



Georgia

LAKE OCONEE VILLA

Journey just outside Atlanta for a look at this picture perfect estate situated on one of the South's loveliest lakes.

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At the confluence of the Oconee and Appalachian Rivers, tucked on the shores of Georgia's Lake Oconee and nestled atop a gentle slope, stands a hidden paradise: a 12-acre tract of land crowned by a 12,000-square-foot European villa. To get there you must pass through a private gated entrance and make your way up the long boulevard to the white-columned portico. Glass French doors fitted with wrought iron balconies overlook the circular drive. Only when you look out at the immaculately manicured lawn does it become apparent that this is one of the largest tracts of privately-owned land on Lake Oconee.

Inside the three-story villa are eight bedrooms, seven baths, and two full kitchens. A master suite is located on each floor; each is outfitted with his and her cedar walk-in closets and baths appointed with comfort, convenience, and enjoyment in mind. All have heated tile floors, separate basins with vanity, towel warming drawers, and whirlpool tubs. The five guest bedrooms each have their own full bath,

a walk-in cedar closet, and large windows affording a view of the property, pool, and the lake beyond.

Both kitchens feature state-of-the-art technology and appliances. Dining space is plentiful in either a formal dining room or informal settings throughout the bottom and main levels of the house. A baby grand piano holds center stage in the piano room. Laundry and half-bath facilities are conveniently located.

The bottom level of the home was designed for entertaining, relaxation, and recreation. The well-appointed full kitchen features dual ice makers, a six burner stove with flat top grill, and a Sub Zero side-by-side refrigerator. A large recreation room stretches the length of the house and features a billiard table and a stacked stone fireplace bordered with bookcases and casual dining. Hallways lead to a massage room, sauna and shower, the home theater, and a wine tasting room and cellar capable of housing up to 1,000 bottles.

Completed in 2003, the villa is an interior designer's showcase and is being offered fully furnished complete with