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Oasis in the Woods

By Barely There

Sometimes love makes us travel unusual paths. Take Eric Rubin who lives in Florida for instance. He bought his 3-bedroom log chalet in 2010 that included an outdoor pool, gourmet kitchen, 2-story living room, and formal dining-room, and then he built a 900 sq. ft. spa room that includes an indoor heated endless pool, ultrasonic sauna, and full fitness center! When we asked him, “Why the heck are you renting this? What’s the back story”, he smiled and said, “It can all summed up in one word... LOVE!



Eric’s fiancée, a high school English teacher, lives 9546 miles away! About a year and a half ago Eric decided he needed a new goal that of learning to speak French. As he tells it, “I took an online class, my French tutor was a delightful woman from Mauritius, who had the most delightful accent”. One thing led

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to another, and after 6 months of corresponding online he visited her for the first time. He says “, I put my home on Airbnb, made my business partner the manager, and headed to Africa. After 3 visits, over 6 months of corresponding, and 6 months of dating face-to-face, they made the commitment to get engaged, and rented a lovely brand new 2-bedroom apartment which they now call home.

But, when Eric talked about plans, Dheerata raised one question, “If everyone who rented your home in Florida, loved it and rated it highly, why isn’t it being booked all of the time?” Eric smiles when he tells this part and said, “ Did I mention that not only being incredibly beautiful, she is brilliant and ruthlessly honest?” He says that with that pressing question on his mind he kissed her, bought a ticket back to Florida, and said, “I will be back when I have answered and resolved that question.” As he says, “she kissed me and said, good, get back soon!”



Eric says, I knew what the problem was. “One had to know where McAlpin was to find my place on Airbnb “. Only 50 minutes from the Gulf of Mexico, 1 ½ hours from the Atlantic Ocean, 15 minutes away from 2 rivers for fishing, canoeing, tubing, and 15 minutes from some of the best springs in the USA for swimming and cave diving, my place was not an unknown treasure to many, just unknown to most!”



It wasn’t until a few weeks ago, that a couple with their 2 kids gave him the solution. Upon checking out they said, “We’re naturists, and your place is the perfect family Florida vacation. As naturists with kids, choices are limited, and your place rocks!” They convinced Eric that there were thousands of people like them that would love being able to rent a private chalet, that was just for them, their family and guests, with so many outdoor things to do both on property and within 15 minutes! Eric said, “I was shocked! I am a naturist myself and I never thought of marketing my home that way! Duh!”

He said, “ I am a happy man, I am on my way back to Mauritius for my maximum 6 month allowed stay, and hopefully will return with my fiancée, so that we can be married here in the US. Until then, I hope that others can find the pleasure of the Oasis in the Woods, that the family who opened my eyes to who should be vacationing here did. **gN**

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