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Think 8,000 square feet of South African-infused interiors (an homage to the family's roots) designed by Suzy Lubner—including lampshades made from guinea fowl feathers and ironwood tree trunks from Mali transformed into ladders. Yet other standout attributes include five bedrooms (most notably, two spacious master suites), along with a professional chef's kitchen boasting top-of-the-line appliances, an eat-in breakfast area with a massive gas-log fireplace, a dining room and access to a large covered screened dining porch sporting a built-in kitchen. Outside, 3 acres of forested land is highlighted by walking trails, multiple seating areas and an infinity-edge pool overlooking the links. Rounding out the home's appeal is its location in The Cliffs at Mountain Park, a collection of seven private, luxury residential mountain and lake club communities in the Carolinas offering convenient access to amenities such as championship golf courses, wellness centers, a marina beach club, an equestrian center, restaurants and more.

Clockwise from top left: The family's South African roots are spotted in the living area with the pottery printed chair; the manse's stunning exterior; wooden accents adorn the home.



HOME *for the* HOLIDAYS

Handling the holidays is a carefree experience at this festive Blue Ridge vacation home, now on the market for \$6.6 million.

By Wendy Bowman

For those looking to deck the halls of a luxe mountain getaway with friends and family, this property in nearby South Carolina certainly fits the bill—complete with a gourmet kitchen, spacious rooms and gracious outdoor living areas that offer picturesque mountain views. Factor in the surrounding community's award-winning Gary Player-designed golf course, a wellness center and plentiful outdoor activities, and it's not only ideal for welcoming guests during the holidays, but year-round as well. Owned by Marc Player (son of the legendary South African golfer who now handles his father's business and philanthropic efforts) and his wife, Claudia, the home was built by architect Tom Markalunas and Resort Custom Homes in 2011 and regularly hosts a cadre of family members that include 20-plus grandchildren. "The Players seem to always have friends and

family staying over, with dining, entertainment and an active lifestyle all par for the course," says Vince Roser, sales director of The Cliffs at Mountain Park (cliffsliving.com), who is selling the home at 171 Black Knight Trail in Traveler's Rest/Marietta, S.C., for \$6.6 million. Among the popular leisure pursuits to be had: everything from intimate dinner parties around the pool to a typical South African braai (read: barbecue) for 100 people in the "boma," where local bands play live bluegrass while guests roast pig or lamb over a spit and s'mores by the fire pit. "World-class walking, hiking, camping and the Blue Ridge Mountains also are all within 30 minutes of the house, with the arts world of Asheville, N.C., and the restaurants of Greenville, S.C., equal distance from the compound," says Roser. "And the famous Blue Ridge Parkway starts nearby and is a must during the fall."



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