

George Clooney's \$10M Palace Hosts The Obamas

Icy Lake Como in Lombardy, Northern Italy, is a well-known area for attracting the wealthy and famous when they want to spend time away from the spotlight. George Clooney has long been a star resident, spending even more time at his home there when he and his now wife, Lebanese human rights activist and lawyer, Amal Alamuddin, became engaged.

Clooney—ranked second on Forbes' 2018 list of The World's Highest-Paid Actors, with a fortune of \$239 million—often uses his guest-house to host politicians, celebrities and members of the royal family. Recently he and Amal welcomed former president of the U.S. Barack Obama and his family to Lake Como. It was Obama's second stop, after France, in his European tour.

According to reports in the British press, Barack Obama, his wife Michelle and their daughters Malia and Sasha were there for a charity dinner for the Clooney Foundation for Justice. The Clooney Foundation for Justice was established in 2016 by Clooney and Amal to focus on promoting justice in and out of the courts.

Clooney was one of Obama's biggest supporters when he was in the White House.

Earlier this year, Clooney and Amal also hosted Prince Harry and Megan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, over a weekend. The royal couple flew from London to Italy onboard Clooney's private jet.

Among other famous guests have been Brad Pitt—one of Clooney's best friends despite media rumors claiming that there was tension between the two stars—and Pitt's ex-wife, Jennifer Aniston, who was seen arriving at Clooney and Amal's home last month with Adam Sandler, her co-star in *Murder Mystery*.

Clooney's Lake Como palace dates back to the 18th century. It has 25 bedrooms, a tennis court, swimming pool, gym and its own cinema. It also houses ancient Roman monuments.

Clooney bought the palace in 2001 for \$10 million. It has been used as a location for filming scenes from *Oceans Twelve*, and for many ads from the Hollywood star.

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