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Oprah eyes \$68M NJ mansion

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EXCLUSIVE

Oprah Winfrey is eyeing a house in the New York area, The Post has learned.

The TV titan – whose new network is slated to launch in Los Angeles next year – quietly slipped into town yesterday for a house-hunting expedition along the banks of the Hudson, sources said.

Among the homes on her must-see list: a \$68 million manse on the sprawling grounds of the old Frick estate in Alpine, NJ, the sources said.

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Oprah's three-car caravan, including two black SUVs and a van, pulled into the ritzy enclave before noon yesterday, a source said.



LOOKER: Oprah Winfrey toured the grounds and grand interior (above) of this mega-manse yesterday in Alpine, NJ.

The billionaire then toured the 30,300-square-foot, English-manor-style mansion, which is part of the lavish "Estates at Alpine."

Workers and others on the grounds were asked to make themselves scarce while Oprah checked out the five-story, 19-bedroom and 12-bathroom spread, according to one source.

"Her people requested that everyone leave the house so it would be empty when she walked through," the source said.

A security guard, the source said, was allowed to stay at his post at the gate.

Alpine last year was named by Forbes magazine as the most expensive ZIP code in the country. Its celebrity residents include Eddie Murphy, the Jonas Brothers and CC Sabathia.

The estate eyed by Oprah is the most expensive in Alpine, with walnut and marble floors and Venetian plaster walls.

There's a carriage house, English gardens, a library, ballroom, movie theater, tennis court, saline pool and wine cellar.

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Before hitting Alpine, Oprah and her entourage were spotted a few miles north in Snedens Landing.

It's unclear what property Oprah looked at in the woodsy Rockland County hamlet.

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