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The Pasadena English Arts and Crafts estate known as El Arco is selling for \$7.495 million following a complete restoration.

110-year-old Pasadena estate once visited by Teddy Roosevelt going for \$7.5 million

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A five-bedroom English Arts and Crafts estate designed by lauded architect Sumner P. Hunt has listed for \$7.495 million in Pasadena.

Known as El Arco (or The Bow) for its curved shape, the three-level, 7,339-square-foot house — completed in 1910 and restored and renovated by the seller — has an eat-in gourmet kitchen, climate-controlled wine cellar and billiard room.

The kitchen contains a large center island with seating, stainless steel appliances, a pantry and a break-fast area.

Elsewhere on the main floor are formal living and dining rooms, a study and the family room.

Upstairs, the master retreat boasts a sitting area



A peek inside the estate's living room.

with a fireplace and a spa-like bathroom with a soaking tub and separate glass-enclosed shower.

On the lower level, near the wine cellar and billiard room, are a library and a dining and gaming area with kitchenette. Doors open to the rear patio's pergola-cov-

ered kitchen with built-in appliances, including a pizza oven.

The house sits on 1-plus acres of manicured grounds whose pathways lead to a variety of gardens, secluded gathering areas and a bocce court. "The grounds have comfortably hosted

large weddings and charity events," the listing reads.

Kevin Bourland of Compass is the listing agent.

Hunt practiced architecture in L.A. from 1888 to the late 1930s. Among his and his architectural partnerships most notable projects was the Bradbury Building (1893), Doheny Mansion (1899) and Southwest Museum (1912-14). He designed El Arco for Chicago transplant Charles D. Willard, a journalist and progressive political activist who, despite his frailty from tuberculosis, became a confidant of Theodore Roosevelt.

According to a 1978 article in the California Historical Society journal California History, the former 26th president of the United States visited Willard at home in 1912.

Their letters are kept at the Huntington Library.