LBJ’s former Texas country estate hits the market for $2.8M

For $2.8 million, you’ll be able to live like a president — not at The White House, but at former president Lyndon B. Johnson’s 3,980 square-foot estate situated on 142 acres of land in the Texas Hill Country.

The original ranch. (Photo: Dave Murray/DMTX Realty)

Johnson bought the estate one week into his presidency in 1963 and used the home as his private retreat until 1971. The former president’s bedroom and bathroom were preserved, but current owner Italian artist Benini put his own mark on the rest of the three-bedroom, two-bathroom home. The Benini’s also preserved the one-bedroom cottage Johnson used to house his Secret Service

agents.

The Benini’s art gallery. (Photo: Dave Murray/DMTX Realty)

Lastly, Johnson’s airplane hangar was transformed into The Sculpture Ranch, a 12,000 square-foot art gallery and education venue that was open from 1999 to 2014.

Aside from all of these features, listing agent Dave Murray says the landscape surrounding the home is sure to win over potential buyers looking for a respite from city life.

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The views from LBJ’s former home. (Photo: Dave Murray/DMTX Realty)

“The property is in one of the most beautiful parts of the Texas Hill Country, west of the intersection of Hwy 281 and Hwy 290 (1 hr via highway to either San Antonio or Austin),” said Murray.

“The main home is on an elevation of over 1,800 sq ft, with stunning panoramic views. It is located down a scenic Hill Country road, and scenic roads wind through the ranch itself.”

As a matter of fact, the landscape is what won over Lorraine Benini, who said, “We responded to the beauty and high energy of the landscape, the feeling of living on top of the world — as well as the easy access to Austin and San Antonio international airports.”

The listing has only been on the market for a little over a week, but Murray says a few history buffs and Texas Hill Country lovers have already placed their bid on LBJ’s retreat.

If you don’t have an extra few million dollars lying around, no worries — Murray says he’s considering hosting a reception where anyone can come and tour the property.

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