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The 25 Most Expensive Homes in the World for Sale

From Bel Air to Barbados, from Hong Kong to the Hamptons, here are the priciest listings on the planet.

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It shouldn't come as much of a surprise that 2020 wasn't a great year to be selling a million-dollar mansion. Luxury real estate markets the world over were already suffering from a slump even before the Covid-19 pandemic took its toll on the global economy. So this year our list of most expensive homes is more crowded with nine-digit offerings—and repeat entries from 2019—than ever. Of course, that won't stop the prime real estate market from churning, even if more slowly. And if you're going to quarantine somewhere, you could do worse than one of the impressive properties below. Here, the 25 the most expensive homes currently on market around the world.

25. Stonewall Farm, Westchester County, New York — \$100 Million



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This 740-acre property is one for the equestrian set. The owner, Calvin Klein cofounder Barry Schwartz, put three huge barns on the property—altogether, there's room for 88 steeds—plus a race track and fenced paddocks. Your accommodations are just as spacious—the main residence is a massive, 24,000-square-foot building designed in the Colonial style and that has one of the most impressive libraries we've seen, with two stories worth of books and a spiral staircase. Also on the property are a 60-foot pool, gardens and a butterfly house. But if you're a horse person, you'll most likely be saddling up and riding one of the property's many nature trails.

13. Green Gables, Woodside, California — \$130 Million



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Green Gables' price tag, which, until this year, was kept under wraps, is a real doozy. It exceeds even our estimates of about \$117 million from last year, instead leveraging its history and acreage to try and find a taker at \$130 million. And there's certainly plenty of both: The home sits on 74 acres of land in Woodside, and the original home has remained since it was originally built back in 1911. Back then it was owned by banker Mortimer Fleishhacker, and it's been passed down in the family ever since. It's easy to see why they'd want to keep it around. The grounds are home to trails through the redwoods, oaks and eucalyptus—there's even a Michelin star pub that comes with the place.

3. Pierre Cardin's Bubble Palace, France — \$390 Million



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The <u>Bubble Palace</u>'s distinct architecture makes it a real standout offering—but it also makes it a hard sell. Not everyone will love the cartoonish look of the place, though it certainly made sense for owner and fashion designer Pierre Cardin and his more eccentric tastes. Cardin commissioned Hungarian architect Antti Lovag to design the "palace" by the Cannes coast in 1975; Lovag took inspiration from the prehistoric caves that early human dwelled in for the Bubble Palace, creating a 12,900-square-foot network of circular rooms. It's brazen, ridiculous and there's nothing else like it in the world. It all tracks for Lovag, though, who once said that the straight line was "an aggression against nature."