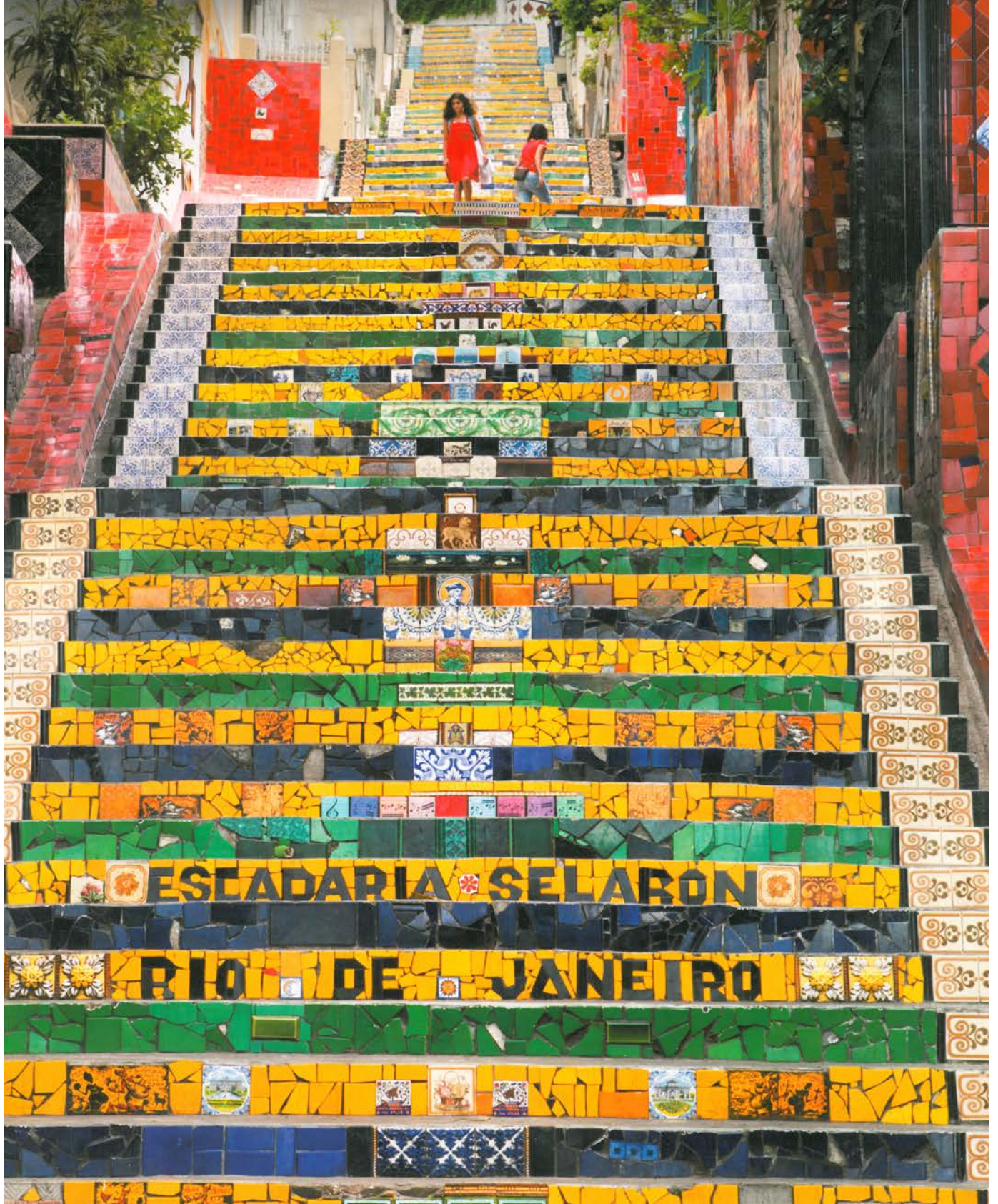


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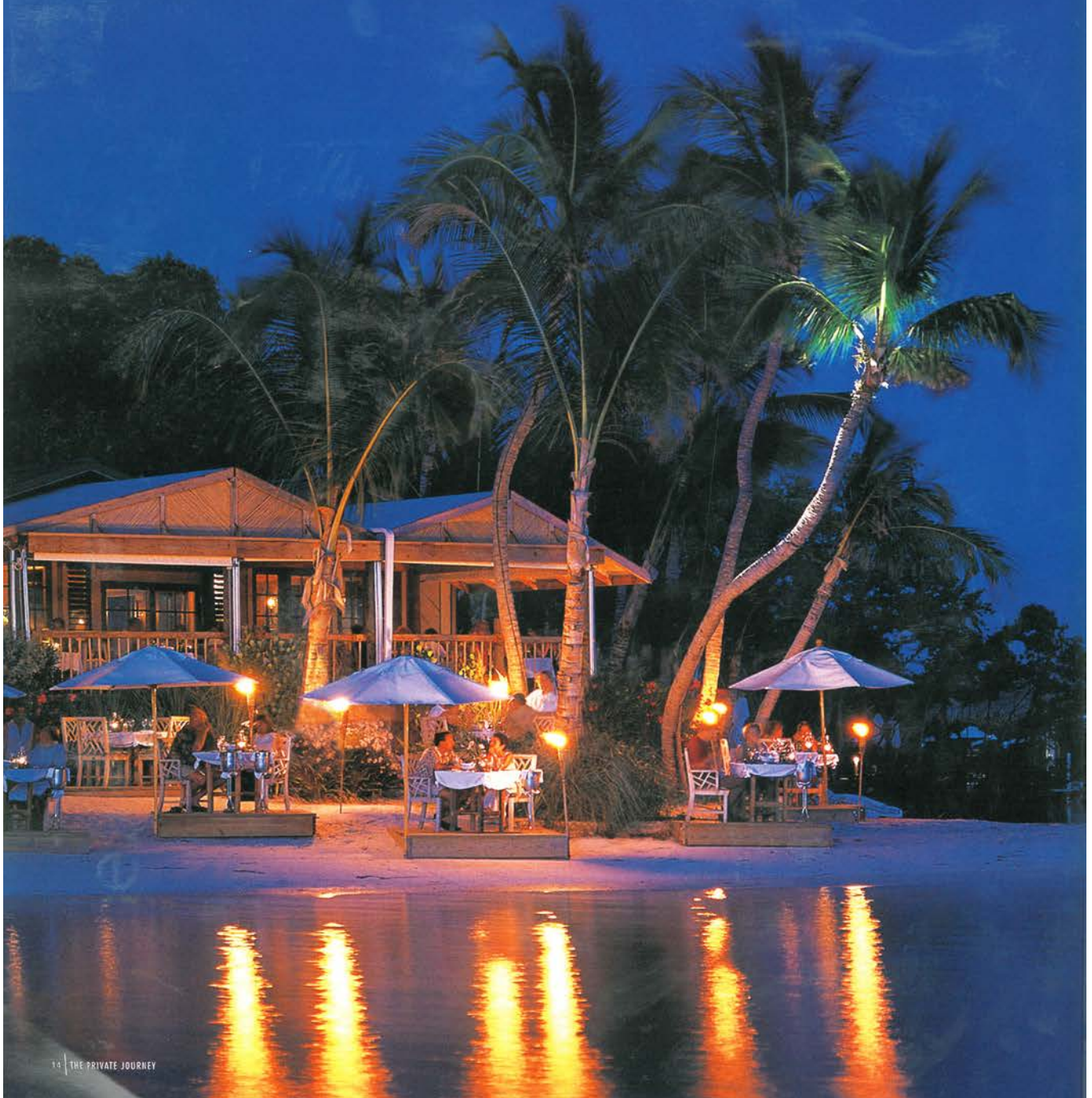


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LITTLE PALM ISLAND

O nboard the S.S. Truman, a vintage yacht named after the 33rd President of the United States (who designated Little Palm Island as his summer 'white house'), sipping on the traditional welcome cocktail, the Gumby Slumber, you watch as the fabled coastline of the Florida Keys slips out of view



RETREATS

LITTLE PALM ISLAND CONJURES COMPARISONS TO THE ISLANDS OF THE SOUTH SEAS, WITHOUT THE REQUISITE PASSPORT

Then, as if by magic, Little Palm Island appears...floating like a brilliant emerald in the Florida Straits. Isolated from the Keys' mainland by several miles, this 5.5-acre island oasis is Florida's most remote and most romantic retreat, accessible only by boat or sea-plane.

The best-kept secret of presidents, celebrities and discerning travelers, Little Palm Island conjures comparisons to the islands of the South Seas, without the requisite passport. Delivering a sense of enchantment, luxury and hospitality that rivals even the most renowned exotic locales, Little Palm is, to put it simply, a piece of paradise.

Amid soaring Jamaican coconut palms and lush tropical foliage, fifteen thatched-roof, oceanfront bungalows are discreetly nestled and offer the ultimate in privacy. A personalized nameplate on your bungalow door welcomes you to a private suite, where you are greeted by an array of indulgences, including a chilled bottle of bubbly, a dozen fragrant roses, hand-dipped chocolate truffles...all carefully selected to reflect your personal preferences.

From the plush, king-sized beds enveloped by sumptuous linens and draped with romantic netting, to whirlpool baths built for two and the accompanying lavish amenities, accommodations on Little Palm are designed to inspire romance. When you finally decide to leave your bed in the morning – there are no alarm clocks to wake you – your whims and desires determine how to pass the time. As Little Palm's concierge, Chris Phillips, reminds guests: "this is your island."



The mantra at Little Palm is "do nothing." Maintaining the island-wide commitment to relaxation, Little Palm embraces an escapist philosophy and limits contact with the stressors of the outside world. With no televisions or telephones (or guests under the age of 16) the only distractions are the outdoors and your travel companion.

Fortunately, opportunities to revel in the flora and fauna of Florida's natural paradise are abundant. Stroll along the crushed seashell paths that meander through the foliage, kayak along the mangroves that line the neighboring islands, or simply daydream in a hammock while the melody of the gently rolling waves, the rustling of palm fronds and the chirping of native birds compose the score for your reveries.

For those craving adventure, a backcountry fishing trip, guided canoe tour, or a snorkeling excursion to nearby Looe Key will satisfy your yen to explore. Looe Key, the last living coral reef in North America, is a colorful underwater world, alive with marine life that ranges from star coral, moray eels and parrotfish, to schools of barracuda and the ominous-looking, yet harmless, baby bonnethead sharks.

Also offered for your enjoyment is a wealth of complimentary water sports – all available at a moment's notice. Or, simply settle into a plush chaise poolside and immerse yourself in the pages of a classic tome borrowed from the on-site library. For a slower-paced excursion, arrange a sail at sunset aboard a 38-foot catamaran and savor a spread of gourmet picnic foods complete with a bottle of fine wine.

The Dining Room at Little Palm is paradise for your palate, and tempts guests with offerings that are globally inspired and locally caught. The evolving menu presents the finest in fresh, local fare, using key limes and indigenous ingredients, and is certain to satisfy the most sophisticated epicurean cravings. The casual elegance of the oceanfront Dining Room is just one place to enjoy the esteemed cuisine – any setting on the island can be transformed to play host to a private meal.

Island life reaches its pinnacle at SpaTerre, a refuge that exists solely to replace the weight of the world with a feeling of utter and complete relaxation.

The Chef's Table is a privileged enclave positioned discreetly in the award-winning kitchen. Here, Cuban-born Chef Luis Pous, renowned among Miami's celebrity scene, personally attends to you, preparing and presenting tasting menus paired with hand-selected wines.

Dining at one of the tables scattered along the shoreline beneath the stars, a stone's throw from the tranquil waters, is an experience enjoyed by all – including the island's key deer, who are known to stealthily steal the fresh coconut garnish from atop your cocktail or sneak bread out of your basket.

Wildlife sightings aside, dishes such as Mahi Mahi with cilantro, creamy polenta, tomato salsa and scallion oil, and lobster risotto are "Floribbean" dishes that distinguish the Dining Room as "extraordinary to perfection, across all categories," as rated by Zagat.

Post-dinner, relax by the beachside fire pit, listening to live music play a duet with the warm, Florida breeze. When you're ready to retire, your bungalow awaits. During dinner, be certain the island concierge has tended to your requests, and set a richly romantic scene for your return. Your suite will be dressed sweetly in the soft glow of flickering candles with a path of petals leading to your island bedroom. Raise a glass of fine champagne and toast life with your special someone. You will fall in love all over again.

Island life reaches its pinnacle at SpaTerre, a refuge that exists solely to replace the weight of the world with a feeling of utter and complete relaxation. Incorporating the style and traditions of east and west with a signature Florida Keys flair, peace and tranquility are promoted through cross-cultural spa experiences once reserved for royalty. Tropical oils, aromatic herbs and purifying volcanic clays gathered from the four corners of the globe are used liberally to enhance each spa experience. Lose yourself in a lavish ritual from the ancient palaces of Java. The fragrance of jasmine, frangipani, or tropical fruits will fill the air during your luxurious Balinese massage, preceding a sweet skin scrub, and a warm yogurt application. Perhaps you've chosen a fresh flower or lemongrass-infused soaking tub to follow.

With just one visit you will see...on Little Palm Island the possibilities are many. But the choices are yours alone.



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