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Princess Diana
vacationed at
Montpelier
Plantation & Beach
with Princes William
and Harry in 1992.

THE SWEETEST ESCAPE Largely untouched, Nevis, the smaller island comprising St. Kitts and Nevis in the West Indies and birthplace of Alexander Hamilton, remains much as it did when it was colonized by the British in 1628: wild and wonderful. There is still only one main road on the tiny island; monkeys and donkeys roam the hills; and many locals have never stepped foot off its 36 square miles. That unadulterated authenticity is why traveling there is worth the hop, skip and jump it takes to arrive. Once there, sequester yourself on the 60 lush acres of **Montpelier Plantation & Beach** (Premier Room rates from \$445 per night, Tamarind Villa rates from \$1,370 per night, montpeliernevis.com). Originally an 18th century sugar plantation, today the estate blooms with tropical flowers and is dotted with 19 bungalows—each with a private terrace overlooking the Caribbean ocean. Three on-property restaurants, a secluded outdoor spa draped with purple bougainvillea and a blue-tiled swimming pool with a view of Nevis Peak make the property a rarity on the island. All that's left to do is lie in the sun; ask for longtime barkeep Kaddy's secret rum punch recipe; and idle the days away with Cosmo, Montpelier's yellow Labrador retriever. It makes you wonder: Why did Hamilton ever leave? —*Kristie Ramirez*