

Casa Salamanca

Your Own Personal Resort

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Swimming anyone? With the ultimate in privacy and authentic Spanish Mediterranean architecture, Casa Salamanca on Casey Key has the most dramatic pool you may ever encounter. With multiple waterfalls, the free-form, rock-rimmed, infinity edge pool features a concealed water slide for the kids, a grotto-like Jacuzzi for the adults, and a man-made sandy beach under palm trees for everyone. The outdoor space truly feels resort-like with multiple seating areas and places to get away from it all, including a tree house on the way to the dock.

The lush property sits on 1.5 acres with 290 feet of bay frontage. From the road, the carefully planned "green" wall of landscaping hides the estate from passing motorists. Massive wooden entry gates with wrought iron detailing add to the privacy and add a sense of curiosity as to what is behind them.

Architect Wm. Thorning Little reconfigured the 1940's home. The home was gutted and materials were hand selected and brought in from San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where artisans crafted the hand-carved beams, wrought iron staircase, piñon stone columns and fireplace in the great room. The interior doorways have elegantly hand-carved door surrounds, and there is delicate faux finishing and hand painted ceiling details by Tampa artist Joanna Karpay. Topped off with beautiful stone surrounds, the windows add to the allure of Old World character.

Casa Salamanca features five fireplaces, including one in the large, open kitchen, designed for cooking while enjoying friends and family. The second level master ensuite is a sanctuary in and of itself, with a rooftop balcony and fireplace with dramatic views of the pool and Little Sarasota Bay. Themed children's suites and a home theater complete the main residence.

Ready to take a dip?

