

BOB HOPE

on the Market

THE ENTERTAINER'S SOUTHRIDGE HOUSE — A PALM SPRINGS LANDMARK — IS FOR SALE FOR THE FIRST TIME

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BOB HOPE'S ICONIC SOUTHRIDGE house with the flying-saucer roof — possibly the most pointed-at property in Palm Springs — has come to market with an asking price of \$50 million.

Architect John Lautner designed the 23,336-square-foot modern house in 1973, but then distanced himself from the project after Dolores Hope famously enlisted other designers to tweak the interior. The Hopes' daughter, Linda Hope, told the *Los Angeles Times* that the changes extended the dining room and made it possible "to get from the bedrooms to the front door without crossing a patio." Construction was completed in 1980.

The Hopes, who owned two other properties in Palm Springs, used the Southridge estate mostly as a weekend escape and a venue to host large events, such as the annual dinner that marked the end of the Bob Hope Classic (now the Humana

Challenge) golf tournament, as well as a recent fundraiser for Palm Springs Art Museum's Architecture and Design Council.

The house, which accommodates more than 300 guests, offers jaw-dropping panoramic views of the Coachella Valley and the San Jacinto Mountains. The list of Hollywood luminaries who visited the estate over the years is as impressive as the property itself.

And it's plenty comfortable, with six bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, three half baths, a luxurious pool, a putting green, and a tennis court.

Bob Hope, the comic performer who became known for entertaining U.S. soldiers during three wars, died in 2003 at 100 years old. Dolores was 102 when she died in 2011.

The house is listed with Ann Eysenring of Partners Trust Real Estate of Beverly Hills, and Patrick Jordan and Stewart Smith of Windermere Real Estate in Palm Springs. ✨

