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magine driving to Tuscany, Italy, and not leaving North Carolina. The journey is not the prize, but the destination is. The road to a European lifestyle ends at a gated community called Governor's Island on Lake Norman, and within its gates lies an estate that is unparalleled in beauty and luxury. It is found at 3382 Governor's Island Drive.

Lake Norman has long enjoyed a reputation as the premiere bedroom community of Charlotte, but as people are finding out, it is much more. It is a total lifestyle package where one can live and play in the

same location. Every day is a vacation on the 520 miles of shoreline where Jet Skis, pontoons and houseboats vie for the water and



happy residents revel in the tranquility and majesty of its natural beauty.

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Nadine, Prudential Carolinas Realty, represents the spectacular property and knows the area well. She should – she also lives on Lake Norman.

Located on the west side of the lake, the property is a two-story waterfront estate that boasts 4,860-heated-square-feet, five bedrooms, five-and-one-half baths (the master bath includes a bidet and steam shower), great room, bonus room and more.

Owned by builder and architect Robert Loeffler, the Tuscan-inspired home offers a panoramic view from all vantage points, whether cooking in the state-of-theart kitchen, relaxing in the guest room or calling it at night in the master suite.

From the tiled roof reminiscent of ancient Cortona to the stamped concrete driveway, no detail is left undone. The interior reflects the





same attention from floor to ceiling in each room, and the ambiance from the moment you walk inside is warm and inviting.

Throughout the home, double tray ceilings and an open floor plan offer a feeling of spacious living and comfort, and columns give an Old World feel. The great room, with its beautiful coffered ceiling, provides the ultimate combination for relaxing with friends. Not only does the magnificent wet bar in the great room provide a perfect setting for entertaining, its placement in front of a wall of windows affords a spectacular main channel view of the lake.

Connected to the great room is a cook's dream kitchen. Pale apricot walls, a Travertine tile backsplash and earthy, granite countertops continue the European theme. State-of-the-art stainless-steel appliances and dual built-in refrigerators allow the gourmet in you to shine and family to enjoy the spoils in the convenient eat-in kitchen.

Great cuisine is a treat, but it doesn't get any better than stepping out onto the two-level patio to take a dip into the heated pool or spa after a long day at the office. The upper level of the patio is adorned with an outdoor kitchen, complete with a barbeque for grilling under the stars, but the real luxury is relaxing in the heated oblong swimming pool with drink or book in hand surrounded by the quiet beauty of the lake. And an outdoor shower on the upper level of the patio connects to the master suite, making it easy to get ready for a night on the town without walking through the house.

This exceptional home lets you truly live at the water's edge. Step off the patio onto a private pier with two boat lifts as well as Jet Ski lifts for a spin across the shimmering waters of Lake Norman.

Your day is complete as you leave the attached multi-use, three-car garage, which includes a gardening room/work room that features cabinetry and countertops, perfect for "his and her" hobbies.



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