

11 Amazingly Expensive Backyards You Would Die For

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With spring and summer on their way, we're willing to bet that you've been daydreaming about spending time in your backyard. No matter the square footage, level of sophistication or indoor décor of your home, outdoor space is important for most homeowners. In recent years specifically, "outdoor space" has shifted to become an "outdoor lifestyle," moving from a simple functionary role to an actual lifestyle.

Back in the day, a simple chaise lounge, a good book and glass of iced tea was enough to satisfy our outdoor space craving. Today we've swapped astroturf carpet for custom brick walkways, flat screen TVs, stone fireplaces, granite counter tops and wine fridges. After doing some digging about the overall scope of the outdoor living universe, we decided it would be fun to seek out the *crème de la crème* of backyards. We set our sights on Houzz and – WOW- did we ever find some amazing backyards that are truly to die for. After seeing these backyards, you may find yourself creating a fantasy backyard "to do list" of your own.

#1 The Pelham Drive Residence by The Collins Group/JDP Design

- *Formal backyard space with swimming pool. The property sits on top of a hill looking out to the mountains in the distance.*



#2 Crescent Avenue Residence by The Collins Group/JDP Design

- *A new driveway leads into the property where various materials are married in interesting ways to create new terraces and pavilions, gates and arbors, fountains and fireplaces.*



#3 Jacobsen Residence by AMS Landscape Design Studios, Inc.; Photography by Will Hare Jr.

- *The design is full of exquisite amenities such as: a large pool and spa veneered with vibrant glass tile throughout, an elaborate sports bar with multiple plasma screens / full cooking and dining options / surround sound and agronomic heaters, luxury outdoor restroom, dining patio with accent water feature, cozy sunken fireplace room, raised fire pit lounge with vast open views, and a large open play field – all surrounded by regal stone, specimen trees and plantings, while highlighted by elegant fountains and pottery.*



#4 Grand Glass Tile Lined Infinity Pool AMS Landscape Design Studios, Inc.; Photography by Drew Sigvals

- *One of the main highlights to the yard is this fully veneered glass tile infinity pool. I purposely raised the pool and total of 18 inches to help ensure that the pool and ocean beyond meet together. The Spa is located within the pool, however it is raised about 1/2 inch to help keep the warm water contained, yet not interrupting the overall sheer look of the water body.*



#5 Classic & Refined by Surrounds Landscape Architecture + Construction

- *In this backyard built for a Greek god is a columned pavilion, a pool surrounded by Pennsylvania Bluestone, a classic fountain surrounded by perfectly trimmed landscaping, and various other elements that create a refined outdoor scene.*



#6 Khanna Residence by AMS Landscape Design Studios, Inc.; Photography by K. Khana

- *This contemporary landscape design's main feature is a grand 67 foot long, fully veneered throughout with vibrant glass tile and highlighted by a 'floating', rim-edged, island featured with a specimen aloe tree.*



#7 O'Rell Residence by AMS Landscape Design Studios, Inc.; Photography by Drew Sigvas

- *Quaint Irvine home that has been transformed into a customized personal resort with various amenities including a friendly 'swim-up bar' and cook center to the sunken fireplace room and pizza oven.*



#8 Rustic Design by Surrounds Landscape Architecture + Construction

- *A large stone fireplace is just one feature of this backyard that also houses a rustic pool, Jacuzzi, and seating to bring a countryside vacation spot right to this residence.*



#9 Fairview Road Residence by The Collins Group/JDP Design

- *In this backyard design, an old arbor was converted into a poolside kitchen, complete with a grill, sink, TV, and more. With bluestone tiled flooring and a sizeable fireplace, this becomes the ultimate outdoor entertaining spot.*



#10 Silcott Meadow by Surrounds Landscape Architecture + Construction

- *This peaceful backyard getaway not only has a pool with fountains pouring into it, but also houses a hot tub, [gazebo](#), and beautiful gardens to provide privacy and serenity.*



#11 Mosen Residence by AMS Landscape Design Studios, Inc.

- *So many details come together to make this backyard a dream come true: a tiled hot tub, wall fountains with brass faucets, paved walkways, a cozy stone fireplace, climbing vines, and much more.*



Now we know what you're thinking; we just created a whole bunch of backyard envy. Don't fret, there are still a lot of simple things you can do to make your outdoor space better. **Stay tuned to our blog and social media for future tips on backyard living. If you currently have some backyard envy of your own, share it with us using #backyardenvy.**

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