



Petra Island

LAKE MAHOPAC — NEW YORK — USA

Eleven acres of heart-shaped granite rising from Lake Mahopac, Petra Island carries one of the most famous pedigrees in American real estate: a main residence built from Frank Lloyd Wright's 1949 plans, and a 1950 guest cottage that Wright himself designed and certified. Less than an hour from New York City — or fifteen minutes by the island's own rooftop helipad — this is a turn-key legacy asset with an established, income-generating architectural-tour and corporate-retreat business.

Price Upon Request

11 ACRES — WRIGHT LEGACY — ROOFTOP HELIPAD — FREEHOLD

THE ESTATE

At a Glance

PRICE	Price Upon Request
LOCATION	Lake Mahopac, New York, USA
ACREAGE	11 acres
MAIN HOUSE	Built from Frank Lloyd Wright's 1949 plans — glass, stone and African mahogany on Whale Rock
GUEST COTTAGE	1950 Usonian cottage, 1,200 sq ft — certified historic by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation
ARRIVAL	Private rooftop helipad — 15 minutes to Manhattan
WATER ACCESS	Deep-water dock, private beaches, short boat ride from a dedicated mainland launch
BUSINESS	Established architectural-tour and corporate-retreat business
TENURE	Freehold
STATUS	Available — for sale

WRIGHT + BUSINESS

Two Wright-linked dwellings — the Massaro House built from his 1949 plans and his own certified 1950 cottage — plus a turn-key hospitality business hosting architectural tours and corporate retreats.

ISLAND VITALS

COORDINATES
41.383°N, 73.738°W

WATERS
Lake Mahopac

SHORELINE
Granite ledge

TENURE
Freehold





THE ISLAND

Petra Island

Petra rises from Lake Mahopac as a heart-shaped granite outcrop crowned with white spruce — eleven private acres, reached by water or by air. A deep-water dock and private beaches serve guest arrivals, while a dedicated mainland launch site keeps the crossing short. This is a self-contained kingdom: granite shoreline, mature woodland and walking paths, with Manhattan less than an hour away and its own rooftop helipad a fifteen-minute flight.

THE LEGACY

Built From Wright's 1949 Plans

The main house follows Frank Lloyd Wright's 1949 commission for the island: cantilevered terraces anchored into Whale Rock, a 78-foot span across the lake, walls of African mahogany, 1,500 square feet of domed skylights and a cantilevered stone fireplace. The 1950 Usonian guest cottage was designed and built by Wright himself — a certified historic residence that predates the main house by more than half a century.

THE RESIDENCE

The Massaro House

The main residence is a full-scale realization of Wright's 1949 island commission: a two-level stone-and-glass composition wrapped in terraces, connected by interior and exterior stone stairs, with expansive living spaces oriented to the lake. A guest master suite and a lakeside tea house complete the living quarters of the main house.

GUEST HOMES

The 1950 Cottage & Second House

The historic 1950 guest cottage — Wright's own design, certified by his foundation — sits on its own promontory with an outdoor fireplace and firepit. A separate secondary guest home brings the island's hosting capacity to a level matched by few private islands anywhere.





LAND & WATER

Whale Rock, Spruce & Shoreline

The island's defining feature is Whale Rock — a sweeping granite outcrop at the water's edge — framed by towering white spruce and eleven acres of wooded terrain. Private beaches, deep-water mooring and a dedicated launch site make the lake the island's front lawn.

KNOWN FOR

One of America's most famous island estates: two Frank Lloyd Wright-linked houses, a private rooftop helipad fifteen minutes from Manhattan, and a turn-key architectural-tour and retreat business.



BY HELICOPTER

The 15-Minute Manhattan Hop

Petra's private rooftop helipad puts Manhattan about fifteen minutes away — one of the very few private-island helipads in the Northeast — making the island a genuine commutable retreat, not a weekend expedition.

BY BOAT

Lake Mahopac Arrivals

Guests arrive by boat from a dedicated mainland launch site a short ride across the lake, stepping ashore at a deep-water dock with private beaches on either side.

THE BUSINESS

Tours, Retreats & Wellness

The island's established architectural-tour and corporate-retreat hospitality business is offered with the sale — a rare income-generating dimension, with infrastructure for events, wellness programs and executive gatherings.

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On the Map

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DISTANCES

New York City	48 mi
Westchester Airport	22 mi
Danbury	15 mi

ELEVATION & CLIMATE

Summer high (Jul avg)	83°F
Winter low (Jan avg)	17°F

ACCESS

- Private rooftop helipad — 15 min to Manhattan
- Short boat ride from a dedicated mainland launch site
- Deep-water dock for guest arrivals

Straight-line distances, approximate.
Sources: Wikipedia (Massaro House), FAA, climate aggregators (see sources.txt).

GALLERY

The Estate in Frames





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