



Gstaad Palace, Switzerland

VACATION LIKE A PRESIDENT

Five favorite locales of past commanders in chief

THERE'S REALLY NO SUCH THING AS A VACATION DAY when you're the president of the United States. Even past leaders who managed to take a few days to clear their heads did so with tracking devices, a team of more than 200 Secret Servicemen and the realization that they could be summoned at a moment's notice to head directly back to the Oval Office. When presidents take vacation, they make it count by choosing the best vacation spots around the world. In honor of President's Day this month, make your vacation count and check out one of these top presidential-escape-worthy destinations. —KRISTY ALPERT



1 Gstaad, Switzerland: The Gstaad Palace has long been a favorite skiing destination in Europe for the celebrity circuit, but it also caught the eye of former President Jimmy Carter, who used to spend his precious time away perched atop the Swiss Alps at this luxurious, family-owned resort.



2 Fredericksburg, Texas: President Lyndon B. Johnson spent so much time in the Hill Country that his ranch was often dubbed the "Texas White House." Today, his retreat is a National Historic Park that you can visit on a laid-back Texas-wine-country getaway.



3 Warm Springs, Georgia: It was the 88-degree natural hot springs that attracted President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to this vacation spot. Soaking in the warm waters relieved his polio symptoms, and FDR reportedly visited the resort 42 times between 1924 and 1945.



4 St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands: The azure waters and hard-to-access private beaches of St. Thomas offer a secluded charm to anyone looking to withdraw for a while — hence the appeal for former President Bill Clinton, who frequently visited the Sand Dollar Estate at Magen's Bay.



5 Glenwood Springs, Colorado: Teddy Roosevelt wasn't a man who enjoyed sitting idly. This macho president spent his vacations bear hunting and lodging at the rustic-yet-opulent Hotel Colorado.

Eating the Landscape

It may sound very Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, but eating everything that surrounds you is the idea at the innovative new **Belle Mont Farm on St. Kitts**. Fitting in with an increasing trend, the entire property has been designed to be edible, swapping flowers for bananas, pineapples, coffee and mangoes, all sustainably provisioning the restaurants while being gentle on the environment. www.bellemontfarm.com —ELAINE GLUSAC



BELLE MONT FARM BY THE NUMBERS:

2 kinds of pigeons / 25 kinds of avocados | 84 guesthouses | 70 acres of edible plants on 200-acre golf course | 100 kinds of mangoes | 400 acres of property