



The Real Home Alone House: What's Happening With It Today?

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Most teens know Home Alone as a classic holiday movie, but did you know the famous McCallister house in Winnetka, Illinois, has had a surprising real-life story over the past few years? (1)_____ millions of fans would love to spend a night there, the house isn't normally open to the public. Still, it has made (2)_____ with some unexpected events.

Back in 2021, the Home Alone house became available for rent—but only for one night.

Airbnb offered a special \$25 stay as a promotion for the new movie release at the time. The idea was to let fans experience Kevin McCallister's world, complete with fun traps (safe ones!), snacks, and a cozy holiday setup. The night sold out (3)_____, of course.

A few years later, in 2024, the owners who bought the house in 2012—Tim and Trisha Johnson—decided to sell it. Because the home is famous worldwide, it (4)_____ a lot of attention. It stayed on the market for about a year and finally sold in early 2025 for \$5.5 million.

The new owners haven't (5)_____ their identities, which makes sense, considering the number of fans who visit the location.

Interestingly, actor Macaulay Culkin, who played Kevin in the movie, (6)_____ he thought about buying the house and turning it into a "movie fun house." But in the end, he didn't go through with it. Can You Still Visit the House?

You can't stay there now—the new owners use it as a private home—but you can still visit the street. The house remains a popular tourist stop, and people often drive by to take photos of the iconic (7)_____. Just remember to be respectful, since a real family lives there.

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• **Would you try to book the \$25 Airbnb night? Why or why not?**

• **Do you think \$5.5 million is a fair price for such a famous house? Explain.**

• **Would you be comfortable knowing millions of people know what your house looks like from the outside?**

• **Would you visit the street to take a photo of the house, or does that feel too intrusive to the family living there?**

• **Why do you think this house is still so iconic even years after the movie was made?**

• **Which scene from *Home Alone* is most memorable for you, and why?**