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Gasparilla Inn & Club

Boca Grande, Florida

Claim to fame: One of the largest surviving historic resort hotels in the state, Gasparilla Inn & Club epitomizes old-time Florida.

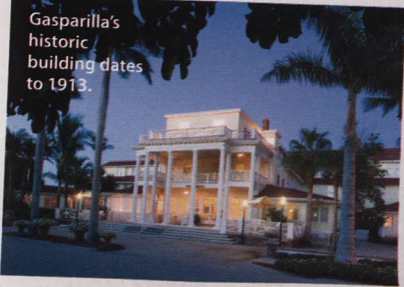
Until recently it had never advertised, but the resort has been frequented by every swell from Henry Ford to the Rockefellers.

Then and now: The gleaming property recently made it through a top-to-bottom refreshment by West Palm Beach design firm Kemble Interiors. The 140 rooms, suites, and cottages are invitingly decorated in crisp, cool colors. The Beach Club has a spa, beauty salon, and casual dining room.

Restaurant redux: The splashy green and white Main Dining Room offers such fare as potato-crusting local grouper drizzled with lobster sauce, and herbed rack of lamb with boursin-rosemary polenta.

When to go: The inn opens October 22 and closes June 27. (A few cottages are available for rent in summer.) Rooms from \$245; 800/996-1913 or gasparillainn.com 🐚

Gasparilla's historic building dates to 1913.



The Beach Club pool

