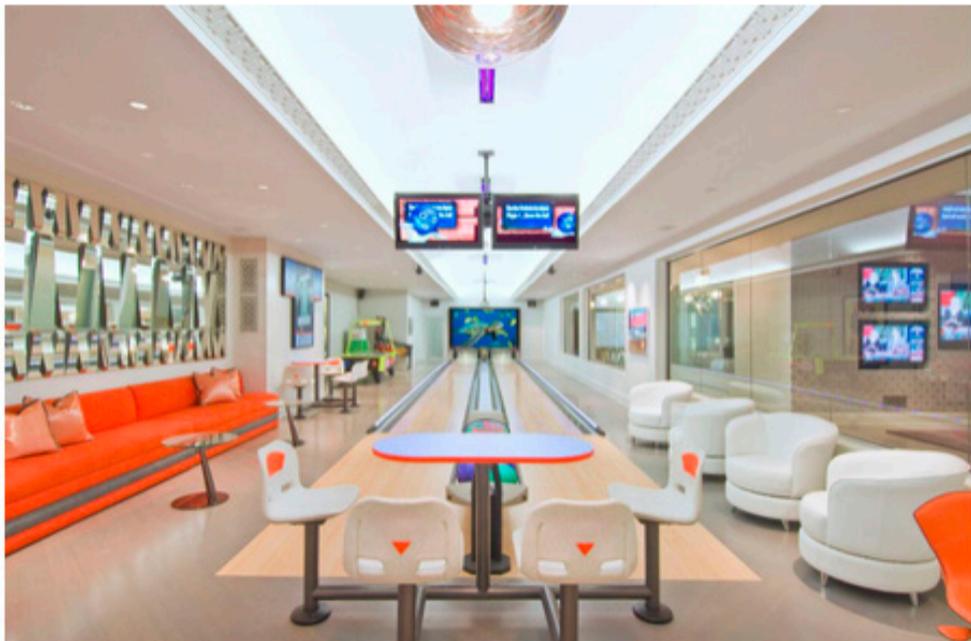




Top 5 Most Luxurious Hamptons Rentals in July



A SUPER CHIC BOWLING ALLEY IS ONE OF THE WAYS TO STAY ENTERTAINED AT "SANDCASTLE" THIS JULY. PHOTO CREDIT: TRAVIS TINKER / FARRELL BUILDING COURTESY OF TOWN & COUNTRY REAL ESTATE

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Summer in the Hamptons has three beginnings. The first is Memorial Day when over the long weekend people come out and open house and enjoy the excitement of new restaurants and shops. The second is late in June, when, as per the calendar, summer official begins. The third, and possibly most important, is July 4th. The summer colony comes in July and stays through Labor Day dashing from parties to the beach and back to Hamptons rentals that rival the White House. We looked for the most amazing properties in the Hamptons real estate portfolio and found five completely over-the-top estates each with a myriad of amenities to keep any brood or entourage more than happy during the dog days of summer.

612 HALSEY LANE, BRIDGEHAMPTON

\$1M for July

A luxurious summer rental gets no more extravagant than "Sandcastle," a three-floor, 14-bedroom, 19-bathroom compound that features 31,000 square feet of living space as well as a recreation pavilion rambling over 11.5 acres. Fireplaces in the double living rooms and formal dining room add ambiance while a professional chef's kitchen with walk-in refrigerator and butler's pantry make entertaining a breeze. Beyond what you'd expect the home features a multilevel garage, 10-seat theater, skateboard halfpipe, rock climbing wall, full bar and disco, squash and racquetball court, media room, and bowling alley. For the ultimate in pampering the estate features a spa complete with steam, sauna, massage area, and Jacuzzi. An underwater stereo ensures that no one misses a beat in the gunite swimming pool. Call Kathleen Conway, Town & Country Real Estate, 631-537-3200.

131 CRESTVIEW LANE, SAGAPONACK

\$525,000 for July

With the Atlantic Ocean beaches and rolling dunes as your backyard what vacationing mogul or A-List movie star could resist this 7-bedroom property in Sagaponack? The oceanfront home features a heated pool, formal dining room, hot tub, decks on all three floors. A chef's kitchen with spectacular views will surely inspire while a guesthouse adds extra room for guests of guests. Call Susan M. Breitenbach, Corcoran, 631-899-0303.

380 BARONS LANE, SOUTHAMPTON

\$450,000 for July

Designed by noted architect Norman Jaffe, this modern oceanfront estate features fine wood ceilings and floor to ceiling glass and unobstructed views of the ocean. The very private location ensures that no prying eyes intrude on the heated gunite pool and spa or entertaining on multi-level decks. The main house features 6-bedrooms with an enormous master suite, 6.5 bathrooms, living room with loft, vaulted ceilings, and a tennis court. A private walkway descends to 378 feet of deeded oceanfront. Call Beate V. Moore, Sotheby's International Real Estate, 631-537-6000.

390 OLD MONTAUK HIGHWAY, MONTAUK

\$250,000 for July

Membership to the exclusive Montauk Lake Club overlooking Montauk Lake is one of the many perks to renting this oceanfront home in Montauk. A wall of windows in the two-story living room take advantage of the spectacular views in this 7,000 square foot home complete with 5-bedrooms and 6-bathrooms. The open floorplan ensures that the party never stops as you go from the den to the library to the wet bar with seating for eight. A state-of-the-art movie theater and is the perfect escape on a rainy day. A secluded private beach, fireplace, multiple outdoor entertaining areas, pool with waterfall spa, and separate guest house will not disappoint. Call John L. Lizars, Brown Harris Stevens, 631-903-6138.

38 TWO MILE HOLLOW ROAD, EAST HAMPTON

July-Only Price Upon Request

Call it your own private resort with oceanfront views and lavish amenities that begs the question, when's the party? Six fireplaces, great room with wet bar, library, and chef's kitchen as well as 8 en suite bedrooms, the master bedroom features a private, covered oceanview deck, three-car garage, two additional bathrooms, and elevator are a few of the appointments summer guests will enjoy. Outdoor living is gracious and includes sprawling patios and covered porches as well as an outdoor kitchen. Call Harald Grant, Sotheby's International Realty, 631-283-0600.