



Where the Air Is Rarefied

The Ocean Club's panoramic views are just one reason to love this landmark high-rise. **BY MAYA MARINER**

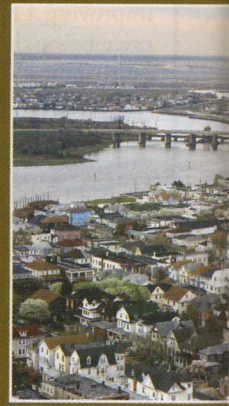
Atlantic City has never looked so good.

From the penthouse level of the Ocean Club condominium, 34 stories above the Boardwalk, you get a gull's eye view that is literally breathtaking. You also get a whole new appreciation for the coastal community.

Way up here, the city's row homes and shop fronts, tree-lined streets and colorful rooftops look downright picturesque. Everywhere you turn, there's an inviting vista: the back bays and marshes, the low-sloping bridge to Brigantine Island (neon-lit by night), the slowly turning arms of our famous windmills, the vast expanse of the Atlantic Ocean.

And then there are the casinos. From the Ocean Club, which is flanked by the Tropicana and the Hilton, you can see every other casino in town, making for spectacular views after dark.

But it's not just about the views for Carol Huff, who owns several units here with her husband, Lawrence, and their twin poodles, Bijou and Karizma. For the Huffs, it's also about the relaxed ambience, the exceptional amenities, and the



genuine sense of community, even among residents who don't live in Atlantic City full-time.

"It's a wonderful environment and we have a fabulous group of people, young and old, from all over," says Huff. "Where else can you get something like this so close to Philadelphia, and a couple hours out of New York and Baltimore? We walk in and just go, 'Ahhh.'"

"It's a vertical neighborhood," agrees Herb Hartman, owner and general manager of Ocean Club Realty.

The Ocean Club's sumptuous con-

dos—for sale, lease and short-term summer rental—are situated in two contemporary high-rise towers. Giant porthole windows add to the nautical feel, and the atmosphere is so expansive, you may feel as if you're aboard an ocean liner.

Amenities include private balconies in each unit (those views again); an Olympic-size pool and Jacuzzi; a full spa and gym with fitness options like water aerobics and steam room; a card and game area with

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wide-screen TVs and free wifi; a tennis court; a library; and a three-story garage.

Needless to say, the Ocean Club—right in the center of everything—is convenient to all the sun, fun, and non-stop excitement of Atlantic City.

"The Boardwalk and beach are right here," says Huff. "There are 1,000 great restaurants, and you can walk to the them. There are beautiful golf courses nearby. There's tons of shopping. I look around and ask, 'What am I missing?' The answer: nothing."

Importantly for the Huffs, who cherish their four-legged friends, the Ocean Club is pet-friendly for owners.

With 755 residences (including studios and junior one-bedrooms) and eight spectacular penthouses, the accommodations and prices are geared to budgets at many

levels. See for yourself. Visit www.oceanclubrealty.com for digital tours and details.

Constructed in the mid-1980s, the Ocean Club has a sleek look overall, and the units are sufficiently minimalist in character that any kind of design and décor looks great.

In her awe-inspiring penthouse, for example, Carol Huff indulges her fondness for Art Deco. The drama is already built in with a 1,000-square-foot wrap-around balcony and 17-foot floor-to-ceiling windows (just press a button to raise or lower the sheer shades).

The two-story penthouse, in shades of mauve, electric blue, dove gray and black, includes a polished chrome staircase (for dramatic entrances and exits), a cozy mezzanine-level seating area (with a telescope for star gazing), and a super-modern kitchen.

Erté prints and '20s-style bronze figurines perfectly complement the dining area, with its glass-topped table, sleek upholstered chairs, enormous geometric mirror and six-light chandelier, surrounded by lush foliage.

Other penthouses in the Ocean



Club are equally lavish but with a more traditional design style.

"They aren't pretentious, and they're detailed beautifully," Huff says. "Look at ceilings, the finishes—every aspect is well thought out. It's comfortable, but you can feel the elegance. We feel so at home here."

And did we mention the views?

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