and camping in the surrounding Medicine Bow National Forest. The combination of historical intrigue and natural beauty makes the journey to Encampment as rewarding as the destination itself.

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Meeteetse:
Preserving the Spirit of the West

Meeteetse is a hidden treasure that embodies the unspoiled spirit of the Old West. With its historic wooden boardwalks and preserved buildings, the town offers an authentic glimpse into frontier life.

Meeteetse is home to the legendary cowboy chocolatier, where visitors can indulge in handmade confections—a sweet surprise in this rustic setting. The town also played a significant role in the conservation of the black-footed ferret, once thought extinct.

Wildlife enthusiasts can learn about this success story at the local museums. Meeteetse's blend of history, wildlife, and unique local businesses makes it a standout destination in Wyoming's ranch country.

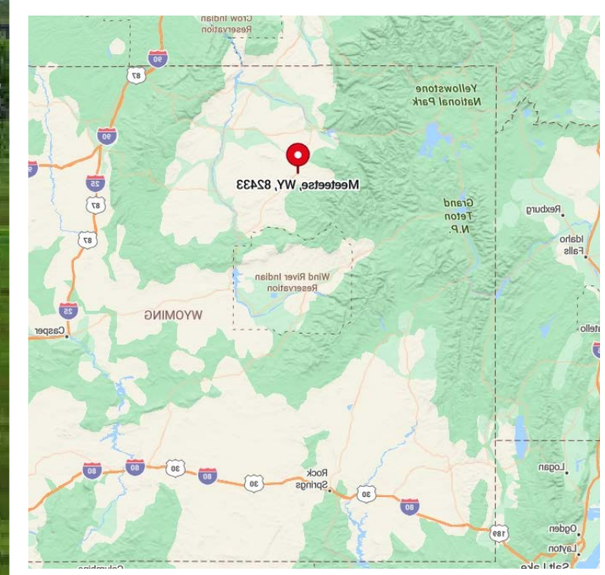
The housing market here includes 3-4 bedroom homes priced between $325,282 and $625,000, perfect for those seeking serenity and history.

Where is Creede, Meeteetse?

Located in northwestern Wyoming, Meeteetse sits along State Highway 120, south of Cody.

The town is surrounded by vast ranchlands and overlooked by the Absaroka Mountains, offering picturesque views in every direction. Its remote location contributes to its untouched feel, providing a serene environment away from the hustle and bustle.

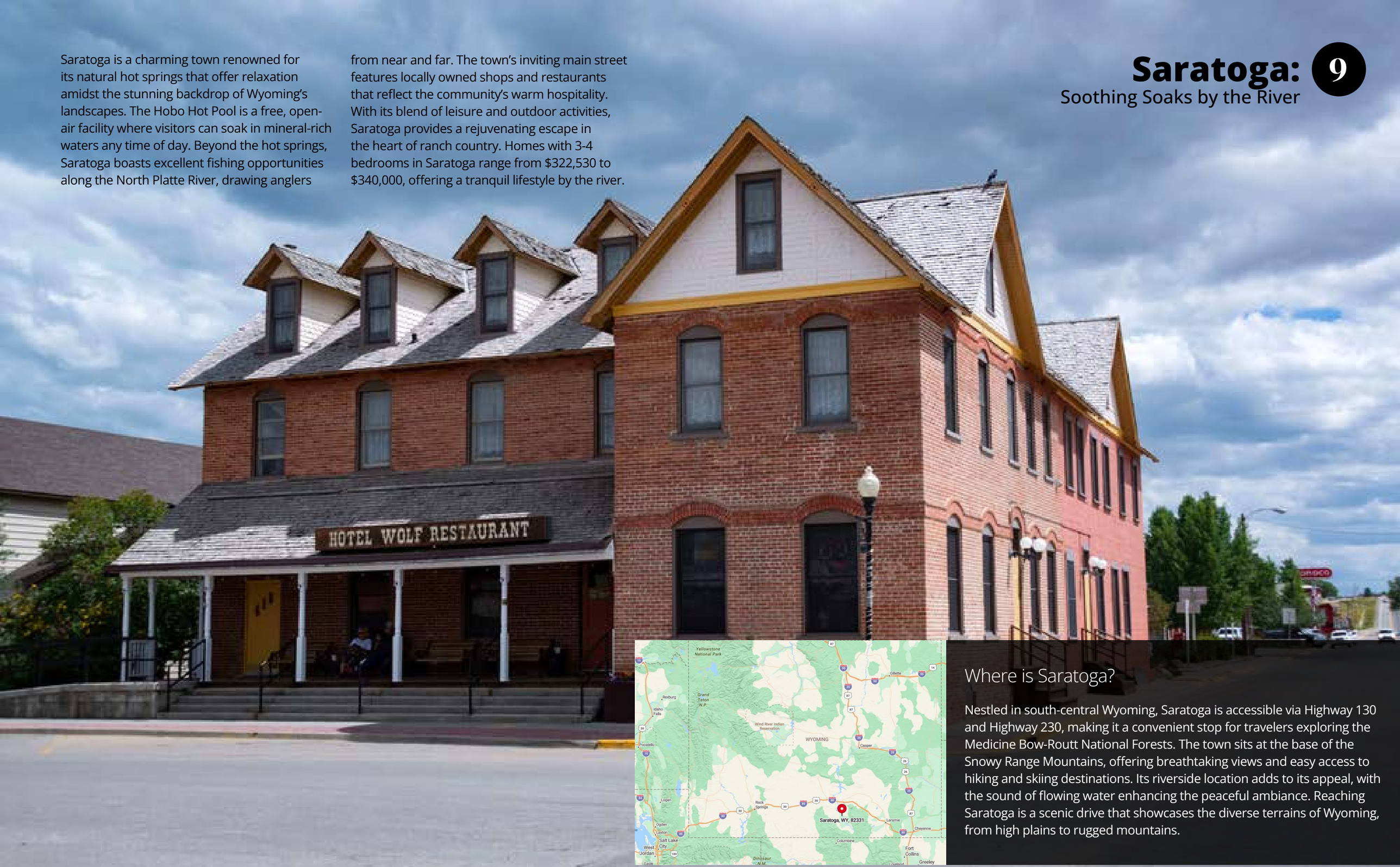
Getting to Meeteetse involves a scenic drive through rolling landscapes that capture the essence of Wyoming's natural beauty, making the journey part of the overall experience.



Saratoga: 9

Soothing Soaks by the River

Saratoga is a charming town renowned for its natural hot springs that offer relaxation amidst the stunning backdrop of Wyoming's landscapes. The Hobo Hot Pool is a free, open-air facility where visitors can soak in mineral-rich waters any time of day. Beyond the hot springs, Saratoga boasts excellent fishing opportunities along the North Platte River, drawing anglers from near and far. The town's inviting main street features locally owned shops and restaurants that reflect the community's warm hospitality. With its blend of leisure and outdoor activities, Saratoga provides a rejuvenating escape in the heart of ranch country. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Saratoga range from $322,530 to $340,000, offering a tranquil lifestyle by the river.



Where is Saratoga?

Nestled in south-central Wyoming, Saratoga is accessible via Highway 130 and Highway 230, making it a convenient stop for travelers exploring the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests. The town sits at the base of the Snowy Range Mountains, offering breathtaking views and easy access to hiking and skiing destinations. Its riverside location adds to its appeal, with the sound of flowing water enhancing the peaceful ambiance. Reaching Saratoga is a scenic drive that showcases the diverse terrains of Wyoming, from high plains to rugged mountains.

8 Kemmerer:

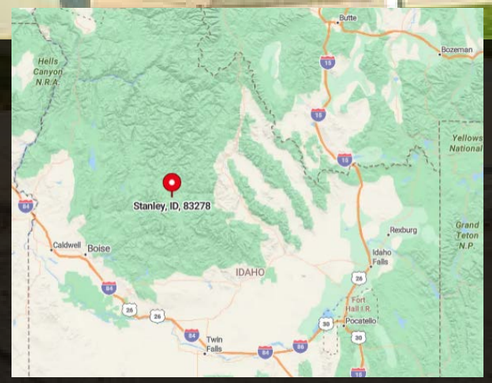
Fossil Riches in a Historic Setting

Kemmerer is a town with a unique blend of historical significance and geological wonders. Known as the birthplace of J.C. Penney, visitors can tour the original store that started the retail giant's legacy. However, what truly sets Kemmerer apart are the nearby fossil quarries that have yielded some of the world's most well-preserved fossils. The Fossil Butte National Monument offers a fascinating look into ancient life, with exhibits and trails that showcase fossilized fish, plants, and insects. For those eager to dig in, local quarries allow visitors to hunt for their own prehistoric treasures—a thrilling experience that connects them directly with Earth's distant past. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Kemmerer are available for $239,665 to $529,000, attracting history buffs and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

Where is Kemmerer?

Located in southwestern Wyoming, Kemmerer sits at the junction of U.S. Highways 189 and 30. The town is nestled among rolling hills and open landscapes that characterize the region. Its proximity to the Green River Formation makes it a hotspot for fossil enthusiasts and geologists. Traveling to Kemmerer involves passing through scenic stretches of Wyoming's vast high desert plains, under wide-open skies that epitomize the state's wild beauty.

The journey is as much a part of the adventure as the destination, offering glimpses into the rugged terrain that defines ranch country.

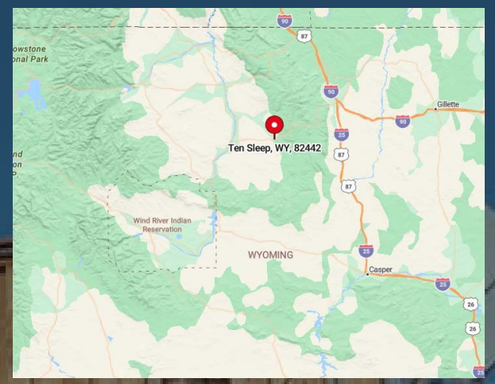


7 Ten Sleep:
A Climber's Hidden Paradise

Ten Sleep is a serene town that has quietly become a world-class destination for rock climbers. Nestled in the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains, it offers over 800 climbing routes that attract enthusiasts seeking quality limestone cliffs amid breathtaking scenery. Beyond climbing, the town provides a peaceful retreat with its small population and tranquil atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy local breweries, cafes, and the annual Ten Sleep Music Festival that celebrates community and the arts. Ten Sleep's combination of outdoor adventure and laid-back charm makes it a hidden gem worth discovering. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Ten Sleep range from $379,000 to $629,000, appealing to adventurers and families alike.

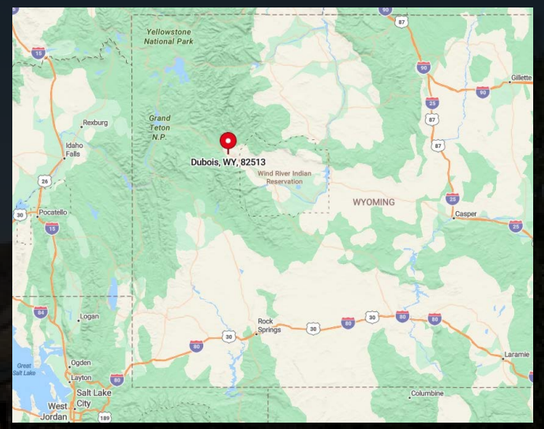
Where is Silverton, Colorado?

Ten Sleep is situated in north-central Wyoming on the western slope of the Bighorn Mountains. Accessible via U.S. Highway 16, the town lies along a route known as the Cloud Peak Skyway, renowned for its stunning vistas. The area is rich in history, with the name "Ten Sleep" originating from Native American travel schedules—it was ten sleeps (nights) between important locations. The drive to Ten Sleep offers dramatic landscapes, from lush forests to rugged canyons, making the journey an unforgettable part of the experience.



Dubois:
Rustic Charm Under Painted Skies

Dubois is a town that captures the essence of the Wild West with its rustic wooden buildings and authentic cowboy culture. It's a place where the sunsets paint the sky with vibrant colors, enhancing the already picturesque surroundings. The nearby Wind River Valley provides ample opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, and wildlife viewing. Dubois is also home to the National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center, offering insights into these majestic animals that inhabit the region. The town's unhurried pace and genuine western hospitality create a welcoming environment for all who visit. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Dubois range from $481,651 to $631,174, offering spacious living in an idyllic setting.



Where is Dubois?

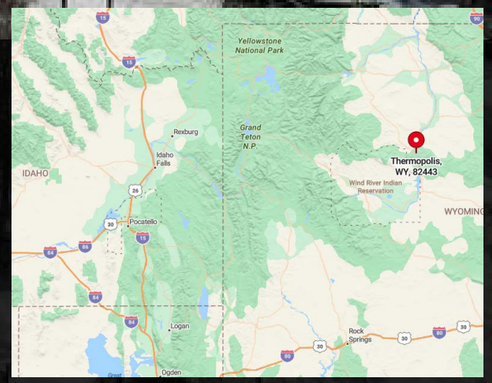
Located in west-central Wyoming, Dubois is accessible via U.S. Highway 26/287, nestled between the Wind River and Absaroka Mountain Ranges. This positioning provides dramatic scenery and serves as a gateway to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. The geography is marked by rugged peaks, red rock formations, and dense forests. Traveling to Dubois involves traversing mountain passes and open valleys, offering a journey through some of Wyoming's most striking landscapes.

5 Thermopolis:
Healing Waters and Western Flair

Thermopolis lives up to its name, derived from the Greek for "hot city," by boasting the world's largest mineral hot springs. Visitors can soak in the healing waters at Hot Springs State Park, which offers both free public baths and commercial pools with water slides and spa services. The town blends relaxation with western culture, featuring the Wyoming Dinosaur Center where impressive fossils are on display. Outdoor activities abound, including hiking trails, fishing spots, and opportunities to see roaming buffalo within the state park. Thermopolis provides a unique mix of natural wonders and small-town charm that appeals to a wide range of travelers. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Thermopolis are priced from $221,362 to $248,397, making it an affordable option with plenty of amenities.

Where is Thermopolis?

Situated in central Wyoming, Thermopolis is accessible via U.S. Highways 20 and 789. The town is nestled along the Bighorn River, surrounded by rolling hills and striking mineral terraces formed by the hot springs. Its central location makes it a convenient stop when exploring Wyoming's ranch country. Reaching Thermopolis often involves driving through Wind River Canyon, a scenic route with towering cliffs and stunning views that enhance the overall experience of visiting this remarkable town.



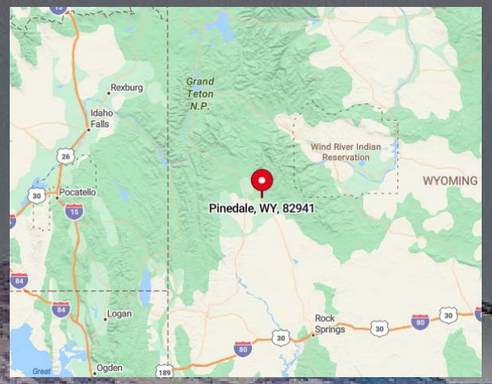
4 Pinedale:

Embracing Mountain Man Legends

Pinedale is a town steeped in the lore of the mountain men who once roamed these lands. The Museum of the Mountain Man offers immersive exhibits that recount the adventures of fur traders and explorers. Surrounded by the Wind River Mountains, Pinedale is an outdoor enthusiast's dream, offering countless trails, fishing spots, and access to over 1,300 lakes in the nearby Bridger Wilderness. The town itself provides a warm atmosphere with local shops, eateries, and annual events like the Green River Rendezvous, which celebrates its rich history. Pinedale's connection to the past and its embrace of the natural world make it a standout destination. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Pinedale are priced between $427,075 and $587,846, offering modern comfort in a rugged setting.

Where is Pinedale?

Pinedale is located in western Wyoming along U.S. Highway 191, approximately 77 miles south of Jackson Hole. The town serves as a gateway to the Wind River Range and the Continental Divide Trail. The geography is characterized by towering peaks, pristine lakes, and vast wilderness areas that offer solitude and adventure. Traveling to Pinedale provides sweeping views of the mountains and open spaces that define Wyoming's rugged beauty, making the journey as inspiring as the stay.



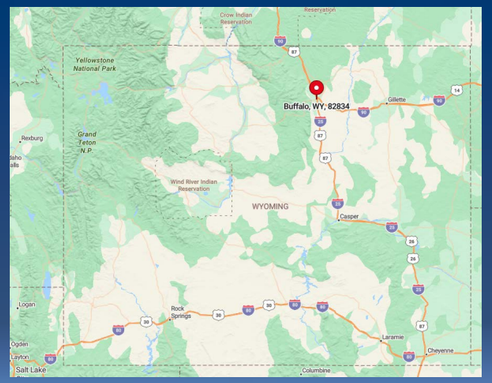
3 Buffalo:

Where History Meets the Mountains

Buffalo is a charming town where the echoes of the past blend seamlessly with the breathtaking backdrop of the Bighorn Mountains. Its historic main street is lined with well-preserved buildings that house local boutiques, art galleries, and the famous Occidental Hotel—a step back into the elegance of the Old West. Outdoor activities are abundant, with nearby trails for hiking and biking, and clear streams ideal for fishing. The Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum provides insights into the area's pioneer and Native American history. Buffalo's unique combination of heritage and natural beauty offers a rich experience for visitors seeking both culture and adventure. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Buffalo range from $406,334 to $468,602, blending history with comfortable living.

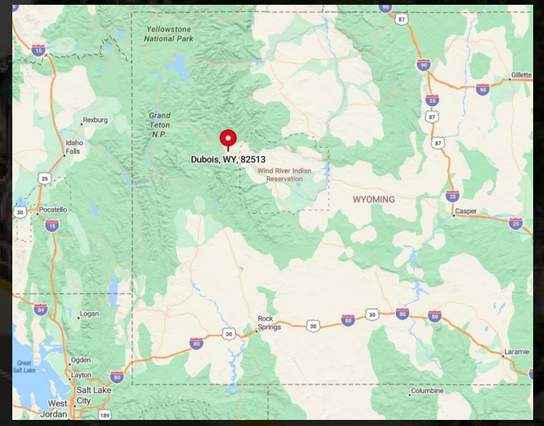
Where is Buffalo?

Situated in north-central Wyoming, Buffalo is easily accessible via Interstate 90 and U.S. Highway 16. The town rests at the foot of the Bighorn Mountains, providing a stunning gateway to the Cloud Peak Wilderness and Bighorn National Forest. This location makes it a perfect base for exploring some of Wyoming's most pristine landscapes. The drive to Buffalo showcases rolling plains that give way to rising peaks, encapsulating the diverse geography that makes the area so special.



Lander:
Gateway to Adventure

Lander is a vibrant town that marries scenic beauty with a strong sense of community. With its historic downtown filled with local shops, restaurants, and art galleries, it offers a welcoming atmosphere to visitors. Lander is renowned for outdoor activities, sitting at the base of the Wind River Mountains, providing easy access to hiking, rock climbing, and mountain biking trails. The nearby Sinks Canyon State Park features an intriguing geological phenomenon where the river disappears underground, only to resurface in a trout-filled pool. Lander's fusion of natural wonders and cultural richness makes it an essential stop in Wyoming's ranch country. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Lander range from $376,970 to $447,000, appealing to nature lovers and families alike.



Where is Lander?

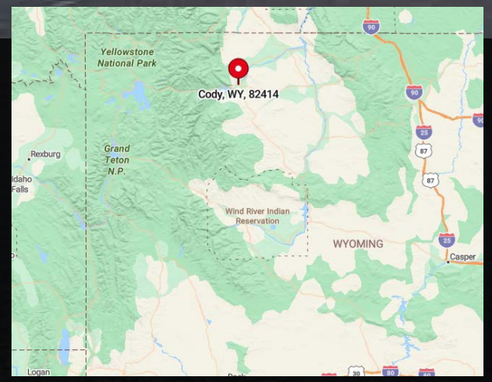
Located in central Wyoming along State Highway 789, Lander is situated on the edge of vast wilderness areas. The town serves as a portal to the southern Wind River Range and the Shoshone National Forest. Its geographical setting offers diverse landscapes, from high desert plains to alpine forests. Getting to Lander involves traveling through some of Wyoming's most expansive and scenic territories, making the journey part of the allure.

1 Cody:
The Heart of the Old West

Cody embodies the spirit of the American West like no other town. Founded by the legendary showman Buffalo Bill Cody, it brims with history and cultural attractions that celebrate western heritage. The Buffalo Bill Center of the West is a must-visit, comprising five museums that delve into art, Native American culture, firearms, natural history, and of course, the life of Buffalo Bill himself. Cody is also famous for its nightly rodeos during the summer months, offering authentic cowboy action that's fun for the whole family. With its lively downtown, western-themed shops, and close proximity to Yellowstone National Park, Cody is a vibrant community that captures the essence of ranch country living. Homes with 3-4 bedrooms in Cody are priced between $493,432 and $504,252, making it an upscale yet attainable option in this iconic location.

Where is Cody?

Situated in northwestern Wyoming, Cody is accessible via U.S. Highways 14, 16, and 20. The town lies just 52 miles east of the East Entrance of Yellowstone National Park, making it a convenient base for exploring the park's wonders. Surrounded by the Absaroka Mountains and the Shoshone River, Cody's geography features rugged landscapes and abundant wildlife. The scenic routes leading to Cody, including the Buffalo Bill Cody Scenic Byway, offer breathtaking views and a taste of the wild beauty that characterizes this part of Wyoming.



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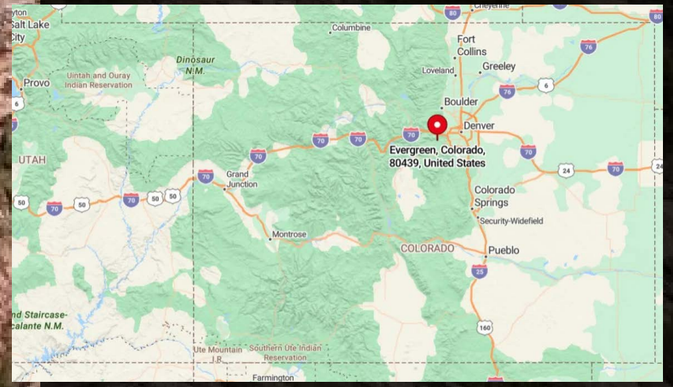
7,078 SQ.FT. MOUNTAINSIDE MANSION

IN EVERGREEN, CO

This mountain home in Evergreen, CO, offers 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 1 partial bath, and 7,078 square feet of living space with a 3-car garage. Built into the mountainside, it features south-facing views of Evergreen Valley, surrounded by trees and rock formations for privacy. The property includes a sport court, a pergola with an outdoor fireplace, and an outdoor kitchen on the front patio. A 2,000-square-foot guest house adds additional living space, with a full kitchen, indoor lap pool, infrared sauna, and flexible room options.

SOLAR-POWERED HOME

Expansive home built into the mountainside with solar panels integrated into the roof. Surrounded by trees and rock formations, it offers privacy and panoramic views of the Evergreen Valley. Multi-level design includes a three-car garage and spacious outdoor patios. Driveway and landscaped pathways lead to a well-lit entrance with large windows.



WHERE IS EVERGREEN, CO?

Evergreen, CO, is located in Jefferson County, approximately 30 miles west of Denver. Situated in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, it offers a mix of suburban and rural living with scenic forests, trails, and outdoor recreation areas. The town is known for its proximity to Evergreen Lake, a popular destination for fishing, boating, and ice skating in winter.

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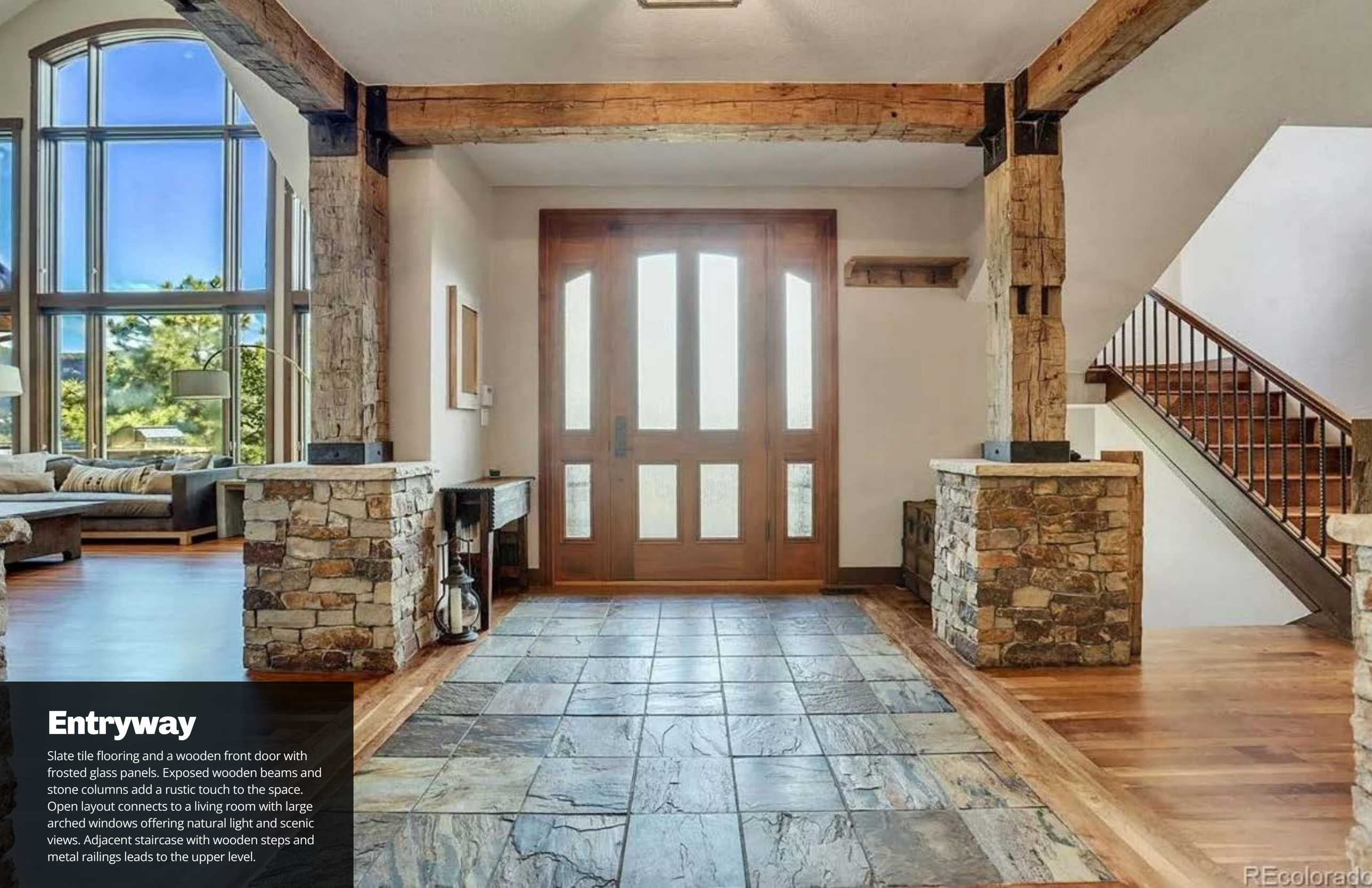


Entryway

Slate tile flooring and a wooden front door with frosted glass panels. Exposed wooden beams and stone columns add a rustic touch to the space. Open layout connects to a living room with large arched windows offering natural light and scenic views. Adjacent staircase with wooden steps and metal railings leads to the upper level.

Entryway

Entryway with slate tile flooring transitions to hardwood in an open-plan layout. Rustic stone columns and exposed beams frame the view into a dining area featuring an antler chandelier and natural wood furniture. A wall-mounted wine rack and decorative mirrors enhance the room's functionality and aesthetic appeal. Neutral wall tones and warm wood details create a cohesive and inviting atmosphere.

Living Room

Bright and open living room with expansive floor-to-ceiling windows offering stunning views of the surrounding forest. Comfortable seating is arranged around a central coffee table, with modern floor lamps providing additional lighting. A mounted television and wooden entertainment console add functionality. Hardwood floors and neutral tones create a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Living Room

Living room with a tall stone fireplace as the focal point, accented by a mounted antler display. Large windows provide abundant natural light and views of the outdoors. An open kitchen with a hanging pot rack and bar seating connects seamlessly to the living area. Hardwood floors and exposed wooden beams enhance the warm, rustic aesthetic.

Living Room

A stone fireplace with a wood mantle and mounted antler decor. Vaulted ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows allow abundant natural light and expansive views of the surrounding forest. Modern seating arrangements and a large wall-mounted TV enhance comfort and functionality. Open layout connects seamlessly to the kitchen and adjacent rooms.

Kitchen

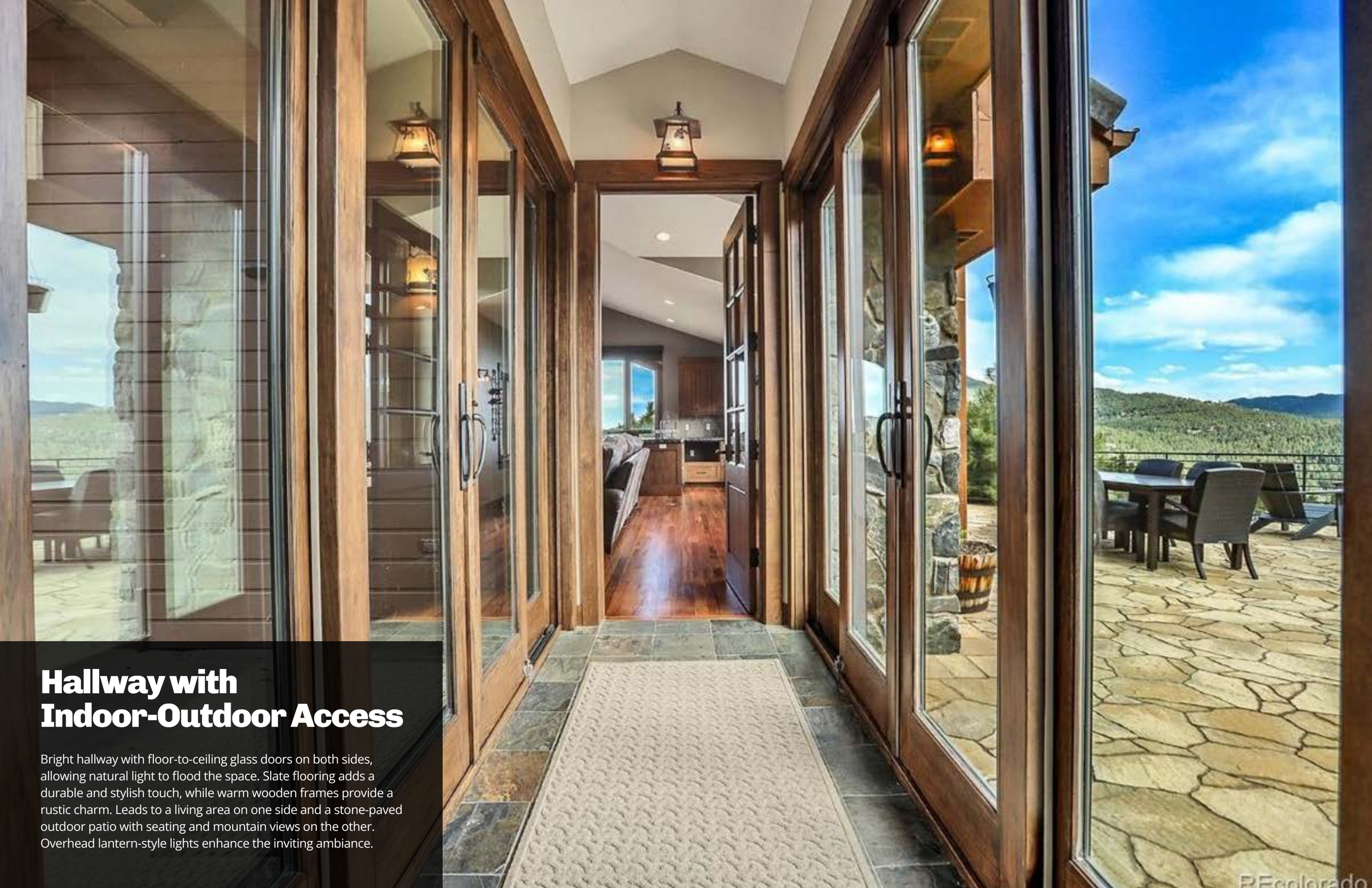
Large island with granite countertops and seating for five at metal barstools. Hanging pot rack adds practicality and complements the exposed wooden beam and cabinetry. Stainless steel appliances, including a double oven and built-in refrigerator, provide modern convenience. Open shelving and a stone backsplash add a blend of rustic and contemporary style.

Kitchen

Wood cabinetry paired with granite countertops and a sleek farmhouse sink. Stainless steel appliances, including double ovens and a dishwasher, provide modern convenience. Open shelving above a stone backsplash adds functionality and visual interest. Overhead skylights bring in natural light, enhancing the warm and inviting space.

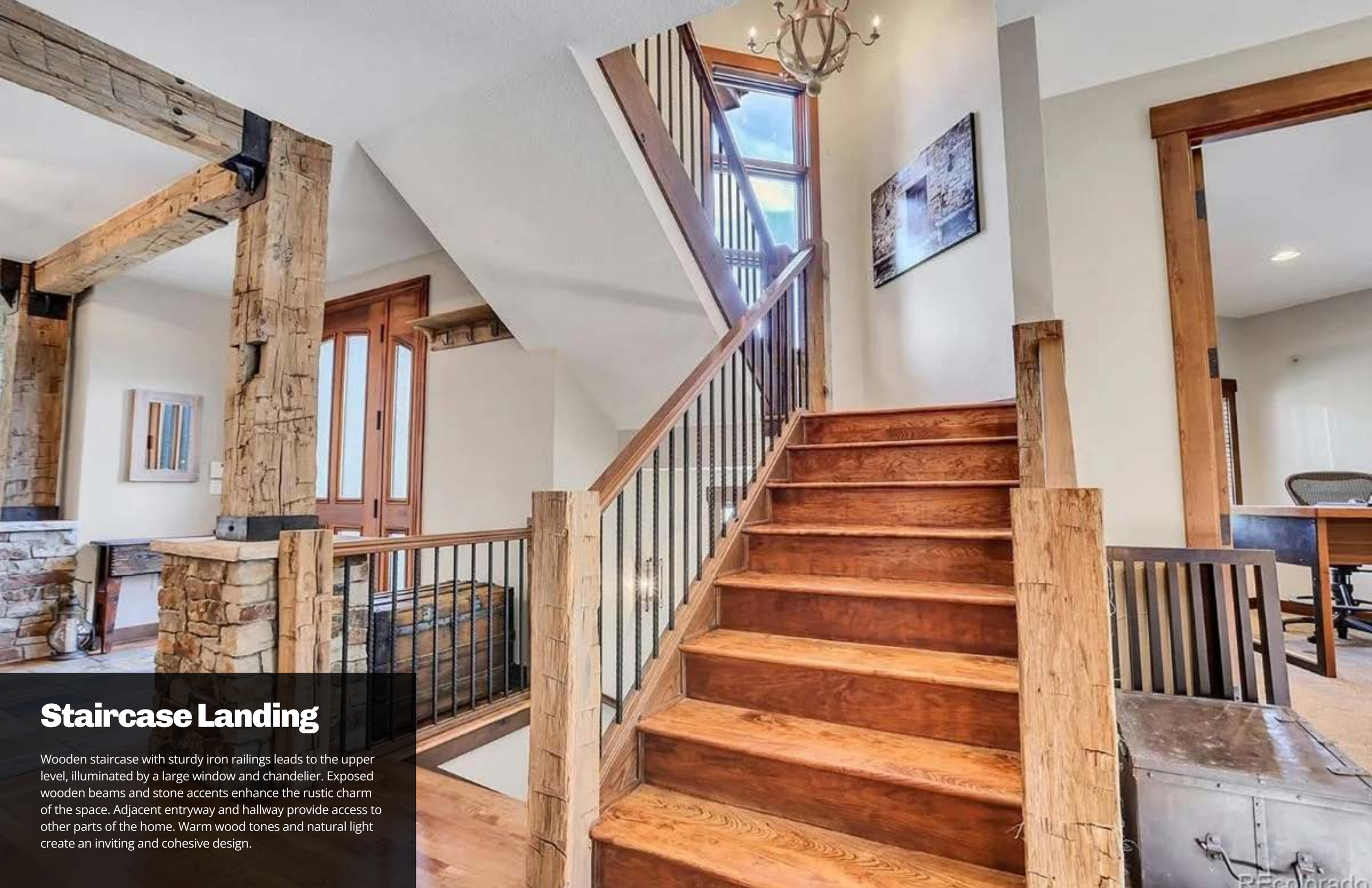
Kitchen

Built-in stainless steel double ovens and a large refrigerator, seamlessly integrated into wood cabinetry. Custom cabinets provide ample storage while maintaining a rustic aesthetic. Granite countertops add a touch of elegance and contrast to the natural wood tones. Open layout connects the kitchen to adjacent living and dining spaces.



Hallway with Indoor-Outdoor Access

Bright hallway with floor-to-ceiling glass doors on both sides, allowing natural light to flood the space. Slate flooring adds a durable and stylish touch, while warm wooden frames provide a rustic charm. Leads to a living area on one side and a stone-paved outdoor patio with seating and mountain views on the other. Overhead lantern-style lights enhance the inviting ambiance.



Staircase Landing

Wooden staircase with sturdy iron railings leads to the upper level, illuminated by a large window and chandelier. Exposed wooden beams and stone accents enhance the rustic charm of the space. Adjacent entryway and hallway provide access to other parts of the home. Warm wood tones and natural light create an inviting and cohesive design.

Bedroom

Vaulted ceiling with a skylight that fills the space with natural light. A stone fireplace adds warmth and charm, complemented by wood-trimmed windows and doors. Neutral carpeting and walls create a cozy and serene atmosphere. Adjacent en-suite bathroom provides added convenience and privacy.

Bedroom

Bedroom with wood-trimmed windows, doors, and a distressed cabinet. A large window and glass door provide natural light and access to a private balcony with stunning mountain views. Neutral tones and a Southwestern-style bedspread create a warm and inviting atmosphere. Mounted TV and unique antler lamp add functional and decorative touches.

Home Office

Functional home office with built-in wooden shelves and cabinets for organized storage. A large window allows natural light and views of the surrounding landscape. Neutral carpeting and walls create a calm and focused atmosphere. A simple desk and a comfortable seating area add practicality to the space.

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Laundry Room

Laundry room features a front-loading washer and dryer set beneath sleek countertops for folding and organization. Upper and lower cabinets provide extensive storage, maintaining a tidy and functional space. A utility sink adds convenience for cleaning tasks, while a window brings in natural light. Neutral finishes and tiled flooring ensure durability and ease of maintenance.

Bathroom

A wood-finished vanity with white countertops and an integrated sink. A framed mirror with industrial-style light fixtures adds a modern touch. Walk-in shower includes glass doors, tiled walls, and a pebble floor design. Warm wood accents and neutral tones create a cozy and functional space.

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Bathroom

A vaulted ceiling with wood paneling and a mix of modern and rustic design elements. Freestanding soaking tub sits alongside tiled walls with wood trim accents. Large double vanity with wooden cabinetry and dark countertops provides ample storage. Walk-in shower with glass doors and geometric tile details completes the functional and stylish space.

Home Gym

Home gym equipped with a squat rack, punching bag, and a variety of free weights and resistance equipment. Large mirrors line the walls, creating a functional workout space and adding visual depth. Rubberized flooring ensures durability and safety during exercise. A motivational mural and mounted TV enhance the workout environment.

Game Room

Room includes a pool table with a rustic wood base and a protective cover. Stone fireplace with a mounted wildlife decor creates a cozy ambiance. Built-in bar area with glass-front cabinets and a mini-fridge offers convenience. Vaulted ceilings and carpeted floors complete the inviting space for entertainment and relaxation.

Terrace

Stone-paved patio with Adirondack chairs and a covered hot tub. Elevated setting offers expansive views of the surrounding forested hills and distant mountains. Modern railing ensures safety without obstructing the stunning scenery. Ideal space for relaxation and enjoying the natural landscape.

Covered Deck

Deck set amid natural landscaping offers seating and a built-in stone fireplace. Overhead structure provides shade and weather protection, blending seamlessly with the surroundings. Elevated location offers views of the forest and distant mountains. Designed for outdoor dining or relaxing in a private, serene setting.

Entrance with Triple Garage

Multi-level home built into the mountainside features a triple garage with stone accents and wood paneling. Paved driveway leads to the main entrance, surrounded by natural rock landscaping and mature trees. Tall windows and architectural details showcase the design's focus on light and natural elements. Elevated stairway provides access to the front entrance, enhancing the home's inviting curb appeal.

Outdoor Multi-Sport Court

Private sport court surrounded by tall pine trees offers a serene recreational space with breathtaking mountain views. The court features a basketball hoop and ample space for other activities, with a sturdy fence for safety. A nearby greenhouse enhances the outdoor amenities, perfect for gardening enthusiasts. Elevated positioning ensures privacy and an expansive view of the surrounding landscape.

THE 30 BEST SUBURBS TO LIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Best suburbs to live in Pennsylvania

Cities may have the nightlife, but the convenience and affordability of the suburbs are becoming hot as the millennial generation moves into its homebuying phase. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic shook up workplace norms and superheated the housing market, folks have been flocking away from major urban centers.

In Colorado, for instance, lesser-known suburbs outside of Denver such as Boulder have become magnets for young parents, ranking among the biggest destinations for out-of-state millennials who chose to move in 2023. And companies are taking note of the trend as well: Many are establishing satellite offices and new headquarters in less urban areas.

Stacker compiled a list of the best suburbs to live in Pennsylvania using data from Niche's 2024 Best Places to Live. Niche ranks places to live based on an array of factors, including the cost of living, educational level of residents, housing costs, and quality of schools.educational level of residents, housing costs, and quality of schools.

#30. Buckingham Township, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 424
- Population: 20,820
- Median household income: $181,855
- Median home value: $644,300 (95% own)
- Median rent: $1,475 (5% rent)
- Top public schools: Central Bucks High School – East (grade A+), Central Bucks High School – West (grade A+), Linden Elementary School (grade A)
- Top private schools: George School (grade A+), Solebury School (grade A+), Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School (grade A)School (grade A+), Suffield Academy (grade A+), Westminster School (grade A+)

#29. Edgeworth, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 417
- Population: 1,520
- Median household income: $208,333
- Median home value: $714,100 (91% own)
- Median rent: $1,313 (9% rent)
- Top public schools: Edgeworth Elementary School (grade A), Osborne Elementary School (grade A), Quaker Valley Middle School (grade A)
- Top private schools: Sewickley Academy (grade A+), Robinson Township Christian School (grade A minus), Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School (grade B+)

#28. Fox Chapel, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 404
- Population: 5,299
- Median household income: $250,001
- Median home value: $856,100 (93% own)
- Median rent: No data available (7% rent)
- Top public schools: Fox Chapel Area High School (grade A+), Fairview Elementary School (grade A+), Dorseyville Middle School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: Shady Side Academy (grade A+), Winchester Thurston School (grade A+), The Ellis School (grade A+)

#27. Spring House, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 387
- Population: 4,840
- Median household income: $160,938
- Median home value: $620,300 (85% own)
- Median rent: $2,450 (15% rent)
- Top public schools: The Souderton Charter School Collaborative (grade A+), Wissahickon Senior High School (grade A+), Wissahickon Middle School (grade A)
- Top private schools: Germantown Academy (grade A+), Abington Friends School (grade A+), Springside Chestnut Hill Academy (grade A+)

#26. Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 361
- Population: 6,756
- Median household income: $120,662
- Median home value: $449,600 (65% own)
- Median rent: $1,803 (35% rent)
- Top public schools: Plymouth-Whitemarsh Senior High School (grade A+), Plymouth Elementary School (grade A), Colonial Middle School (grade A)
- Top private schools: Germantown Friends School (grade A+), The Baldwin School (grade A+), Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+)

#25. Narberth, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 360
- Population: 4,478
- Median household income: $114,691
- Median home value: $620,300 (56% own)
- Median rent: $1,738 (44% rent)
- Top public schools: Harriton Senior High School (grade A+), Lower Merion High School (grade A+), Penn Valley School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: Germantown Friends School (grade A+), The Baldwin School (grade A+), Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+)

#24. Radnor Township, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 352
- Population: 33,260
- Median household income: $150,863
- Median home value: $762,400 (62% own)
- Median rent: $1,795 (38% rent)
- Top public schools: Radnor Senior High School (grade A+), Ithan Elementary School (grade A+), Radnor Middle School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: The Baldwin School (grade A+), Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+), The Episcopal Academy (grade A+)

#23. Charlestown Township, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 351
- Population: 6,093
- Median household income: $191,629
- Median home value: $719,200 (89% own)
- Median rent: $2,098 (11% rent)
- Top public schools: Valley Forge Middle School (grade A+), Valley Forge Elementary School (grade A+), Great Valley High School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: The Episcopal Academy (grade A+), Malvern Preparatory School (grade A+), Westtown School (grade A+)

#22. Haverford Township, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 348
- Population: 50,375
- Median household income: $124,875
- Median home value: $413,000 (87% own)
- Median rent: $1,584 (13% rent)
- Top public schools: Loomis Elementary School (grade A), Haverford Senior High School (grade A), Chatham Park Elementary School (grade A)
- Top private schools: The Baldwin School (grade A+), Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+), The Episcopal Academy (grade A+)

#21. West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 287
- Population: 1,516
- Median household income: $138,654
- Median home value: $391,100 (76% own)
- Median rent: $1,875 (24% rent)
- Top public schools: Upper Merion High School (grade A), Roberts Elementary School (grade A), Upper Merion Middle School (grade A)
- Top private schools: The Baldwin School (grade A+), Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+), The Episcopal Academy (grade A+)

#20. Blue Bell, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 285
- Population: 6,428
- Median household income: $152,417
- Median home value: $532,600 (90% own)
- Median rent: $2,813 (10% rent)
- Top public schools: Wissahickon Senior High School (grade A+), Plymouth-Whitemarsh Senior High School (grade A+), Wissahickon Middle School (grade A)
- Top private schools: The Baldwin School (grade A+), Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+), The Shipley School (grade A+)

#19. East Whiteland Township, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 280
- Population: 14,143
- Median household income: $137,439
- Median home value: $562,600 (60% own)
- Median rent: $1,862 (40% rent)
- Top public schools: Great Valley High School (grade A+), Charlestown Elementary School (grade A), Exton Elementary School (grade A)
- Top private schools: The Episcopal Academy (grade A+), Malvern Preparatory School (grade A+), Westtown School (grade A+)

#17. King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 264
- Population: 24,423
- Median household income: $107,139
- Median home value: $375,700 (49% own)
- Median rent: $1,854 (51% rent)
- Top public schools: Valley Forge Middle School (grade A+), Valley Forge Elementary School (grade A+), New Eagle Elementary School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: The Baldwin School (grade A+), Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+), The Episcopal Academy (grade A+)

#18. Exton, Pennsylvania

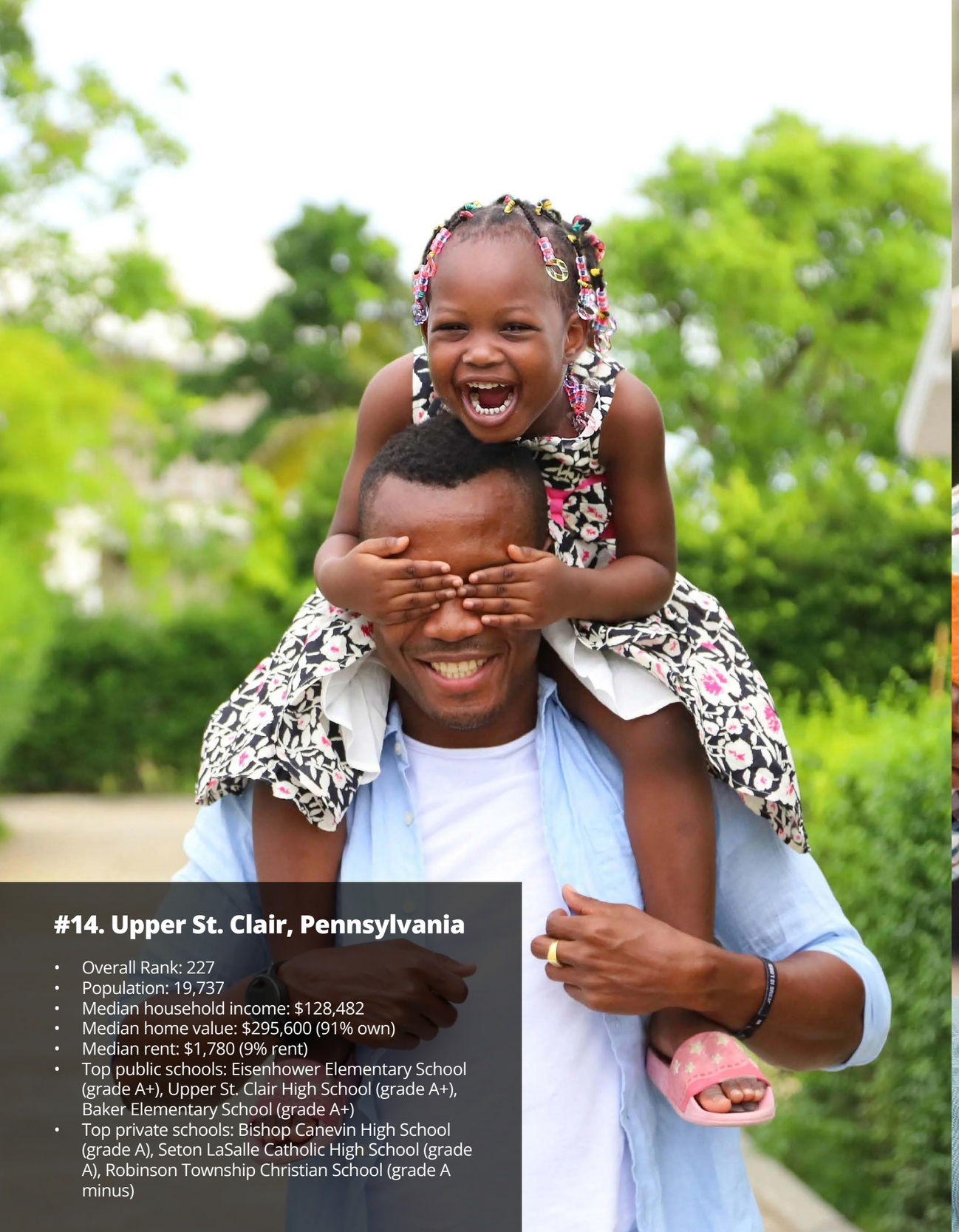
- Overall Rank: 270
- Population: 6,272
- Median household income: $120,489
- Median home value: $535,100 (32% own)
- Median rent: $1,943 (68% rent)
- Top public schools: J.R. Fugett Middle School (grade A), Mary C. Howse Elementary School (grade A), Henderson High School (grade A)
- Top private schools: The Episcopal Academy (grade A+), Malvern Preparatory School (grade A+), Westtown School (grade A+)

#15. Upper Uwchlan Township, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 238
- Population: 12,474
- Median household income: $186,688
- Median home value: $561,600 (92% own)
- Median rent: $2,994 (8% rent)
- Top public schools: Downingtown STEM Academy (grade A+), Lionville Middle School (grade A), Pickering Valley Elementary School (grade A)
- Top private schools: Malvern Preparatory School (grade A+), Church Farm School (grade A+), Kimberton Waldorf School (grade A)

#16. East Marlborough Township, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 241
- Population: 7,432
- Median household income: $144,515
- Median home value: $537,700 (91% own)
- Median rent: $896 (9% rent)
- Top public schools: The Charter School of Wilmington (grade A+), Unionville High School (grade A+), Pocopson Elementary School (grade A)
- Top private schools: Tower Hill School (grade A+), Westtown School (grade A+), Sanford School (grade A+)



#14. Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 227
- Population: 19,737
- Median household income: $128,482
- Median home value: $295,600 (91% own)
- Median rent: $1,780 (9% rent)
- Top public schools: Eisenhower Elementary School (grade A+), Upper St. Clair High School (grade A+), Baker Elementary School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: Bishop Canevin High School (grade A), Seton LaSalle Catholic High School (grade A), Robinson Township Christian School (grade A minus)

#13. Paoli, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 221
- Population: 6,121
- Median household income: $107,793
- Median home value: $445,300 (76% own)
- Median rent: $1,803 (24% rent)
- Top public schools: Conestoga Senior High School (grade A+), Valley Forge Middle School (grade A+), Hillside Elementary School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+), The Episcopal Academy (grade A+), Malvern Preparatory School (grade A+)

#12. Nether Providence Township, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 159
- Population: 14,432
- Median household income: $140,713
- Median home value: $400,300 (88% own)
- Median rent: $1,663 (12% rent)
- Top public schools: Wallingford Elementary School (grade A+), Swarthmore-Rutledge School (grade A+), Strath Haven High School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: The Episcopal Academy (grade A+), Friends' Central School (grade A+), The Agnes Irwin School (grade A+)

#11. Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 119
- Population: 4,703
- Median household income: $118,750
- Median home value: $331,600 (66% own)
- Median rent: $1,288 (34% rent)
- Top public schools: Jenkintown Middle/High School (grade A), Jenkintown Elementary School (grade A), Glenside Elementary School (grade B+)
- Top private schools: Germantown Friends School (grade A+), Germantown Academy (grade A+), William Penn Charter School (grade A+)

#10. Conshohocken, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 118
- Population: 9,182
- Median household income: $114,523
- Median home value: $381,100 (53% own)
- Median rent: $1,892 (47% rent)
- Top public schools: Plymouth-Whitemarsh Senior High School (grade A+), Plymouth Elementary School (grade A), Colonial Middle School (grade A)
- Top private schools: The Baldwin School (grade A+), Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+), The Episcopal Academy (grade A+)

#9. Mount Lebanon Township, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 113
- Population: 33,754
- Median household income: $117,881
- Median home value: $350,800 (76% own)
- Median rent: $1,071 (24% rent)
- Top public schools: Mt. Lebanon Senior High School (grade A+), Markham Elementary School (grade A+), Jefferson Middle School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: Winchester Thurston School (grade A+), Central Catholic High School (grade A), Oakland Catholic High School (grade A)

#7. Rose Valley, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 83
- Population: 1,187
- Median household income: $250,001
- Median home value: $679,700 (97% own)
- Median rent: $3,250 (3% rent)
- Top public schools: Wallingford Elementary School (grade A+), Strath Haven High School (grade A+), Strath Haven Middle School (grade A)
- Top private schools: Archmere Academy (grade A+), Delaware County Christian School (grade A+), The Christian Academy (grade A)

#8. Franklin Park, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 94
- Population: 15,305
- Median household income: $158,052
- Median home value: $436,300 (92% own)
- Median rent: $1,940 (8% rent)
- Top public schools: North Allegheny High School (grade A+), Bradford Woods Elementary School (grade A+), Franklin Elementary School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: Winchester Thurston School (grade A+), Sewickley Academy (grade A+), Oakland Catholic High School (grade A)

#6. Aspinwall, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 67
- Population: 2,890
- Median household income: $107,738
- Median home value: $367,700 (58% own)
- Median rent: $1,182 (42% rent)
- Top public schools: Fox Chapel Area High School (grade A+), Fairview Elementary School (grade A+), Dorseyville Middle School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: Shady Side Academy (grade A+), Winchester Thurston School (grade A+), The Ellis School (grade A+)

#5. Devon, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 51
- Population: 1,890
- Median household income: $206,827
- Median home value: $655,700 (97% own)
- Median rent: $2,177 (3% rent)
- Top public schools: Conestoga Senior High School (grade A+), Valley Forge Middle School (grade A+), Devon Elementary School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: The Baldwin School (grade A+), Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+), The Episcopal Academy (grade A+)

#4. Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 36
- Population: 6,507
- Median household income: $138,679
- Median home value: $504,900 (78% own)
- Median rent: $1,376 (22% rent)
- Top public schools: Swarthmore-Rutledge School (grade A+), Strath Haven High School (grade A+), Strath Haven Middle School (grade A)
- Top private schools: Friends' Central School (grade A+), Archmere Academy (grade A+), Delaware County Christian School (grade A+)

#3. Penn Wynne, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 21
- Population: 6,127
- Median household income: $142,005
- Median home value: $465,300 (86% own)
- Median rent: $1,838 (14% rent)
- Top public schools: Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School (grade A+), Lower Merion High School (grade A+), Bala Cynwyd Middle School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: Germantown Friends School (grade A+), The Baldwin School (grade A+), Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+)

#2. Ardmore, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 5
- Population: 14,075
- Median household income: $117,997
- Median home value: $424,100 (65% own)
- Median rent: $1,615 (35% rent)
- Top public schools: Harriton Senior High School (grade A+), Lower Merion High School (grade A+), Penn Valley School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: The Baldwin School (grade A+), Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (grade A+), The Episcopal Academy (grade A+)

#1. Chesterbrook, Pennsylvania

- Overall Rank: 2
- Population: 5,428
- Median household income: $135,849
- Median home value: $406,200 (65% own)
- Median rent: $2,554 (35% rent)
- Top public schools: Conestoga Senior High School (grade A+), Valley Forge Middle School (grade A+), Valley Forge Elementary School (grade A+)
- Top private schools: The Episcopal Academy (grade A+), Malvern Preparatory School (grade A+), Westtown School (grade A+)

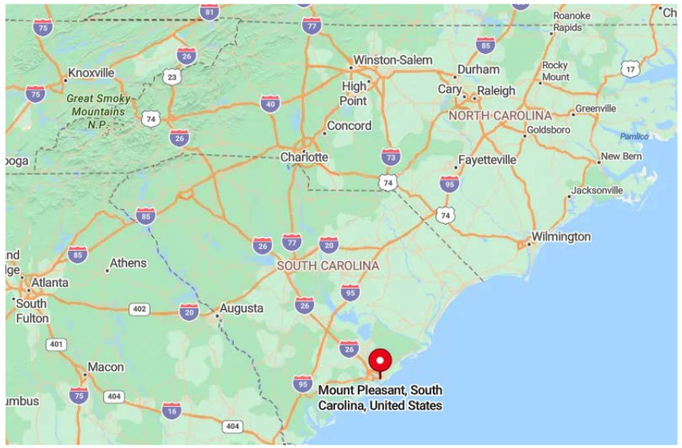
Here's What

$5 MILLION WILL GET YOU FOR A HOUSE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

(7 Properties)

BY JON DYKSTRA

South Carolina's $5 million homes offer a glimpse into the state's most luxurious and distinctive real estate, combining refined design with the region's natural beauty and historic appeal. From waterfront estates with private docks to historic mansions rich in Southern charm, these properties represent the pinnacle of high-end living. With features like expansive porches, custom interiors, private pools, and breathtaking views, these homes cater to a variety of lifestyles, whether you're drawn to vibrant coastal communities, serene countryside retreats, or the cultural richness of historic districts. In this post, we'll explore seven exceptional properties that showcase the very best of luxury living in the Palmetto State.



Where is Mount Pleasant, SC?

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, is located in the southeastern part of the state, in Charleston County. It lies approximately 8 miles east of Charleston, 20 miles southwest of Isle of Palms, and 100 miles south of Myrtle Beach. Positioned along U.S. Highway 17, Mount Pleasant serves as a gateway to the Charleston Harbor and the nearby barrier islands. The town is known for its waterfront attractions, including boating, fishing, and dining along Shem Creek, as well as its historic charm and proximity to the vibrant cultural scene of Charleston.

7. Mount Pleasant, SC – $4,550,000

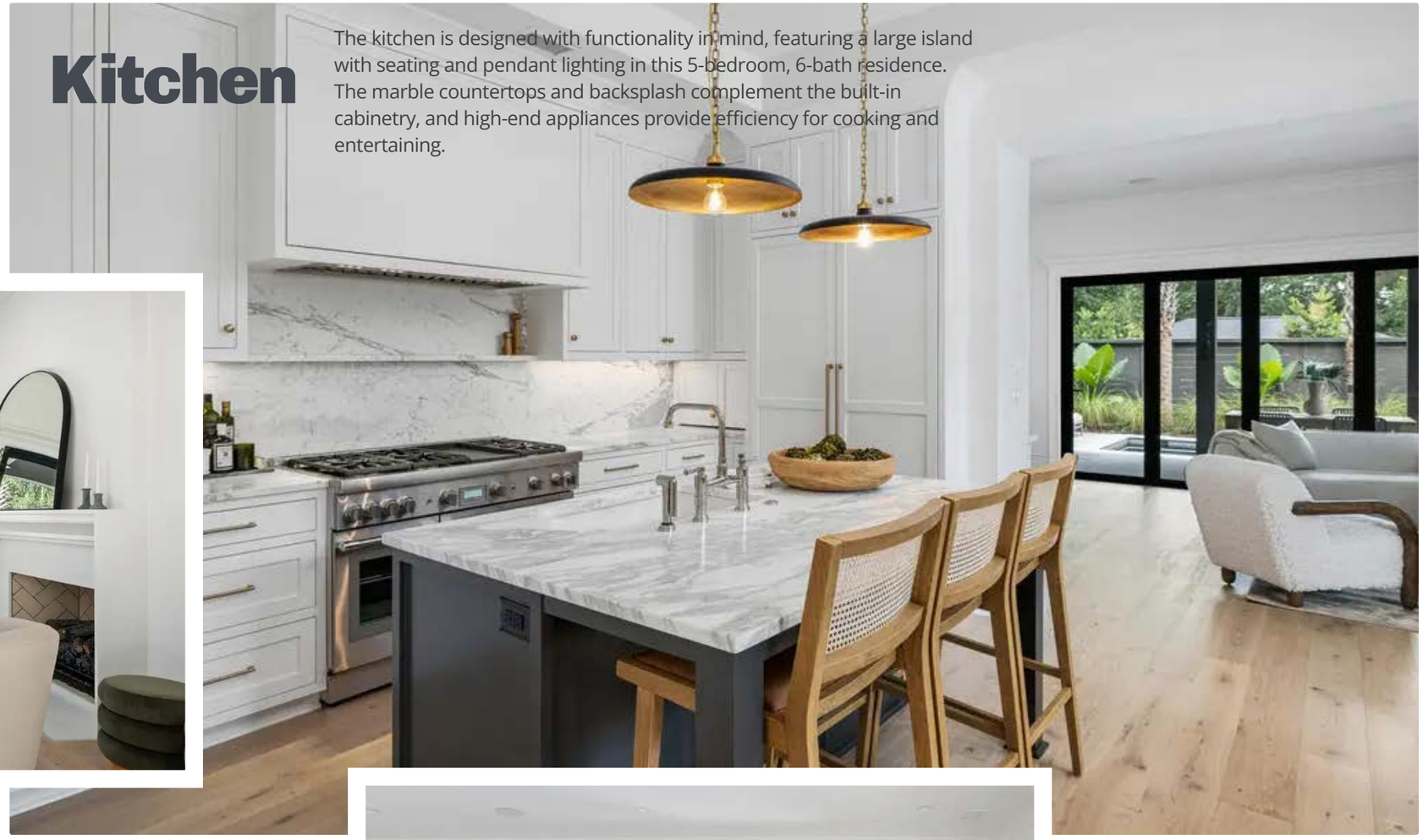
Valued at $4,550,000, this 4,053 sq. ft. home in Mount Pleasant, SC, features 5 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms on a beautifully landscaped property. The exterior blends warm brick with blue stone accents, complemented by extensive lighting design. Inside, the home offers eleven-foot ceilings, European White Oak flooring, and a foyer leading to an open-concept kitchen, dining, and living area with views of the backyard pool and outdoor retreat. The kitchen includes Calcatta Belgia marble countertops, a central island, Thermador appliances, and a hidden scullery with additional storage and prep space. The home offers two primary suites—one on each floor—along with a library, built-in wet bar, a mudroom, and ample storage, including a discreet attic access door in the fifth bedroom.

Living Room

The living area connects seamlessly to the outdoor space in this 5-bedroom, 6-bath home, featuring a fireplace and expansive sliding glass doors that provide direct access to the patio. The open floor plan allows for versatile furniture arrangements, while recessed lighting enhances the functionality of the space.

Kitchen

The kitchen is designed with functionality in mind, featuring a large island with seating and pendant lighting in this 5-bedroom, 6-bath residence. The marble countertops and backsplash complement the built-in cabinetry, and high-end appliances provide efficiency for cooking and entertaining.



Primary Bedroom

The bedroom features multiple windows, offering a view of the landscaped outdoor area in this 5-bedroom, 6-bath home. The neutral color scheme complements the natural light, while the spacious layout accommodates various bedroom configurations.

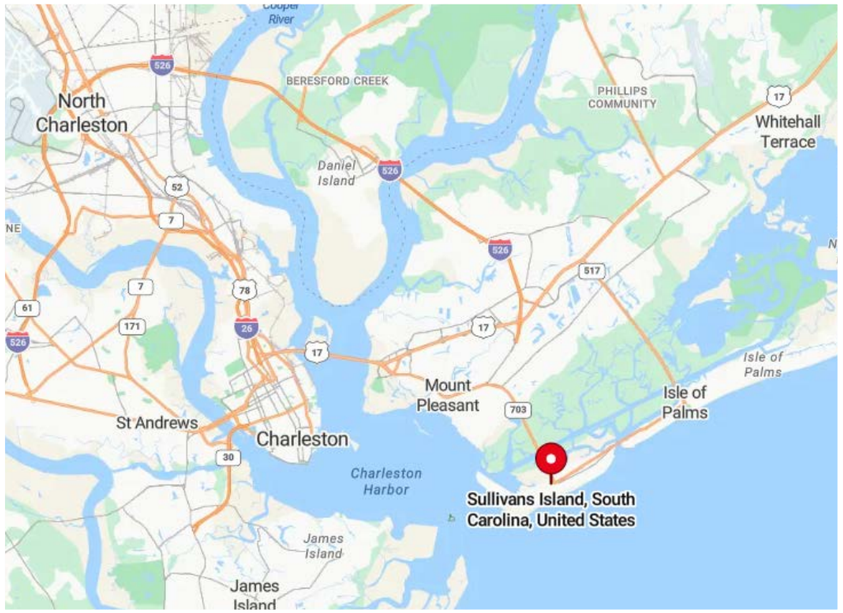
Dining Room

The dining area provides a well-structured layout with a built-in bar, a modern chandelier, and large windows in this 5-bedroom, 6-bath property. The floor-to-ceiling cabinetry offers additional storage, and the open connection to the kitchen supports effortless hosting.

Source: Kim Meyer @ Smith Spencer Real Estate via Coldwell Banker Realty

Pool Area

The outdoor pool area overlooks the water, creating a functional space in this 6-bedroom, 7.5-bath home. The pool design includes multiple levels, with seating areas arranged for relaxation. The patio extends along the water's edge, enhancing the outdoor experience.



Where is Sullivan's Island, SC?

Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, is located in the southeastern part of the state, in Charleston County, along the Atlantic Ocean.

It lies approximately 10 miles east of downtown Charleston, just north of Isle of Palms, and about 120 miles south of Myrtle Beach.

Positioned near U.S. Highway 17 and connected to the mainland by the Ben Sawyer Bridge, Sullivan's Island is a small, charming barrier island known for its pristine beaches, historic sites like Fort Moultrie, and a laid-back community atmosphere.

The island offers a blend of natural beauty, rich history, and proximity to the cultural attractions of Charleston.

6. Sullivan's Island, SC $5,495,000

In Sullivan's Island, this is offered for $5,495,000. This property features 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, and 4,043 sq ft of living space with Brazilian cherry floors and 10-foot ceilings throughout. The main floor includes a gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, a stainless farm sink, a 48-inch Viking range, a Subzero refrigerator, and a pantry, along with a dining room that opens to the front screened porch.

The living room features coffered ceilings, multiple French doors leading to a private deck, and access to a heated gunite Wi-Fi-controlled pool. The second primary suite on the main floor includes a spacious bathroom with a double vanity, walk-in glass shower, and pool access. Upstairs, the primary suite offers a private deck, an en-suite bathroom with a soaking tub, steam shower, and heated floors, along with two additional guest suites with vaulted ceilings and en-suite baths.

Dining Room

The dining room features a central chandelier, wainscoting, and tall windows. Located in a 4-bedroom, 5-bathroom home spanning 4,043 sq ft, the room provides a dedicated space for meals. The layout includes easy access to adjacent areas.

Kitchen

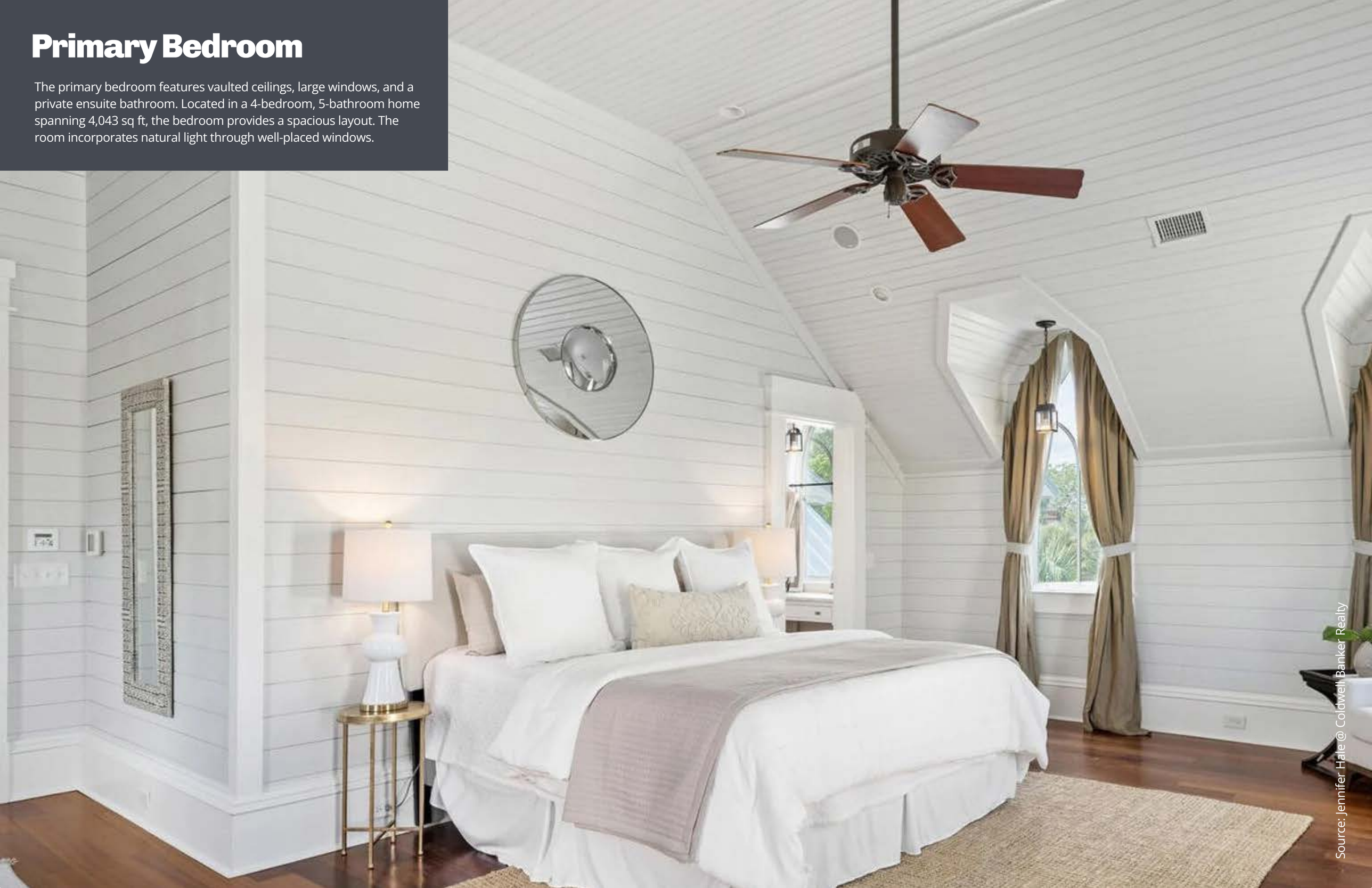
The kitchen includes a central island, custom cabinetry, and stainless steel appliances. Located in a 4-bedroom, 5-bathroom home spanning 4,043 sq ft, the kitchen offers ample counter space and a tiled backsplash. The design ensures efficient use of space.

Living Room

The living room includes a fireplace framed by built-in shelves and coffered ceilings. Located in a 4-bedroom, 5-bathroom home spanning 4,043 sq ft, the room connects to outdoor spaces through French doors. The design emphasizes functionality and natural light.

Primary Bedroom

The primary bedroom features vaulted ceilings, large windows, and a private ensuite bathroom. Located in a 4-bedroom, 5-bathroom home spanning 4,043 sq ft, the bedroom provides a spacious layout. The room incorporates natural light through well-placed windows.



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Where is Mount Spartanburg, SC?

Spartanburg, South Carolina, is located in the northwestern part of the state, in Spartanburg County, at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It lies approximately 30 miles east of Greenville, 90 miles northwest of Columbia, the state capital, and about 80 miles west of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Positioned at the crossroads of Interstates 85 and 26, Spartanburg serves as a regional hub for education, manufacturing, and transportation. Known for its cultural institutions, such as the Chapman Cultural Center, and its outdoor attractions, including Croft State Park, the city blends urban amenities with access to nature and historical landmarks.

5. Spartanburg, SC $4,500,000

Valued at $4,500,000, this property is located in Spartanburg. This property features 5 bedrooms, 8 bathrooms, and 7,000 sq ft of living space with elaborate crown molding and high ceilings throughout. The kitchen includes marble countertops, a stainless steel Thermador cooktop, black appliances, and cabinetry inspired by a historic pine mantle, along with a butler's pantry, laundry room, and Dutch door leading to a 3-bay garage. The primary bedroom features a vintage mantle, eight cedar closets, a sitting room with pickled pine paneling, and a bathroom with dual vanities, a soaking tub, and a walk-in shower. Additional spaces include a billiards room with black walnut panels, a covered balcony-style patio, and a guest bedroom with an ensuite bathroom.

Living Room

The living room showcases a detailed fireplace mantel and elegant crown molding in a 5-bedroom, 8-bathroom home spanning 7,000 sq ft. Large windows bring in natural light, highlighting the hardwood floors.The kitchen is designed with functionality in mind, featuring a large island with seating and pendant lighting in this 5-bedroom, 6-bath residence.

Kitchen

The kitchen features custom wood cabinetry, a central island, and granite countertops. Expansive windows provide views of the surrounding property, enhancing this spacious area in a 7,000 sq ft home.

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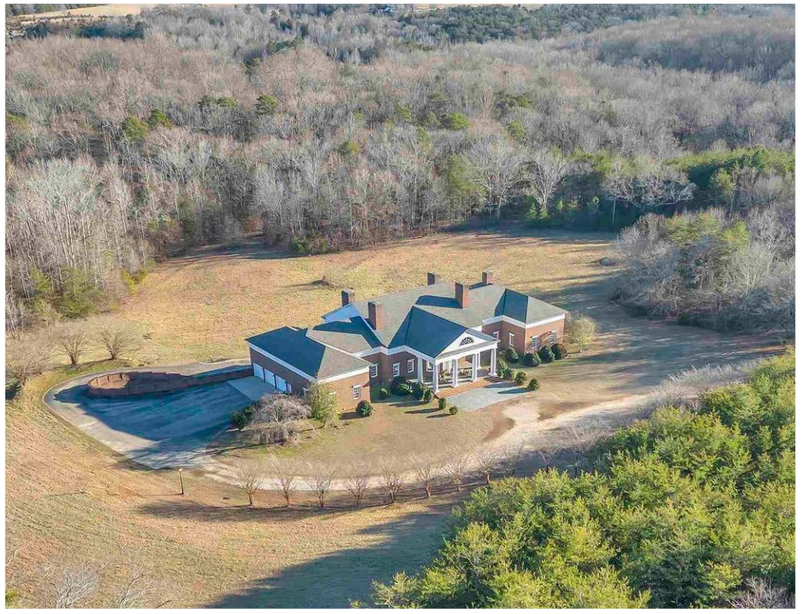
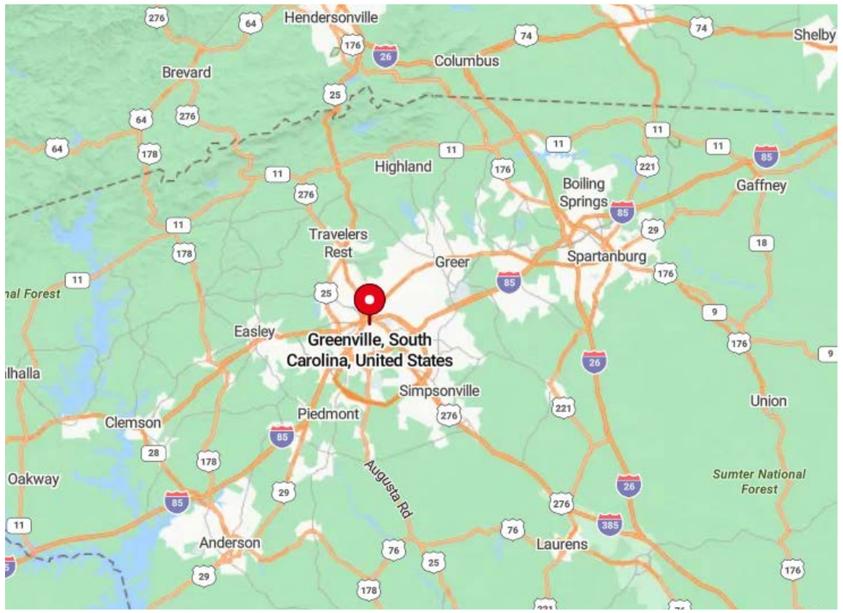
Library

The two-story library includes built-in bookshelves, a spiral staircase, and abundant lighting. This functional space reflects the home's thoughtful design, part of the 5-bedroom, 8-bathroom layout.



Aerial View

The property spans an expansive acreage, with the home centrally located and surrounded by wooded areas. The architecture reflects classic design in this 7,000 sq ft.



Where is Greenville, SC?

Greenville, South Carolina, is located in the northwestern part of the state, in Greenville County, at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

It lies approximately 100 miles northwest of Columbia, the state capital, 40 miles southeast of Asheville, North Carolina, and about 90 miles southwest of Charlotte, North Carolina.

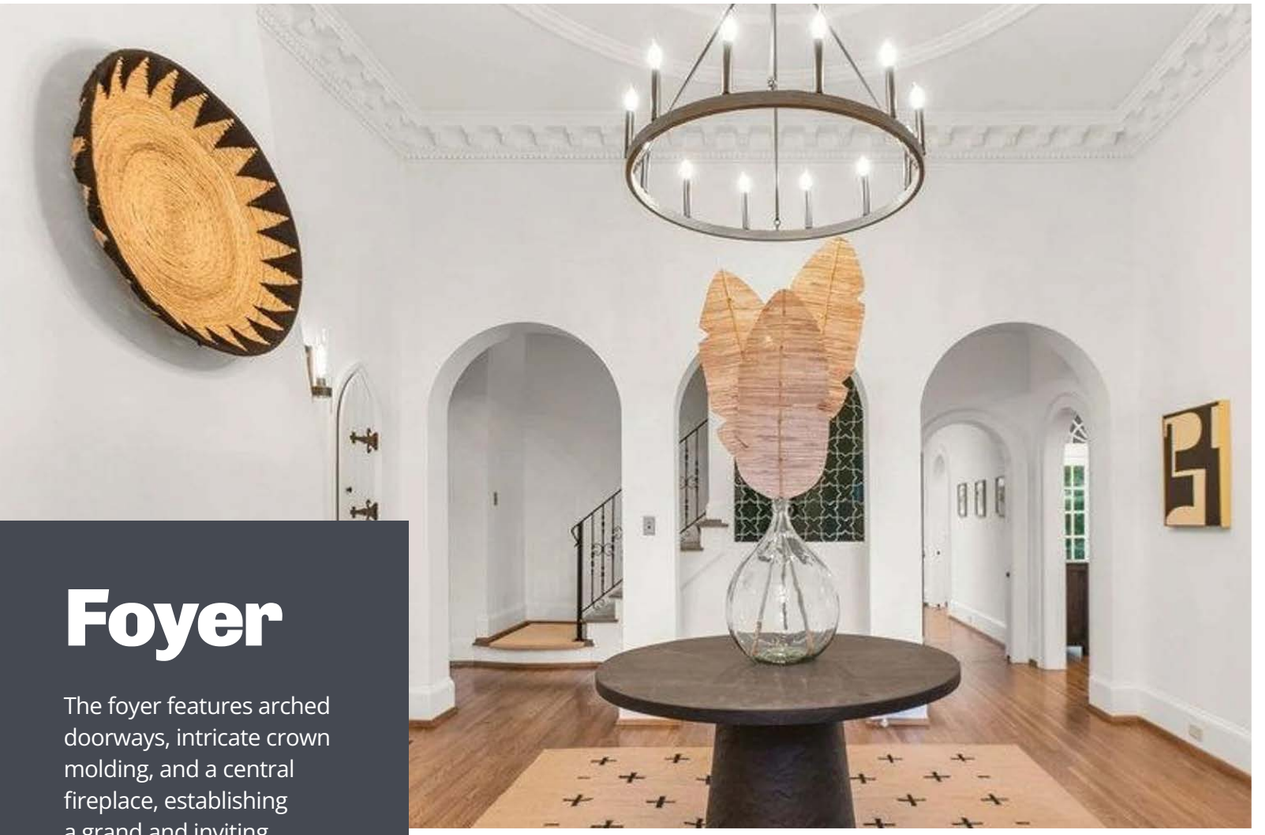
Positioned along Interstate 85 and U.S. Highway 25, Greenville serves as a vibrant economic and cultural hub for the Upstate region.

The city is known for its revitalized downtown, Falls Park on the Reedy, the Swamp Rabbit Trail, and its thriving arts and culinary scene, offering a blend of urban sophistication and natural beauty.

4. Greenville, SC $4,450,000

For $4,450,000, this is what's available in Greenville. This property features 6 bedrooms, 8 bathrooms, and 6,600 sq ft of living space across three levels. The main level includes three bedrooms, formal living and dining rooms, a large kitchen with premium appliances, a hidden pantry, and a breakfast and keeping room with floor-to-ceiling arched windows.

The upper level features a primary suite with vaulted ceilings, a fireplace, a hidden office nook, a spa-like bathroom with a marble steam shower, and a custom walk-in closet, along with a second ensuite bedroom. The basement offers a game room, wine cellar with a tasting room, and a guest suite, along with a large cedar-lined storage room. Outdoor amenities include four courtyards, covered terraces, a detached 6-car tandem garage, and a heated saltwater pool with a covered fireplace.



Foyer

The foyer features arched doorways, intricate crown molding, and a central fireplace, establishing a grand and inviting entrance to this 6-bedroom, 8-bathroom home spanning 6,600 sq ft. Hardwood flooring and elegant details set the tone for the rest of the residence.

Living Room

The living room includes expansive arched windows, a fireplace, and detailed ceiling work, creating a well-lit and refined space. This room connects to outdoor spaces, seamlessly blending indoor and outdoor living within the 6,600 sq ft layout.

Dining Room

The dining room showcases a high ceiling with intricate crown molding, a statement chandelier, and large glass doors that open to the exterior. The spacious design complements the 8-bathroom home and enhances its functionality for entertaining.

Home Office

The office includes built-in wood shelving, a fireplace, and ample workspace, combining practicality with elegance. Natural light from large windows enhances the ambiance, reflecting the home's detailed design.

Kitchen

The kitchen features custom cabinetry, a large island with seating, high-end stainless steel appliances, and detailed backsplash tiling. Its thoughtful design supports everyday living and entertaining within the 6-bedroom, 6,600 sq ft residence.

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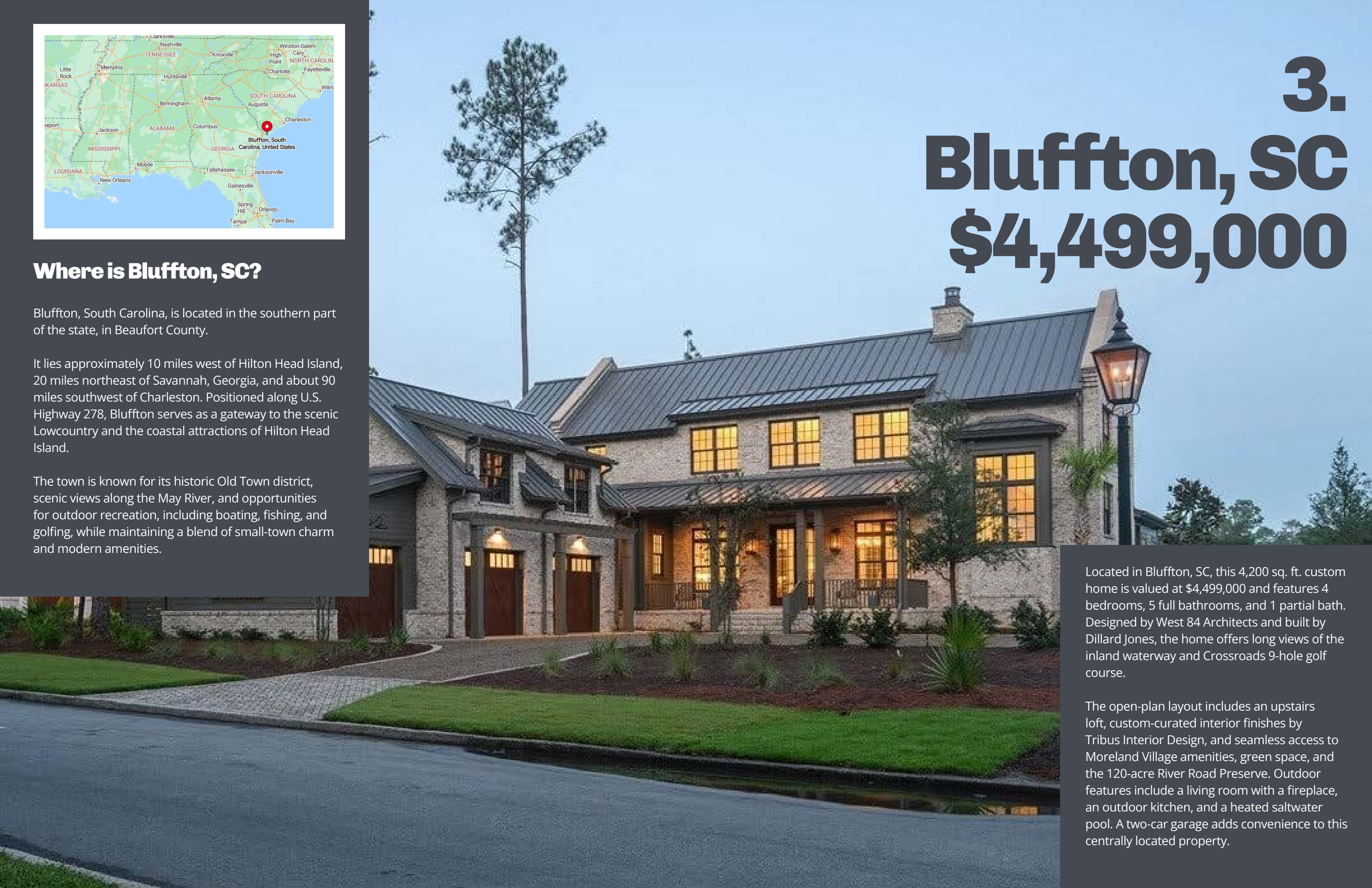
Where is Bluffton, SC?

Bluffton, South Carolina, is located in the southern part of the state, in Beaufort County.

It lies approximately 10 miles west of Hilton Head Island, 20 miles northeast of Savannah, Georgia, and about 90 miles southwest of Charleston. Positioned along U.S. Highway 278, Bluffton serves as a gateway to the scenic Lowcountry and the coastal attractions of Hilton Head Island.

The town is known for its historic Old Town district, scenic views along the May River, and opportunities for outdoor recreation, including boating, fishing, and golfing, while maintaining a blend of small-town charm and modern amenities.

3. Bluffton, SC $4,499,000



Located in Bluffton, SC, this 4,200 sq. ft. custom home is valued at $4,499,000 and features 4 bedrooms, 5 full bathrooms, and 1 partial bath. Designed by West 84 Architects and built by Dillard Jones, the home offers long views of the inland waterway and Crossroads 9-hole golf course.

The open-plan layout includes an upstairs loft, custom-curated interior finishes by Tribus Interior Design, and seamless access to Moreland Village amenities, green space, and the 120-acre River Road Preserve. Outdoor features include a living room with a fireplace, an outdoor kitchen, and a heated saltwater pool. A two-car garage adds convenience to this centrally located property.

Living Room

The living room includes a brick fireplace, exposed wooden beams, and built-in cabinetry, offering a functional layout. Large glass doors lead to the outdoor area, enhancing the connection between indoor and outdoor spaces in this 4-bedroom, 5-bath home.

Bedroom

The bedroom offers large windows that bring in natural light and provide views of the outdoor surroundings. A tray ceiling with a central chandelier enhances the space in this 4-bedroom, 5-bath residence. The layout allows easy access to the en-suite bathroom.

Kitchen

The kitchen features an expansive island with seating, pendant lighting, and high-end appliances. Custom cabinetry and a stainless steel refrigerator provide ample storage in the 4-bedroom, 5-bath layout. The open design integrates with the living and dining areas.

Screened Porch

The screened porch includes a brick fireplace, a wood-paneled ceiling, and a seating area for year-round use. This feature extends the living space in the 4-bedroom, 5-bath residence. Large windows frame scenic views of the surrounding landscape.

Backyard

The backyard highlights a landscaped yard with a paved patio and seating area. This outdoor space complements the design of the 4-bedroom, 5-bath home. The screened porch and expansive lawn provide additional recreational space.

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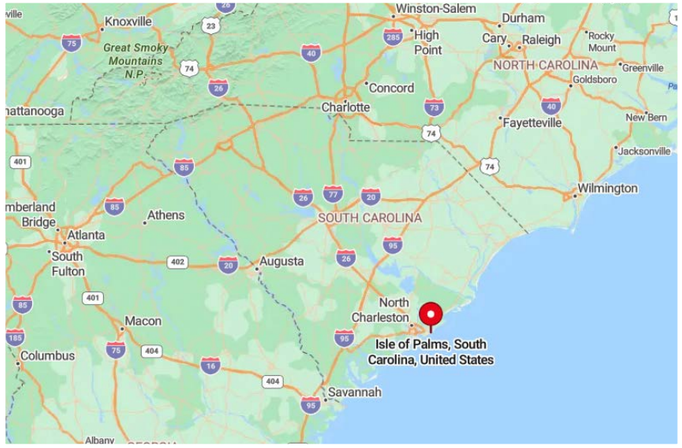

Where is Isle Of Palms, SC?

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, is located in the southeastern part of the state, in Charleston County. It lies approximately 8 miles east of Charleston, 20 miles southwest of Isle of Palms, and 100 miles south of Myrtle Beach. Positioned along U.S. Highway 17, Mount Pleasant serves as a gateway to the Charleston Harbor and the nearby barrier islands. The town is known for its waterfront attractions, including boating, fishing, and dining along Shem Creek, as well as its historic charm and proximity to the vibrant cultural scene of Charleston.

2.
Isle Of Palms, SC
$4,250,000

This 4,100 sq. ft. home in Isle of Palms, SC, is valued at $4,250,000 and features 5 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms. The property boasts a full front covered porch with crossed wooden and cable railings, a metal roof, shaker accents, and gas lanterns, enhancing its curb appeal.

The open-concept kitchen flows into an expansive great room and out to a large screened porch with an outdoor fireplace, overlooking the in-ground pool. Interior finishes include quartz countertops, custom cabinetry, professional-grade appliances, boutique lighting, wide plank wood flooring, and designer tile.

The home offers two primary suites—one on each level—along with a media room and additional en suite bedrooms, providing ample space for relaxation and entertainment.

Living Room

The living room in this 5-bedroom, 6-bath home features a fireplace with built-in cabinets for storage and display. Large windows bring in natural light, while seating is arranged around a central coffee table. The open layout allows for easy connection to nearby spaces.

Dining Room

The dining area, part of this 5-bedroom, 6-bath home, includes a spacious table with seating for eight. A large chandelier provides illumination, and surrounding windows and sliding doors lead to the outdoor area. The layout offers a seamless transition to the adjacent living room.

Kitchen

The kitchen in this 5-bedroom, 6-bath home includes a large island with seating for four and additional prep space. Stainless steel appliances, white cabinetry, and a vent hood over the cooktop ensure a functional workspace. Glass-front cabinets and open shelving provide versatile storage options.

Primary Bedroom

This 5-bedroom, 6-bath home offers a bedroom with multiple windows that provide natural light and outdoor views. A ceiling fan enhances airflow, and the layout includes essential furnishings. The neutral color scheme creates a comfortable setting.

Primary Bathroom

The bathroom in this 5-bedroom, 6-bath home includes dual sinks with ample counter space, a large walk-in shower, and a freestanding bathtub. Windows brings in natural light, and the vanity design incorporates practical storage solutions.

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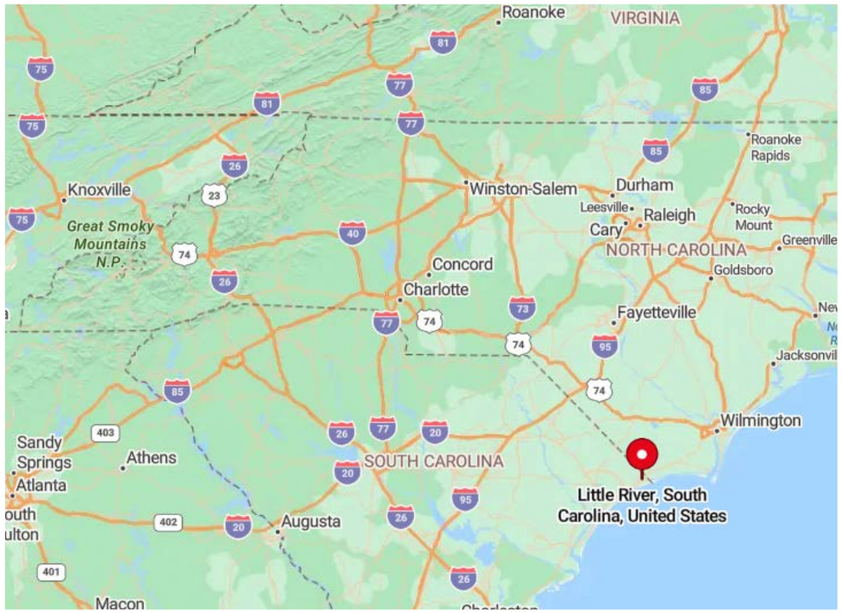


Where is Little River, SC?

Little River, South Carolina, is located in the northeastern part of the state, in Horry County, near the North Carolina border.

It lies approximately 20 miles north of Myrtle Beach, 10 miles south of Calabash, North Carolina, and about 120 miles northeast of Charleston. Positioned along U.S. Highway 17, Little River serves as a gateway to the Grand Strand and nearby coastal attractions.

The town is known for its fishing heritage, waterfront dining, and annual events such as the Blue Crab Festival. Little River offers a laid-back coastal lifestyle with access to boating, fishing, and golf while being close to the bustling tourist areas of Myrtle Beach.

1. Little River, SC $4,495,000

This 9,978 sq. ft. home in Little River, SC, is valued at $4,495,000 and features 6 bedrooms and 7.5 bathrooms on a 0.22-acre lot. A grand circular driveway leads to the raised beach-style residence, which includes a 3.5-car garage and an entertainment room with a full wet bar and a 16-foot stackable sliding glass door opening to the pool, outdoor kitchen, and a sand area.

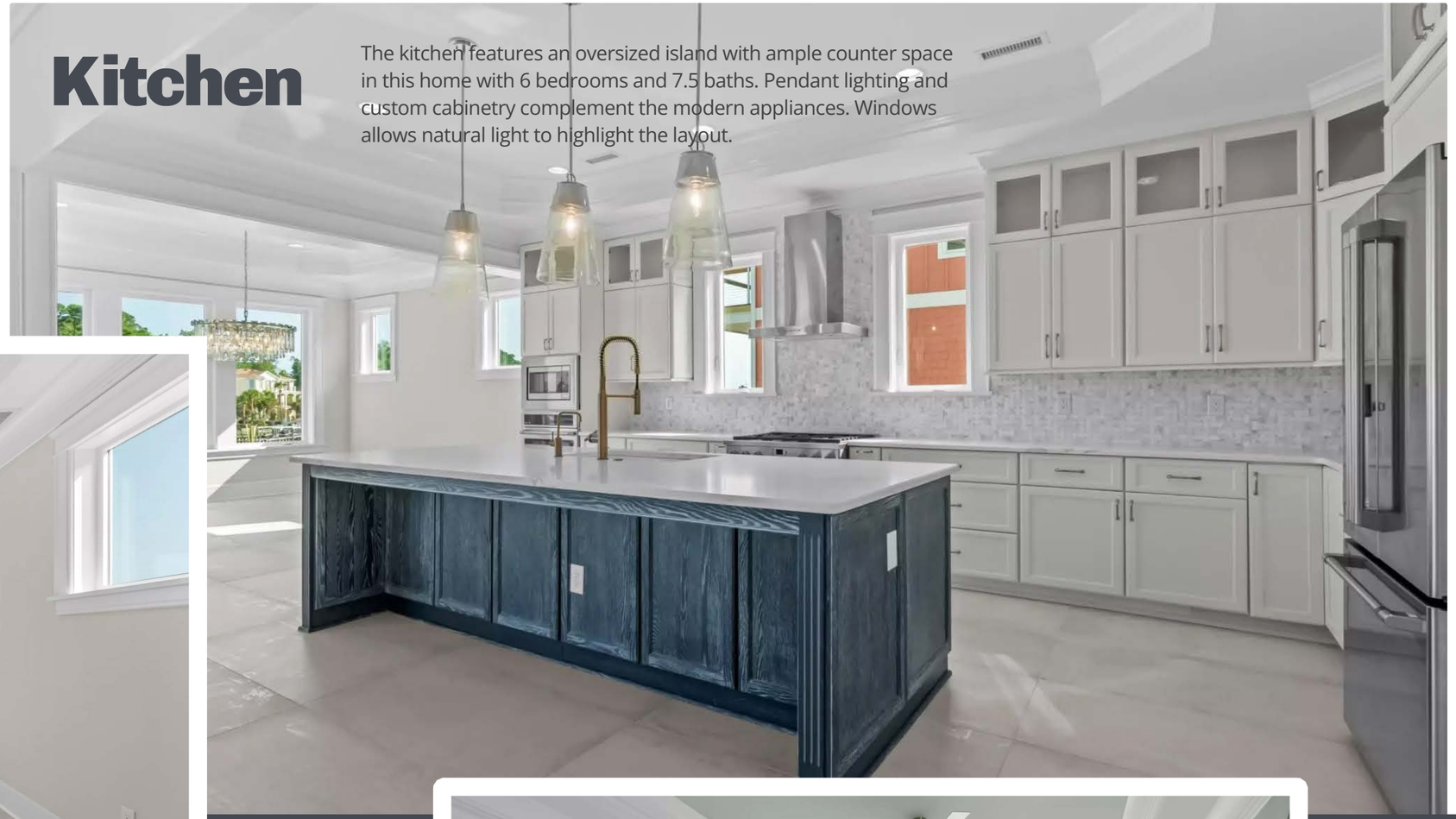
The first floor offers a fully equipped mother-in-law suite with an efficient kitchen, custom cabinetry, and a full bath with a custom tile shower. The second floor, accessible by elevator, features a grand parlor with coffered 19-foot ceilings, a gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry and Calcutta quartz finishes, and a formal dining room with waterway views. The third floor provides additional bedrooms with private baths, a loft space for entertaining, and an expansive deck offering panoramic views of the Intracoastal Waterway.

Dining Room

The dining area is surrounded by large windows, offering views of the waterfront in this 6-bedroom, 7.5-bath home. Sliding glass doors open to the outdoor space, providing easy access to the patio. The ceiling design and lighting fixture enhance the openness of the space.

Kitchen

The kitchen features an oversized island with ample counter space in this home with 6 bedrooms and 7.5 baths. Pendant lighting and custom cabinetry complement the modern appliances. Windows allows natural light to highlight the layout.



Bedroom

A spacious bedroom includes sliding doors leading to a balcony, part of this 6-bedroom, 7.5-bath residence. A coffered ceiling adds architectural detail, while multiple windows provide a view of the surrounding landscape. The open layout connects seamlessly to adjacent areas.

Pool Area

The outdoor pool area overlooks the water, creating a functional space in this 6-bedroom, 7.5-bath home. The pool design includes multiple levels, with seating areas arranged for relaxation. The patio extends along the water's edge, enhancing the outdoor experience.

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