

# Own a mansion on Shelter Island: Northforker Dream Home

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BUMBLEBEE MANOR ON SHELTER ISLAND HAS BEEN FEATURED IN NEWSPAPERS AND ON TELEVISION. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Behind gates on Shelter Island lies one of the area's most luxurious and playful estates.

Dubbed "Bumblebee Manor," this 9 bedroom, 9.5 bathroom mansion was built for laid back, but luxurious living.

"It's truly one of the most sublime and special properties on the East End," said listing agent Nicholas Planamento of Town & Country Real Estate. "It's top-tier design. It's a very casual house, where a lot of people at this price point might want more formality. But this is a home to be lived in and not to really show off."

Completed in 2005, this 16,000 square-foot Dutch colonial compound has been featured on Bravo's "Property Envy" and in the Wall Street Journal. Boasting an incredible main house and a two-story guest/pool house, this residence has it all. The estate is set on 3.25-acres and has over 300 feet of sublime private beach frontage on Coecles Harbor. The residence has its own long, deepwater dock that can accommodate a seaplane and a large yacht for those who want to arrive in style.



BAYFRONT VIEWS ABOUND AT THE MANOR.

"You have these beautiful views across the harbor, to Ram Island and beyond to Gardiner's Bay," Planamento said. "So really it's a truly unique and playful environment in that, because of the dock, it affords the next owner and their guests a very different enjoyment of the East End."

The 10,000 square-foot cedar-shingle style main house has 16 rooms, including 6 bedrooms, 6.5 baths, an elegant living room, a banquet-sized dining room, along with four gas fireplaces and a wood-burning fireplace. There are more amenities than homeowners could imagine — a wood-paneled library, elevator, office, media room, chef's gourmet kitchen and a private fitness room are just a few of the comforts also found in the main house.

"It's truly a Hamptons look," Planamento said, "but it's been updated — it's a Hamptons, Dutch colonial waterfront estate. I would argue that the style is in keeping with Shelter Island living, again — the modesty — it's a quiet island."





THE INFINITY-EDGE POOL APPEARS TO FLOW INTO COECLES HARBOR.

The separate St. Barts-styled pool house was built for fun and breathtaking vistas with a glass cupola and balcony, ultimate game room and an infinity-edge pool, all overlooking the bay. The two-story structure also serves as a guest house with three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a kitchen and a second-floor studio. Complemented by bluestone patios, the infinity-edge pool gives the illusion of flowing into Coecles Harbor. Did we also mention the spa, carriage house/garage, dreamy lush gardens and tennis court?

The location on Coecles Harbor makes Bumblebee Manor and its privacy just that much more coveted, according to Planamento. Because of the expansive dock, the ability is right at the homeowners' fingertips to boat over to Sag Harbor for dinner or make a trip to the North Fork for a wine excursion.

“While a lot of people want to acquire an oceanfront home, you don’t have the privacy of this sort of compound environment — because of the buildings, because of the nature,” Planamento said. “And I would argue the location and terrain is the best of all worlds.”



THERE ARE NINE BEDROOMS IN ALL.

Despite its price point, luxury and opportunity for indulgence and leisure, Bumblebee Manor still retains its humbleness, Planamento said.

“It’s really ideally suited for anyone and everyone, all different types of lifestyles,” he said. “While it’s definitely a showstopper house, it’s really a modest home. It’s not overly large. It’s for somebody that I think just wants to have quiet comfort.”

If you’re ready to move in, the compound is listed on the market for \$18,000,000.