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Henry Ford's Estate For Sale

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The very name of the neighborhood conjures up the swashbuckling era of yore when acres were lush and the hedge rows bounteous. Return to the days when each house has its own bathroom indeed, each room has its own bathroom and some bathrooms even have powder rooms.

Located in the exclusive ocean-side Southampton enclave of Fordune (yes, Fordune) stands an impressive 12,458-square-foot manor nestled in a park-like setting on 2.5 lush acres, now on the market for three barrels of doubloons or \$11.9 million large. Yes, you can own where the Bronco and Mustang roamed, where the Edsel galloped freely on the substantial dunes.

The stately brick and stucco estate, with interiors by the award-winning NYC based design team of Angel Sanchez & Christopher Coleman, is a delightful retreat in the Hamptons where spacious rooms flow seamlessly into each other and pops of color delight the senses.

A private tree-lined street brings you to stately wrought-iron gates that open to reveal an intricately patterned block driveway and car park at the entrance and continues around the house to the four-car garage. An impressive carved front door opens to a dramatic double-height foyer and leads to a formal living room with fireplace.

Some highlights in the eat-in chef's kitchen include a hidden chef's refrigerator, marble topped kitchen counters, island, pantry, and butler's pantry with double doors to the patios that boast covered dining and ample areas to lounge. Upstairs, there are seven more bedrooms (one currently in use as a state-of-the-art gym), all with private bathrooms and walk-in closets and views of the park like grounds. Taking the elevator downstairs to the lower level one finds a private staff suite, sensational game room, elegantly appointed private movie theater, gym, and full bathroom.

Outdoors, imported Turkish tiles, chosen because they stay cool even on the hottest of summer days, cover the terraces surrounding the house and flow to a tree-lined walkway to the fenced 20' x 55' heated Gunitite pool, spa, and pool house. Throughout the grounds, Mahoney Associates Inc. have artfully maintained unique specimen trees and dedicated gardens that both highlight the rolling property and create privacy. Last, the property has

room for a tennis court and enjoys coveted private beach path access to the ocean beaches. Exceptional details and impeccable workmanship in one of the most desirable locations in the Hamptons make this a truly special estate. Offered exclusively through Town & Country.

Fordune was built for Henry Ford II in 1960. His first wife, Anne McDonnell, had the title to the property after the couple divorced in 1964. At the time, the home was 16,000 square feet in size on a whopping 235 acres. The massive property has since been subdivided.

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