



1. Secluded setting—home is on a double lot and surrounded by protected wilderness terrain 2. Kitchen includes a butler's pantry and office niche. 3. View of dining room with dome-shaped ceiling. 4. View of the main living area

Ferrari-driving, high-tech recluse to sell Westlake hideaway: it's on two lots and has a 5.5-car garage

Private setting includes exotic pool and guest house—surrounded on 3 sides by greenbelt. List price \$1,699,000

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If you are a ready-to-act buyer, buckle-up because your anticipation is getting ready to surge into the 'red zone'. Welcome to ~~10000 Imperial Hwy Drive~~ Austin, Texas 78746. At last, here is a home that hits the jackpot on all key ingredients—The location is close in...the architecture is dazzling...and the setting is shrouded in privacy.

Architectural Highlights

Like A 5.5-Car Garage

The home is the vision of one of the city's reclusive high-tech entrepreneurs. His creative and artistic inclinations elevate this residence to "one-of-a-kind" status. The first "delicious" attribute is the setting. The home is not only on a double lot at the end of a dead-end street...but the home also appears to have

grown out of its natural surroundings. The property sits on the edge of a vast wilderness terrain that is protected wildlife habitat. The scenic area surrounding the residence is deeded greenbelt space. This insures the home's future privacy.

Sorry, but doing a "drive-by" here is not possible as there are double gates—one at the entrance to the culdesac, and a second at the driveway (and the house broadcasts no clue from the curb).

If you were hovering over the property in a helicopter, you would see four structures as you looked down. There is a stone-wrapped, landscape-camouflaged double garage at streetside...then a movie star-caliber pool...guest house...and finally, the main house at the very back of the lot (lot is longer than a football field).

The main house has four bedrooms

and about 4,200 square feet. The stand-alone guest quarters has just over 1,000 square feet. In total, the home has five-and-a-half garage bays, five bedrooms, five baths, three living areas, home theater, a home office and full bar including a wine chiller, ice maker and refrigerator.

The current owner spent heavily to orchestrate this residence. No attention to detail was left out. There are separate landscape areas sprinkled across the property which give you the feeling of being on an estate. The mood totally changes at night. There is custom lighting in the beds and up in the trees that creates the effect of illumination by moonlight.

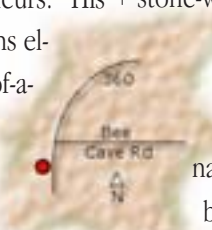
The guest residence has an array of uses. If you have seen guest houses elsewhere, they are usually small and of diminished quality. This one is huge, and detailed with the same style as the main

house. It has high ceilings, lots of glass (overlooks the pool), travertine floors, full kitchen with granite counters, living and dining areas, full bath and a large bedroom. It is also one story—perfect if there are older relatives who visit (or who may need to live with you).

Wouldn't it be fun to have the guest house stocked and ready to go when out-of-town friends come for a visit?

If you have teenage girls, this is where they can host a slumber party, and if you have a college-bound student the separation provided by the guest house can be a peacemaker given the odd hours they keep.

The main house is spectacular including an office/study with lots of built-in shelves, conference-style desk and storage. The master bedroom and a second bedroom are downstairs. Upstairs, there is another bedroom, workout room,



home theater and a full bar complete with wine refrigerator.

Please know this about the house. The grounds are out of this world, but there is not much of a traditional open yard for playing catch. Please pass if this is a requirement for you.

What A Pool!

Get the image of ordinary pools out of your mind. Instead, think about the design process that takes place when a spa hotel wants an exotic pool for its guests. For starters, the setting here is private—as in “bathing-suits-are-optional” private. The pool, and walkabout spaces are commercially sized—ideal for entertaining if you want to throw a summer bash and fundraiser complete with band and caterers. Organically shaped to resemble a pond, it provides not only a pool but also a water element. There are two waterfalls, and a small stream that connects the pool and hot tub.

Keep in mind, that architecturally speaking, the pool collaborates with the lavish, glass-lined guest house—they embrace to create a welcoming outdoor setting unlike anything you have ever seen.

...Right about now is a good time to pause. Take a deep breath and imagine you are actually living here. Close your eyes and pretend the sun has set, and the sky is filled with stars. A pleasant breeze is rolling through. The sound of moving water dominates your senses. Music is wafting from the outdoor speakers. A few floating candles are dancing across the water. You are at the bar mixing a set of drinks when out of the corner of your eye...there she goes...you get a glimpse of your sweetie streaking out of the guest house...headed

for the pool as she challenges you to see if you can catch her. As you make a dash for the pool you remember the research of a professor who has come to the conclusion that there is no scientific proof that life is serious. Live here, and every weekend will remind you of being on your honeymoon again.

How To See This Home

A couple of requests, please, before you ask for an appointment to see the home. Is the \$1,699,000 a comfortable price for you? (It is also possible to buy the home furnished). No casual lookers—serious inquiries only, and the seller asks that you contact your own agent to handle setting up an appointment. Weekdays, during business hours, are the best times, and at least a one-day notice is required. The seller is represented by Stan Barron Properties, 512.345-8585. Would you like to tell someone about this prop-



TOP: View of the guest house with pool just steps away. BOTTOM: Upstairs home theater in the main house.

erty? All of this information is on the web at www.stanbarron.com (plus there are additional photographs of the pool, kitchen, living areas and yard areas).

▼ Floorplan, site plan and map for Austin, Texas 78746. 5 bedrooms, 5 baths, 3 living, study, guest house, double lot, 5,200 sq. ft. \$1,699,000

