

A Private Island Estate off of Ocean City



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Among the area's one-of-a-kind residences, this private island retreat is one of the most sought-after residences on Maryland's Eastern Shore, located in Ocean City's Assawoman Bay and surrounded by a nature preserve. Included with the private island is a beautifully landscaped, buildable mainland lot, with a 95-foot bulkhead and boardwalk, which gives access to the island and provides ample extra parking — a perfect space to construct a single family home or guest house.

Behind the brick wall and through iron gates just off 15th Street in downtown Ocean City, a private 120-foot vehicular bridge, from the prestigious residential community of Mallard Island, leads to Goose Island. Here, the 5,000-square-foot Nantucket-inspired house with its cedar-shingle siding and roof awaits the homeowners, their family and guests. The driveway is edged with Old Baltimore brick. A detail which is also featured in the walkways and the impressive wall



and pillars that hold the wrought iron gates. Since its construction in 1981, the home has been the private residence of the same family. Only once was it occupied by anyone else, when it was confidentially rented for actor Richard Gere's use during the filming of "Runaway Bride" in nearby Berlin.

Classic New England design and meticulous attention to detail — featuring unmatched views

The home bears the exterior and interior touches of award-winning architect Lyman Perry, the most sought-after architect on Nantucket Island, whose portfolio includes the design and restoration of some 200 homes on the Massachusetts Island known for its millionaire and billionaire residents. Lyman was so struck by the location of the home that he flew down in his private plane to consult on renovations.

Upon entering the home, you are bathed in natural light flowing into the 24-foot-high atrium through an expansive 12-by-15-foot skylight. A 24-foot floor-to-ceiling coral rock wall and fireplace anchors the center of home, where the 900-square-foot living room and expansive dining area provide entertaining space with panoramic water views. The custom millwork, cabinetry and Carlisle wide plank soft pine floors in these rooms extend throughout the home, giving each space details that are both aesthetic and





functional.

The adjacent kitchen is the work of one of the nation's top kitchen designers, featuring custom painted birch cabinets by Premier Cabinetry of New Holland, Pennsylvania, a 5 foot x 8 foot center island with a teak countertop with a double-ogee edge. The kitchen is open to the family room and breakfast areas for large family gatherings. A spiral staircase, formed from a single piece of steam bent wood, provides a secondary access to the upstairs bedrooms.

Such an exquisite property deserves an exquisite primary suite, and the four-room layout delivers with sleeping area, two expansive dressing rooms, one with dozens of built in drawers and double-depth closets, and the other featuring a media room with custom cherry wardrobe and built-ins surrounding a large screen TV. The en suite bath features a jetted soaking tub, and a built-in "make-up"/vanity area with double sinks.

In fact, every room, upstairs and down, offers stunning views of the bay, including the Ocean City skyline and inlet, and views of both the Route 50 and Route 90 bridges, as well as sunrises and sunsets. The bay is alive with boating activity. A dedicated home office features a wall of built-in file cabinets, bookcases and desk area. The property gives little reason to leave the island.



The outdoors is the other half of the story

The home is only half the story: there's also 3,600-square-feet of resort-like outdoor entertaining space, including a Becker-Morgan designed gazebo and bar with ample cabinet space for outdoor entertaining, a full bathroom, as well as a hot tub and custom pool with an expansive deck that wraps around the home. The entire outdoor space includes stunning porches, patios and balconies that embrace the home where cool island breezes prevail.

Mature landscaping, including a lush lawn and waves of hydrangea greet you. Of course, as befitting an island accessible by boat, there is ample dock space around the

bulkhead, a boat lift and a deep channel.

The rest of the property retains its natural state, providing a home to herons, egrets, ospreys, eagles and other coastal birds and waterfowl. While the home is at one with nature, the island has approximately 1,100 linear feet of new vinyl-sheathing bulkhead.

Private, but connected

A private island connected to the mainland, just four blocks from the beach and Boardwalk, minutes by boat to the Ocean City inlet and Assateague Island, and one block from Harbour Island, home of the world famous White Marlin Open. Experience stunning sunrises and sunsets over the water from the splendor of Goose Island.



Price Upon Request
1546 Teal Dr., Ocean City, MD.
4 Bed | 5 Baths | 15,000 sq. ft. 3.55 Acres

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