

The \$10million Manhattan Mansion... with a 30,000 Gallon Swimming Pool in the Living Room

If the flat screen TV is a bit old and the sofa needs to be replaced, there is always another option to spruce up your living room - a 30,000 gallon swimming pool.

A luxurious apartment has gone on sale complete with a 30ft long swimming pool in the space where the lounge should be.

Guests can get a drink at the bar, float around on an inflatable raft or jump off a swing attached to the ceiling without even going out the front door.



Luxury: The swimming pool within the 22.5 foot wide Chelsea townhouse

Swing: The eight foot deep indoor pool comes with a swing in the middle

Its owner says that having such an amenity in her own home leaves her feeling like she is on 'permanent holiday'.

The pool is part of a \$10.9million townhouse that has been put up for sale in the Chelsea area of New York.

In total it has six bedrooms, a garden, a gym, a sauna, five bathrooms, five fireplaces and a second pool - for the owner's turtles.

According to the Wall St Journal the pool was installed in 1975 and was surrounded by a brick wall and granite flooring to make sure it was 'grandfathered in'.

Evelyn McMurray Van-Zeller, who currently lives at the house, said that she later installed medieval



weapons, artworks and antiques around it to give it a 'cave-like, medieval, Moroccan look'.



Townhouse: The home's exterior in upmarket Chelsea, Manhattan

Dream home: The 26 foot long indoor pool opens into a 16 foot high solarium sanctuary, connected to a landscaped private garden

Relaxing: The in-house library, set next to the wood burning fireplace.

But doing so was not easy and she had to get a 25-foot ladder and put it over the pool and a raft.

'Improvisation is very important when you have a house like this. The good news is that if you fall off, you fall into the pool.'

Mrs McMurray Van-Zeller said she and her animals enjoy having a pool in the house, and her turtles and Yorkshire terrier sometimes go for a swim.

'You feel like you're on a permanent holiday,' she said. 'There's almost no reason to leave the house [with] the pool, the sauna [and] the gym.'



Mrs McMurray Van-Zeller was living in Europe when she inherited the property from her brother in 1995 and has lived there with her husband João Van-Zeller ever since.



Unwind: In total, the house has six bedrooms, a garden, a gym, a sauna, five bathrooms, five fireplaces and a second pool - for the owner's turtles

Skylight: The home has five wood burning fireplaces in various rooms

She now wants to move back home and get a





smaller place in Manhattan for when she returns to New York.

The buyer, according to her, could be ‘a celebrity or someone who wants a trophy property or bragging rights.

‘Who doesn't want to say they have a swimming pool in their living room?’ she said.

Whilst having a swimming pool in your living room is impressive, it is not the most ostentatious property recently put up for sale.

Solarium: The garden level features a double height greenhouse as well as the pool, lounge, wet bar, sauna and a luxury bathroom with shower

Formula 1 boss Bernie Ecclestone this week bought daughter Petra Ecclestone a \$150 million mansion in Los Angeles so she can split her time between Britain and America more easily.

Ms Ecclestone, 22, will move into The Manor complete with five acres of property, parking for 100 cars, gift wrapping room and a bowling alley.

The property is in addition to the six-story \$99 million house in London he has already given her as a present.