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Step Inside the Home Katharine Hepburn Called "Paradise"

SHE CALLED IT "PARADISE." AND WE AGREE.



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It's easy to daydream about what it might be like to own a beach house, but we're not sure we could ever imagine one as impressive and stately as Katharine Hepburn's former home on the Long Island Sound in Connecticut. Her family built the home 65 years ago — history says that Katharine bought a set of toy blocks to help model her vision for the house, and she lived there until she died in 2003.



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The property boasts six bedrooms (each with a private bath), seven fireplaces, and a recent renovation that preserved the historic architecture while adding modern amenities and a new

light-flooded layout. But the true jewel of the estate might be its coastal, verdant view. We'll take one of these panoramic windows in our bedroom, please!

The home was on the market for \$14.8 million for nearly a year until the listing was pulled last month. If that's out of your range, try emulating its airy aesthetic on your own instead. Think white cabinets and fireplaces, sheer curtains, and cushy furniture that invites guests stay awhile on your patio (the view of your neighbor's hydrangeas and swing set will do just fine on a welcoming, breezy day).





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