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WITH ITS STATE-OF-ART AMENITIES, THOUGHTFULLY-DESIGNED LAYOUT AND EXQUISITE FINISHING DETAILS, THIS AMALFI ESTATES LISTING IS A SHOWPIECE, BOTH GLAMOROUS AND GRACIOUS

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It starts with the winding drive through the bucolic streets of Pacific Palisades, in that coveted and exclusive slice between Sunset and Will Rogers State Park. Stepping down from the street-level garage, which has room for three cars (the gated driveway offers space for six more), and into the generous front garden of the contemporary Cape Cod-style home at 1630 Amalfi, you'd be forgiven for feeling like you just steered onto the set of a movie. Nancy Meyer's *The Holiday*, for example, could've been shot here: Cameron Diaz, clad in white linen pajamas, would not be out of place wafting through the open, airy rooms of the home's first floor, or waking up in the top floor's master bedroom, with its majestic views of rolling hillsides and the Pacific Ocean. Looking through the front entrance to the back of the property, meanwhile, it's easy to imagine a cocktail party for a few hundred, waiters refilling champagne glasses of guests, many who have spilled out onto the expansive back lawn to enjoy the warm evening breeze, or, just as easily, to envision a subdued candlelit dinner in the dining room, a Cordon Bleu chef and his staff rolling out pastries or preparing fresh sushi in the exquisitely appointed gourmet kitchen with an expansive marble island. As dinner moves from course to course, each morsel a tender surprise, the nearby temperature-controlled wine cellar, with room for a thousand bottles, makes it easy to choose the perfect

vintage without missing a moment of conversation. Yet, despite the home's dramatic two-story entryway, with its floating staircase and custom lighting; its 10,000 square feet and state-of-the-art appointments—motion sensors; SMART technology controlling everything from lights to fireplaces to interior and exterior cameras via iPhone or iPad; even an elevator—it never feels overwhelming or cavernous. Attention to details, like the mix of both planked and coffered wooden ceilings on the first floor, which subtly highlights the individual spaces and brings intimacy to the open-plan layout, bestows the home with graciousness more reminiscent of older homes than of modern construction. It's the balance between coziness and airiness that turns the house into a home equally suited for a family and entertaining. There's space enough for everyone to have plenty of privacy, with fully-outfitted closets and private bathrooms for each of the home's seven bedrooms, including a generously-sized master bathroom, featuring room enough for two and a closet that is large enough to hold at least four full seasons of both his and her clothes. The house, designed and built by celebrity homebuilder, Ray Nosrati, of Huntington Estate Homes, was made for gathering. Fireplaces in the living room and the family room (as well as upstairs in the master bedroom) set a backdrop against



which to enjoy a fine red wine, and one of Los Angeles' magnificent sunsets, while catching up on the day's activities. The breakfast room, overlooking the backyard's saltwater pool, hot tub and waterfall, is a calming space in which to read the paper or enjoy another cup of coffee from the sleek built-in coffee system—it's also an ideal spot for spouses to steal a few private moments while their kids frolic and splash safely within view. Downstairs, the lower floor's game room, gym, spa, indoor lap pool and Old Hollywood-style theater, with its 130-degree surround sound, floor-to-ceiling suede panels and deep leather stadium seats, makes it easy to consider clearing the weekend of all plans in order to spend a precious two days surrounded by the comforts and creatures of home and family. If there is work—and reality—to attend to, a soundproof office, also on the lower level, is a quiet sanctuary for conducting business.

With the home's seamless transition from inside to outside, via disappearing Fleetwood pocket doors that open the first floor onto the patio and the lushly landscaped private backyard—as well as the master bedroom onto a generous wrap-around porch—and Los Angeles providing sunny days and balmy nights, this is life as one imagines it could be. Indeed, as both glamorous and welcoming, full of old-world details and the latest in modern amenities, this Amalfi Estates listing embodies a timeless dream—one of beauty, escape and family.

