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The Hermitage Plantation Inn's cottages have private porches that are perfect for afternoon lounging.



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Hilly Nevis is a great escape for bikers and outdoor sports buffs—or anyone looking for quiet and nature. Hike through rainforests, hike or take a mountaintop horseback ride. Nevis has a laid-back vibe, but locals still like to have fun. You can experience the island's spirit at unrefined beach bars and its lively annual Culturama Festival.

### where to stay

- Set high on a hilltop, **The Hermitage Plantation Inn** is a historic hotel built around one of the oldest houses in the Caribbean. The rooms capture this feel with heirloom four-poster canopy beds and antiques ([HermitageNevis.com](http://HermitageNevis.com); 800-682-4025).
- A former eighteenth-century sugar estate turned flower-draped hotel with pretty pastel cottages in the Nevis hills, **Golden Rock Inn** is a favorite stomping ground for savvy travelers. Don't miss their afternoon tea on the porch ([Golden-Rock.com](http://Golden-Rock.com); 869-469-3346).

### what to do

- Get down at the annual **Culturama Festival** (July 24 through August 4). It packs in 12 days of Nevisian food, music, performances and parades (special events from \$5; [NevisCulturama.net](http://NevisCulturama.net)).
- The Hermitage Plantation Inn's** equestrian center offers guided horseback rides through local villages and Saddle Hill for \$40 each for readers of *The Nest* (regularly \$55). Enjoy the island's clearest views ([HermitageNevis.com](http://HermitageNevis.com); 800-682-4025).

- Burn off a leisurely lunch together by renting a couple of mountain bikes for \$25 a day per person at **Windsurf'N'Mountainbike Nevis**. Bonus: You'll get 15 percent off advanced bookings by mentioning *The Nest* ([BikeNevis.com](http://BikeNevis.com); 869-469-9682).

### drinking and dining

- Bring your appetites to **The Water Department Barbecue** from 4 to 9 p.m. on Fridays. This spot is known for barbecue specialties and chicken that people always line up for. This stick-to-your-ribs meal will only set you back \$3 to \$10 (Pump Road, Charlestown).
- In the bright dining room of **Rodney's Cuisine**, owner Rodney Elliott serves up homemade West Indian dishes that all cost about 15 bucks or less, like their famous "cook-up," which is a mix of peas and rice, chicken and salt fish. Be sure to order a Mauby, a local drink (near Charlestown; 869-663-1644).
- Get "stung" by **Sunshine's** signature rum punch called Killer Bee for \$5—the spot is a local legend for barbecue and dancing by the beach (Pinney's Beach; [SunshineNevis.com](http://SunshineNevis.com); 869-469-5817).

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	<b>nevis DEAL</b> Complimentary fruit basket and bottle of wine, daily breakfast and you'll be hosted for dinner for four nights. Plus, a private afternoon call!		
	<b>nevis</b> <b>Golden Rock Inn</b> HIGH SEASON RATE From \$325 a night SUMMER STEAL From \$170 a night in one of their pastel-colored cottages, or \$288, which includes breakfast and dinner daily ( <a href="http://Golden-Rock.com">Golden-Rock.com</a> ; 869-469-3346).		
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