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Better than a bomb shelter: The Volcano House

Can't afford a trip to the moon? Check out this \$750,000 desert escape, with a birds-eye view of the surrounding 'almost lunar landscape.'

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Between global economic turmoil, [Iran's nuclear posturing](#) and [recent disasters](#) around the world, it's no wonder [bomb shelters](#) are seeing a spike in sales.

But now we have something even better than a bomb shelter. We have a desert hideout called the [Volcano House](#).

Well, maybe it's not actually safer than a bomb shelter, since it sits atop a volcanic peak just two hours from Los Angeles in Newberry Springs, Calif. So instead of being underground and invisible, you'll be highly visible -- but

with a 360-degree view of whatever's coming your way. And most of the time, it'll probably just be sunshine.

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[Curbed LA](#), which we thank for its post on this new listing, suggests that potential buyers think beyond the concept of a simple hideaway, in favor of something akin to an evil plot to destroy the world, a la "[Austin Powers](#)":

The listing doesn't mention shark pits, control rooms or giant laser beams, so you might have to install some of those yourself (maybe they're just unpermitted?). The asking price is \$750,000, which is nothing compared to what you'll be able to extort from world leaders once you own the place.

We're joking, obviously, but from the outside, the dome home, which is made of concrete and truss beams, does have the kind of ominous look that is likely to draw sci-fi geeks from around the world -- or at least from L.A.

However, the inside offers a completely different feel. It looks quite cozy, the kind of place where one would contemplate the beauty of the world while appreciating the surrounding landscape, as opposed to pondering its destruction.

The home's amenities also are quite innocent. The main house has two bedrooms and two bathrooms, and the [Volcano House Web site](#) boasts its open entertaining areas. There's also a guest house with one bedroom and one bathroom, as well as a pond and "ultimate privacy."



And if you're not willing to spend [\\$100 million to fly to the moon](#), this might be the closest you'll ever get as you gaze out from your bird's-eye view at what the listing calls an "almost lunar landscape."

Enjoy the view. World domination can wait.

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