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417 Hermosa
Palm Springs
California

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EXTERIOR

Fifty mature palms dot the 1.5 acre estate, complete with Italian tile swimming pool, three guest casitas, a commercial outdoor kitchen and twin rose gardens.

INTERIOR

Seven bedrooms and nine and-a-half-baths comprise this massive 10,226 square-foot home. The wine cellar can accommodate up to 1,000 bottles while the master bedroom suite flows through over 2,000 square feet of lavish living space.



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Old Hollywood Glamour Restored

By Julia Countryman

If you listen carefully, you can almost hear the clink of martini glasses, the notes of a Cole Porter standard and the swish of an evening dress caught in the night breeze. The restoration of 417 West Hermosa, a storied Old Las Palmas estate, has brought more than an elegant home back to life. It's returned Hollywood's Golden Age to the desert.

The estate, built in the 1930s, was restored to more than its original grandeur in 2007. While a description of the 1.5-acre grounds and 10,226 square foot house with its seven bedrooms and nine and one-half baths provides the details of the restoration, only a visit can convey its beauty.

The formal entrance beckons: a three-tiered Cantera limestone fountain stands in the courtyard. Stained-glass windows flank the front doors just beyond the fountain's waters, maximizing the privacy and entertaining potential of the rear grounds.

The thoughtfulness that went into the plan is evident as you walk the grounds: every bedroom opens to a unique outdoor feature, from twin rose gardens to a quiet reflecting pool with its mermaid statue.

As you enter the west wing, the 12-foot beamed ceilings with skylights



set the stage for the views of the fountain outside.

The kitchen, with its state-of-the-art appliances and handmade marble counters makes cooking a pleasure. It's a caterer's dream, with a 14-burner Viking™ stove, four ovens and side-by-side full-sized Sub Zero™ refrigerators and freezers. An adjacent wine cellar features a 1,000 bottle racking system.

The east wing is the center for luxurious retreats – both for entertaining and relaxing. It is easy to see how Elizabeth Taylor and Mike Todd once lived here, in the late 1950s.

The Master Suite is 2,000 square feet of luxury. The four room suite features the original two-sided fireplace with a Carrera marble hearth, 14-foot vaulted ceilings and restored original cabinetry.

A separate wardrobe room leads to the majestic bathroom with oversize shower and steam, fireplace and marble tub. French doors open to a private patio with its own spa. A private living room and office with views of the grounds and desert landscape complete the master retreat.

There are also two guest suites in this wing, both with private baths and one with its own living room. Three additional guest casitas are situated throughout the grounds.

"The property is unique in that it can just as easily be used to entertain 500 as serve as a family compound or retreat. The estate's historical significance was respected throughout the restoration. Its rich history and role in Hollywood's Golden Era can't be measured.



The master suite is comprised of four individual rooms.



The Carrera marble bath takes center stage in the master suite.



A 14-burner Viking™ stove complements four ovens in the grand kitchen.