Machan

Helston, Cornwall

A meticulously restored and imposing example of an Art Moderne style waterfront home positioned in a spectacular coastal location with established gardens and far-reaching views across Falmouth Bay.

Helston 11 miles, Falmouth 17 miles, Redruth 21 miles, Truro 23 miles (London Paddington 4 hours 17 minutes)
Newquay airport 42 miles (London Gatwick 1 hour 15 minutes)
(All distances and times are approximate)

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Summary of accommodation

Reception hall | Drawing room | Dining room | Kitchen/breakfast room with terrace | Wine cellar | Media room (or bedroom five) | Study (or bedroom six)
Cloakroom | Shower room | Indoor swimming pool | Gym | Utility | Larder and boiler room

Principal bedroom suite with terrace three further bedrooms suites, two with terraces

Orangery | Double garage | Workshop | Entertaining terraces | Sub-tropical terraced gardens | Woodland

In all about 9.35 acres (3.78 hectares)

Situation

Machan sits in a wonderful elevated, private and sheltered position on the Lizard Peninsula overlooking Gillan Creek immediately to the south of the entrance to the Helford River.

It lies in the midst of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with views from the house across Falmouth Bay to Falmouth and St Mawes some four miles distant (by sea). The sub-tropical gardens run down to Gillan Cove which has a beautiful small sandy beach, a stone quay, and from which there are numerous scenic creekside and coastal walks for which the area is renowned. A beautiful 3-mile coastal walk takes you from the house to Porthallow and the walk along Gillan Creek, the Helford River and to Frenchman's Creek, the setting for Daphne du Maurier's famous novel, are arguably some of the most picturesque in the Country. The immediate area is home to an amazing collection of seabirds and other wildlife throughout the year.

Less than two miles away is the historic village of Manaccan, with colour-washed thatched cottages and 12th century church, famous for its 200 year old fig tree growing out of the steeple wall and there is a well-regarded pub. Three miles away is the larger village of St Keverne with two pubs, a butcher's shop, general stores, newsagent, health centre and Greenhouse restaurant.

The Helford River, Carrick Roads and Falmouth Bay offer some of the best sailing waters in the UK, and there are various sailing clubs and schools, including at nearby St Anthony. Moorings are available in Gillan Creek. At Helford there is the busy Helford River Sailing Club, deep water moorings, a shop and riverside pub.

Comprehensive shopping facilities can be found in the city of Truro, about 23 miles to the north-east and Falmouth 21 miles to the north.

The A30 can be accessed about 6.6 miles north of Truro, with work recently completed to the carriageway through to the M5 at Exeter. Regular services run from the railway station at Truro (London Paddington 4 hours 17 minutes). Newquay airport is about 42 miles away and offers domestic and international flights to a number of destinations.

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Built in the early 1930's, Machan was designed and constructed in the Art Moderne style and has been beautifully restored and renovated by the current owners, who are passionate about this era of architecture and design. The meticulous attention to detail and design flair ensures Machan is one of the finest examples of an Art Modern house anywhere in the country, with exquisite additions for 21st century living and a layout that takes advantage of the spectacular sea and garden views.

Of particular note on the ground floor is the striking 180-degree bay window in the dining room, looking out over the gardens and harbour beyond. The spacious reception rooms have been designed with entertaining in mind and create a wonderful open feel, further enhanced by large folding windows and French doors in the drawing room, looking out to sea.

The kitchen is beautifully crafted with clean, curved lines and stylish quartz worktops. The units are made from rare Amboyna burl wood blending seamlessly with the style of the house, and a central island provides a dining area constructed from a single piece of stone. The level of detail is startling, with bespoke designed drawers for individual items of cutlery and a 'knock-knock' dishwasher with a door that opens upon being knocked. Beautifully designed double doors lead out to a newly constructed terrace, ideal for al fresco coffee and breakfast.

LIVING SPACES

Accessed from the kitchen via a secret door is the wine cellar with space for a substantial collection.

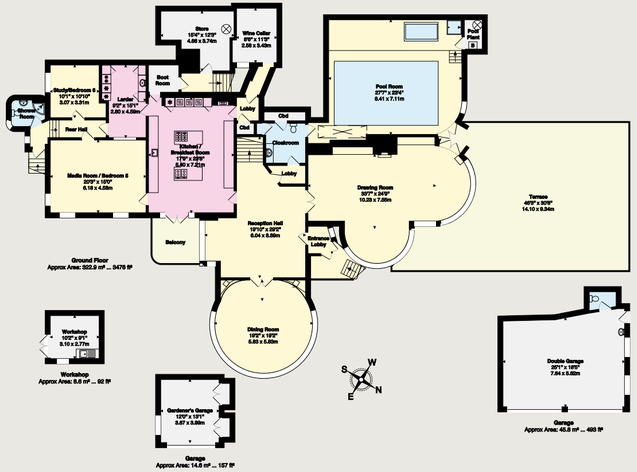
Additional rooms on the ground floor include the media room, which leads through to a home office, that can also be accessed via the rear hallway with independent access from outside. Also accessed from the kitchen and the back hall is a large larder with additional appliances including Sub Zero fridge, freezer and large wine cooler.

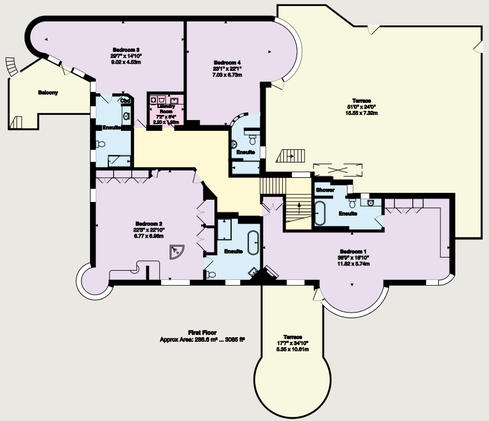
Accessed both from the outside through French doors and from the house, the indoor heated swimming pool has been retiled, with a new electric cover and an area for hot tub and shower and new pool equipment.

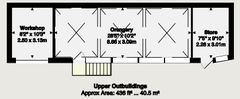
The spacious proportions continue on the first floor, featuring a vast principal bedroom suite with breath-taking sea views and access to a private terrace. There are three further large bedrooms two with terraces and all with en suite bathrooms. A unique feature of one of the bedrooms is the turret, giving great views down the valley and over the gardens.

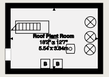
Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area
7968 sqft (740.3 sqm)

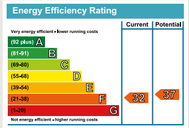
- Reception
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Kitchen/Utility
- Storage
- Outside











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Gardens, Grounds and Outbuildings

Machan benefits from the rare combination of a fabulous coastal position and a large enough acreage to ensure privacy. Outbuildings include a workshop, a double garage and orangery and two storage rooms plus a newly built garage providing overall garaging for three cars all with new electric door openers.

The gardens which are designed to be low-maintenance are made up of formal terraces, with a wide variety of indigenous plants associated with this part of Cornwall as well as imported tropical plants that can thrive in the marvellous Cornwall climate. The current owners have meticulously landscaped the gardens to ensure they can be enjoyed with ease, and have created a superb platform from where to enjoy the outstanding views of a summer's evening. Pathways meander through the garden down to the foreshore at Gillan Creek.

The grounds extend to about 9.35 acres in total.

Property Information

Services: Mains water and electricity. Gas and electrical fired central heating. Private drainage.

Rights of Way: A pedestrian right of way for the residents of the neighbouring 'The Tin House' exists over the far north east corner of Machan's boundary, giving access to a gate which leads down to the beach.

A private right of way exists over the path on the eastern edge of Machan's main title, which gives access solely for the owners of a small strip of woodland.

Further details are available from the agents.

Tenure: Freehold

Local Authority: Cornwall Council – cornwall.gov.uk

Council Tax: Band H

EPC Rating: F

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