

Hunting Hollywood

This is perhaps one of the best films Steve Martin ever worked on and one of the most beloved of the 1990's. I have met very few people in my day who have never heard of this movie. If you're one who has never seen it then I urge you put down this book and watch it.

Steve Martin plays George Banks. The movie is set in San Marino, California. Banks owns an athletic shoe company. He has a beautiful house, a loving wife (played by the wonderful Diane Keaton) and two children.

His world seems perfect until his 22 year old daughter Annie comes home from Europe and announces her marriage to Brian MacKenzie. He is from a wealthy family in Bel-Air but the catch is that they have only known each other a few months.

The reunion turns into a heated fight which is reconciled in time for George to meet Brian. He has a good financial situation and a great personality but in spite of all this George hates Brian from the start. His wife Nina loves Brian from the first meeting.

The movie follows the slow but sure breakdown of George Banks. First he meets Brian's parents and their ferocious pet Dobermans. Then he learns the high cost of the wedding at \$250 a head. Then there is the eccentric

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wedding planner played by the living legend Martin Short.

George finally breaks down in a supermarket which leads to his arrest. His wife bails him out only after making him promise to stay out of the wedding preparations. He agrees and does his best.

There are many last minute problems such as a strange winter blast which brings snow to Southern California. Parking proves disastrous which leads to George missing Annie throwing her bouquet. George makes several attempts to see Annie before they leave on their honeymoon but he misses her. Annie calls from the airport to thank him.

The pictures on the next page are of the house used in the movie. As far as I know the inside as well as the backyard were all used in the filming of the movie. The house from the outside looks exactly as it did in the movie. I can't point to one difference. It is located in Pasadena, which is actually near San Marino, California.

The address of the house is 843 South El Molino. **This is a private residence so please respect their privacy and do not trespass.**

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The other location I have been to from this movie is the bridal shop. Unfortunately you can't really see the outside that good in the movie and the store was closed the day I was there. If you stop by there when they are open you can see the interior which is still very similar.

It can be a little hard to find but once you do it's very rewarding if you are a fan of the movie as I am. The picture of the building is below. The address is 8408 Melrose Place in West Hollywood.

