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# Where the Obamas Should Go On Their First Post-White House Vacation

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Where should the Obamas dance off to when their White House days are over?

Hopefully, it's somewhere warm and remote.

President Obama definitely has his post-presidency priorities straight. During a press conference in Peru on November 13, the newly lame-duck Obama said that once he is no longer Commander in Chief, his first order of business is taking wife Michelle Obama on a vacation. Which simultaneously made our hearts

melt and got us thinking... where in the world are the Obamas going to go after they leave office?

We know the usual suspects: There's [Martha's Vineyard](#), an [Obama family summer vacation favorite](#), where First Daughter Sasha Obama worked the takeout window at Nancy's, a seafood restaurant in Oak Bluffs. Then there's Hawaii: given the Obamas will be leaving the White House during the chilly start of winter, the islands would make particularly sweet (and warm) escape for Michelle and Barack, who was born in [Honolulu](#).



Courtesy Ritz-Carlton Rancho Mirage

The Ritz-Carlton Rancho Mirage could become the stay of choice for Obama-spotters.

There's also the Rancho Mirage community in California, just down the street from [Palm Springs](#), where rumor has it the Obamas [have just purchased a home](#).

But after eight long years of busy schedules and traveling all over the world on Air Force One to fulfill diplomatic missions, maybe it's time for a change? We have a couple of suggestions.

### **If they're looking for somewhere snowy...Canada.**

There are [plenty of reasons](#) to head up to Canada in the middle of winter like Montreal's Igloofest, Ottawa's Winterlude and [endless ski slopes](#). It also helps that President Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau are practically best friends, if they're looking to do Canada like the locals, and the country is rolling out the red carpet for its 150th birthday in 2017.

### **If they're looking for somewhere beachy...[A private island resort](#).**

For people who have around-the-clock secret service members and have amassed a celebrity-level following, maybe the best vacation is one where they can feel completely alone. These private island resorts from Turks and Caicos to Fiji definitely fit the presidential bill.

### **If they're looking for somewhere, anywhere...Kyoto, Japan.**

Our readers voted this city [one of the best cities in the world](#) in our 2016 Reader's Choice Awards survey. Maybe it's because it's one of the most well-preserved cities in the world or because there are a lot of great Michelin-starred restaurants to choose from, but there is plenty for Barack and Michelle Obama to do there.

Bottom line: no matter where the Obamas decide to go, they will definitely have a memorable (and well-deserved) vacation.