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Penelope Cruz's Balinese-style house is designed with luxury and comfort in mind



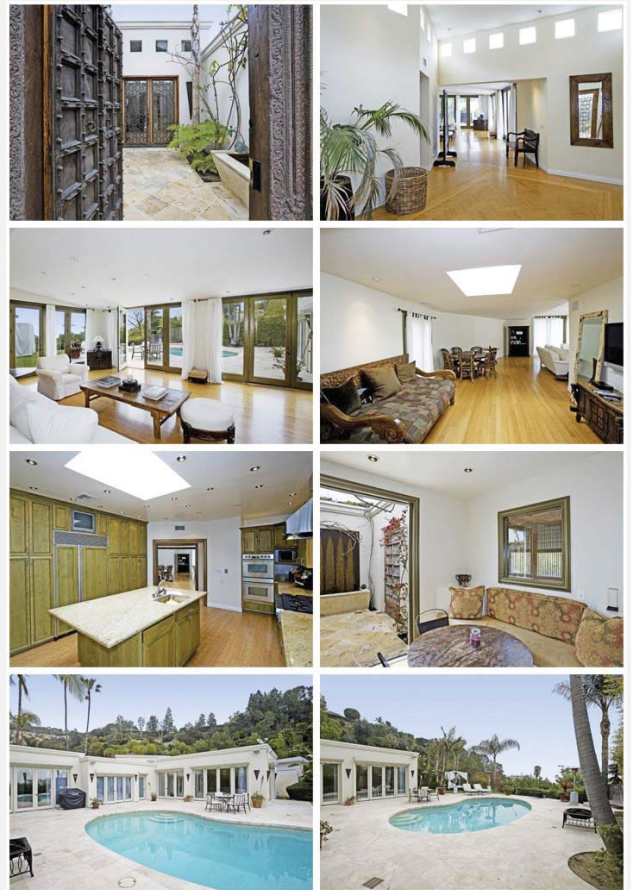
Oscar-winning actor Penelope Cruz, also known as the 'Madonna of Madrid,' has put her three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bathroom Los Angeles home on the market for \$3.695 million. The actor is known to have listed the property for lease at \$14,500 a month in 2008, and still has the Sunset Strip-area spread listed as an available venue for location shoots.

The *Los Angeles Times* calls the house 'Balinese modern.' Its majestic entryway, a stately, carved-wooden door, is an architectural detail you're more likely to see in exotic, far off locales rather than on the Sunset Strip. It leads into an open courtyard with a fountain, and a set of beautiful glass doors that open into the home's interior.

Inside, the house capitalises on an open plan, where all of the rooms, including a gourmet kitchen with granite counter tops, are spread across 3,334 square feet of bamboo flooring. Another well thought out architectural detail is the small blocks of windows positioned just below the ceiling, and the glass doors and windows that appear to line almost every inch of the back of the house.

The several glazed doors mean easy

access to the backyard and its kidney-shaped pool, which is a modest size. There is a king-sized poster bed on the back lawn. There is also another courtyard at the back which features a small fountain and chairs to cool



off, away from the hot California sun.

The large, modern kitchen has plenty of workspace, a huge double refrigerator, two ovens and a breakfast and preparation island.

There is a den, with a sofa and flat screen TV on the wall. What the house does boast of is plenty of light all the year round, through its many well-placed windows.