19 Presidential Retreats Where You Can Visit and Stay

Hail to these chiefly relaxation spots.

Soon after President Trump won the election, it was reported that membership initiation fees to his private club Mar-a-Lago doubled from $100,000 to $200K. Many people clamor to walk in the footsteps of a President and this one has the rare—if ethically murky—ability to capitalize on that.

While many of the former so-called summer and winter White Houses have been turned into museums—like Harry S. Truman's Little White House in Key West, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Little White House in Georgia, or Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello in Virginia—a slew of presidential playgrounds exist where the public can actually stay.

From Trump to Taft, Clinton to Cleveland, we've rounded up the retreats most beloved by Commanders in Chief during their moments of downtime.
Cavalier Hotel

The preeminent East Coast hotel when it opened in 1927—the Norfolk and Western Railroad named a train after it, and F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald stayed for months—Virginia’s Cavalier Hotel has hosted more than 10 U.S. Presidents thanks to its close proximity to Washington D.C. Commanders-in-chief including Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, and Lyndon Johnson stayed here, and there is a pervasive rumor that frequent guest President Nixon may have burned a key Watergate audio tape in the Hunt Room.

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