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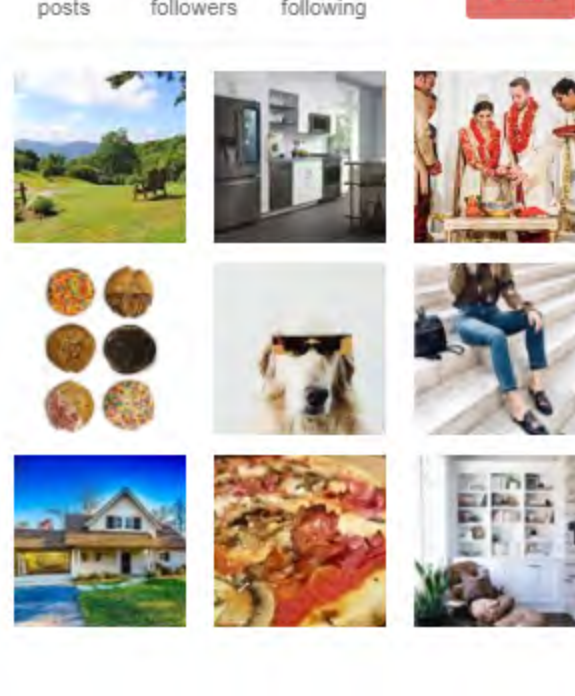
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## 6 Corporate Retreat Destinations to Take Your Meeting to the Next Level

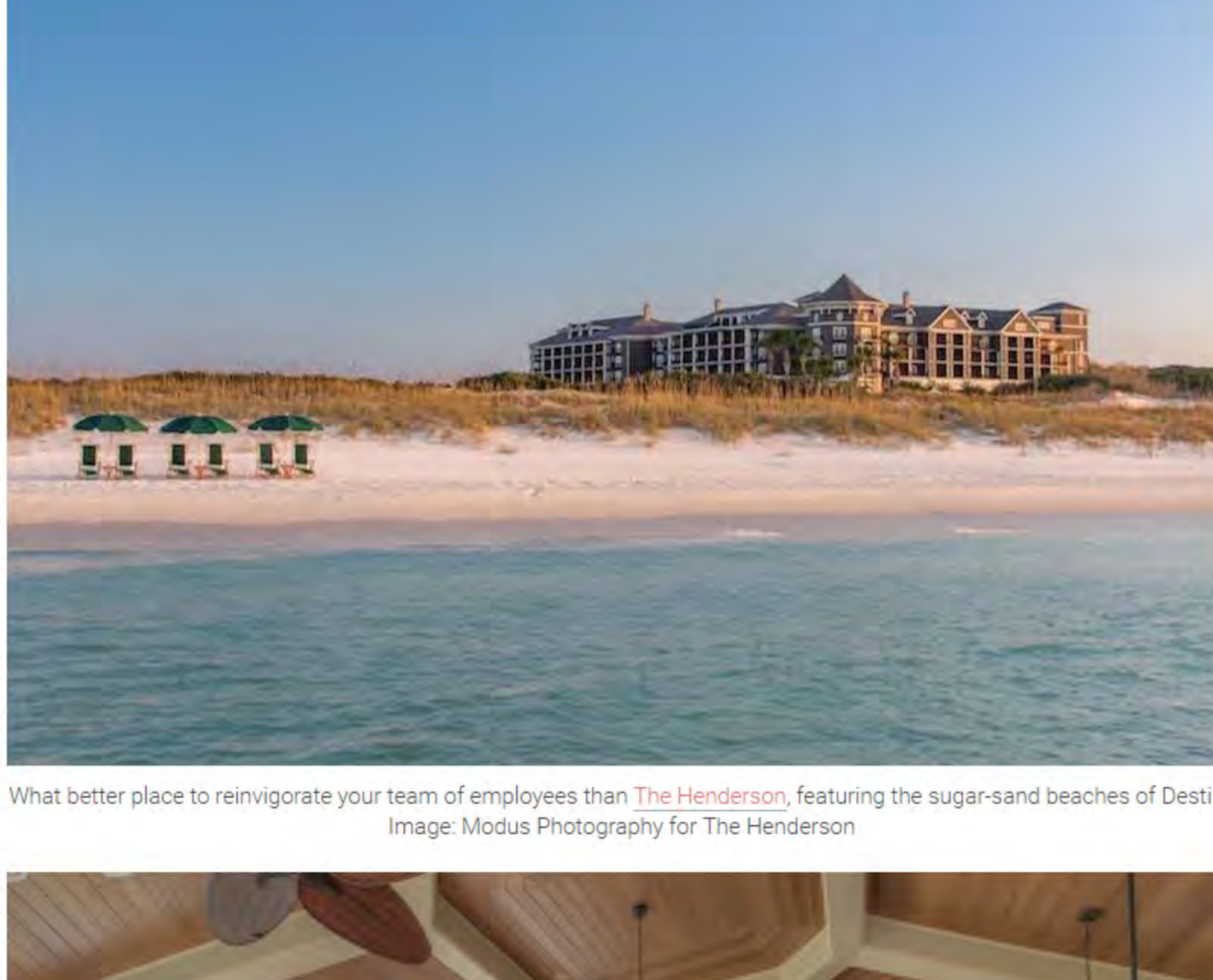
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Whether it's a team-building venue or luxury escape you're seeking for your next company retreat, there are some impressive options in the South for getting away from the office as a company. Here are some of our picks for beautiful places to hold your next corporate retreat.

### THE HENDERSON

200 Henderson Resort Way, Destin, FL 32541 • (866) 976-9603

The Henderson, a beach and spa resort in Destin, FL, opened November 2016 and offers guests a luxurious nautical getaway on the Gulf Coast. With a front entry overlooking lush gardens, the idyllic resort fronts miles of quiet, sugar-white beach and sits beside 200 acres of land preserve. Its architecture blends historic coastal design with impressive modern style. The resort has 170 rooms, each with a spectacular view, as well as tasty dining options for farm- and sea-to-table flavors. Green space and sand make for relaxing and invigorating meeting spaces, as do the rooftop deck and the 10,000 square feet of meeting spaces inside the property. The Henderson has a full slate of seasonal events to complement such standard activities as snorkeling, spa and wellness services, as well as the thoughtfully juried Henderson Artist Project. Be sure to examine special offers for corporate groups.



What better place to reinvigorate your team of employees than The Henderson, featuring the sugar-sand beaches of Destin? Image: Modus Photography for The Henderson



Break off into small groups for a little team building, all with an inspiring view. Image: The Henderson



Beautiful rooms allow for rest and relaxation. Image: The Henderson

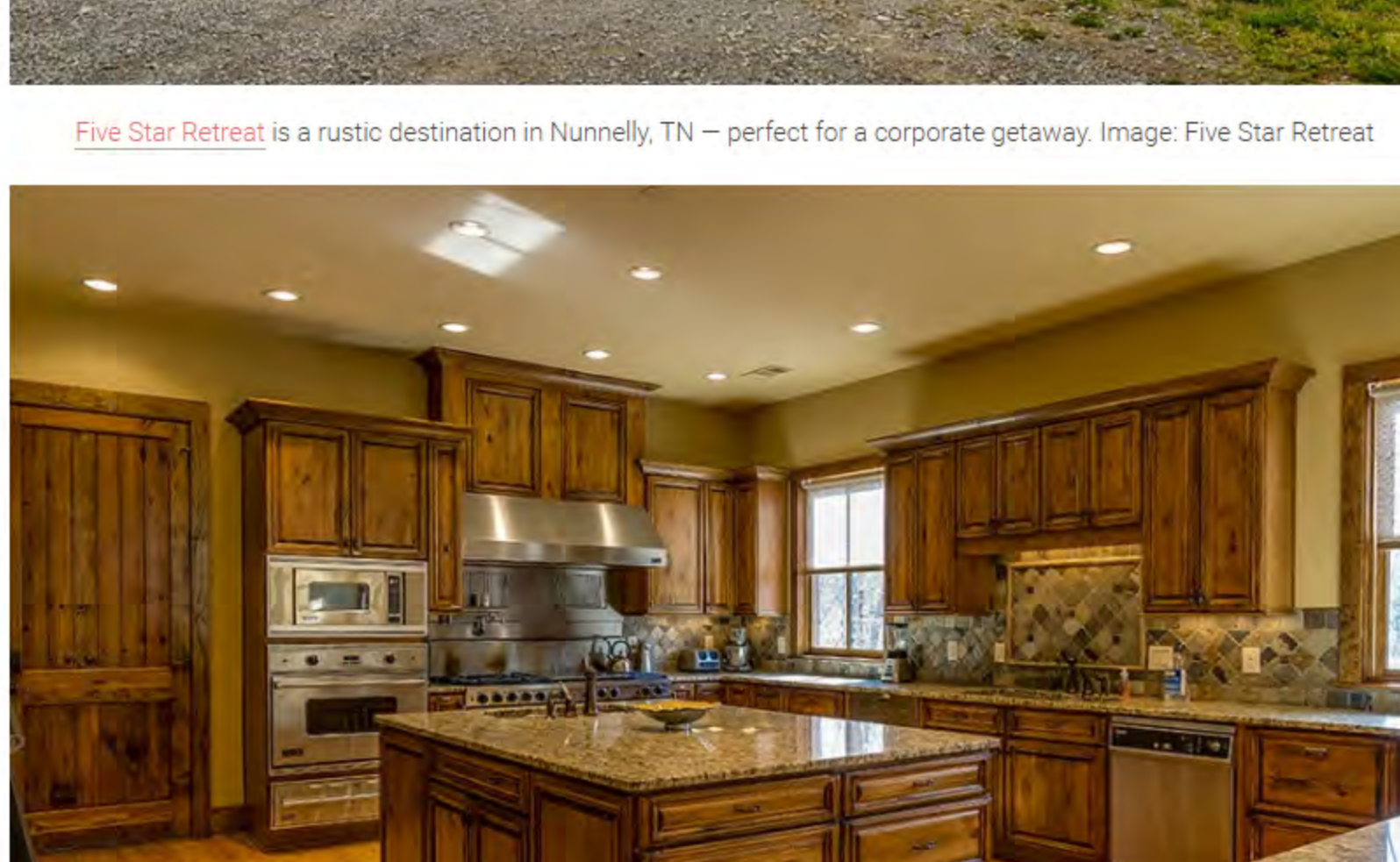
### FIVE STAR RETREAT

8020 Oak Springs Road, Nunnally, TN 37137 • (615) 212-9007

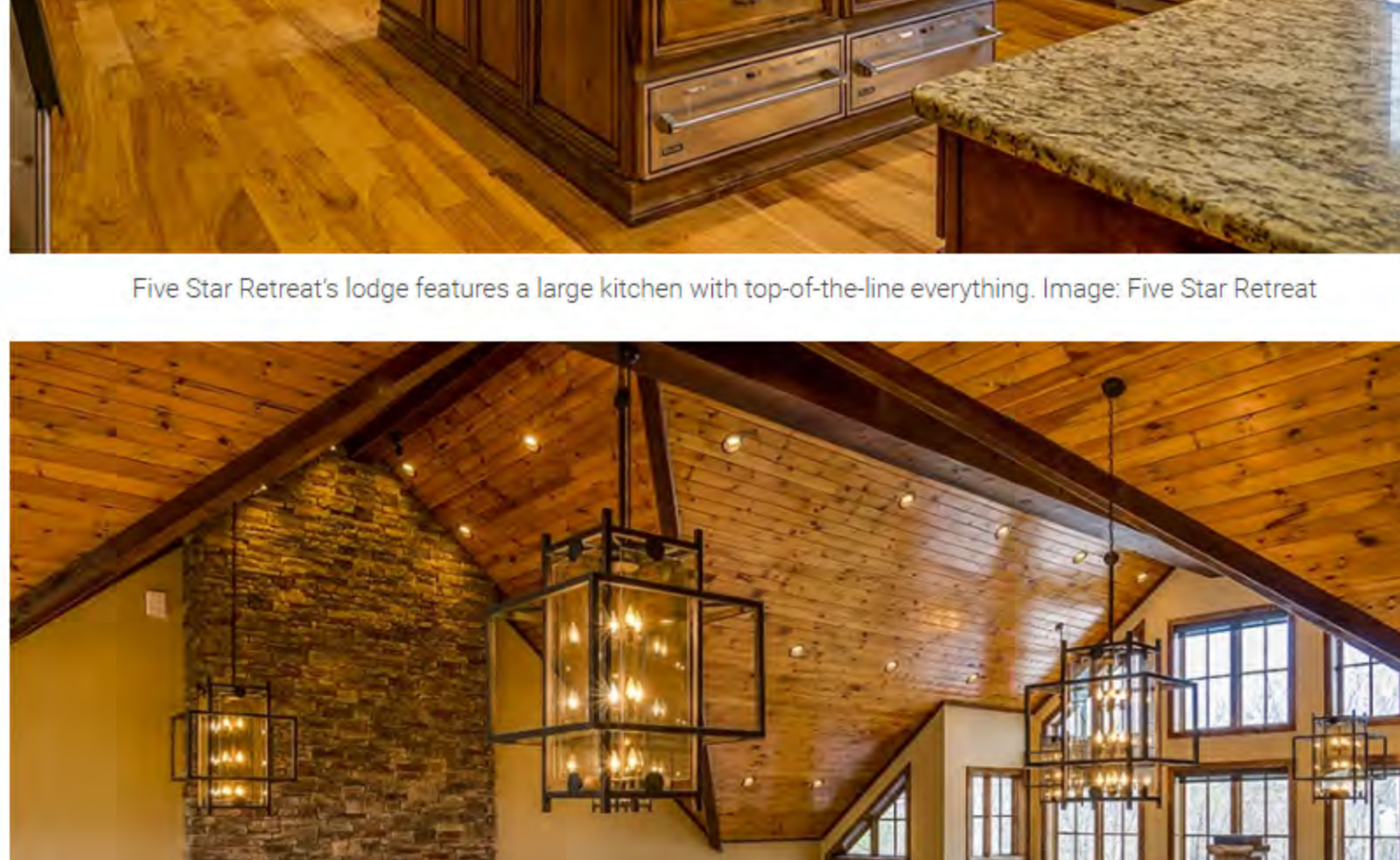
Situated in the rolling hills of Middle Tennessee, a two-hour drive from Memphis and just southwest of Nashville, Five Star Retreat provides numerous possibilities for corporate retreats. The scenic property, with its lake, two creeks and 300 acres of land, allows for a range of outdoor activities — hiking, riding (bicycles, ATVs, horses), swimming, canoeing, hunting and fishing, and wildlife watching. The 8,500-square-foot Five Star Lodge, with upscale accommodations, sleeps up to 45 people. Other accommodations include three cabins and a creek-side cottage. In addition to luxury rooms and generously sized suites, the lodge has a large commercial kitchen and a den with three television screens — an ideal place for watching a movie or ball game after a long day of meetings. Adjacent to the lodge is a basketball court, and steps away is the center's new lighted and heated pool, with lounge seating and a wood-burning fire pit on the deck.



Five Star Retreat is a rustic destination in Nunnally, TN — perfect for a corporate getaway. Image: Five Star Retreat



Five Star Retreat's lodge features a large kitchen with top-of-the-line everything. Image: Five Star Retreat

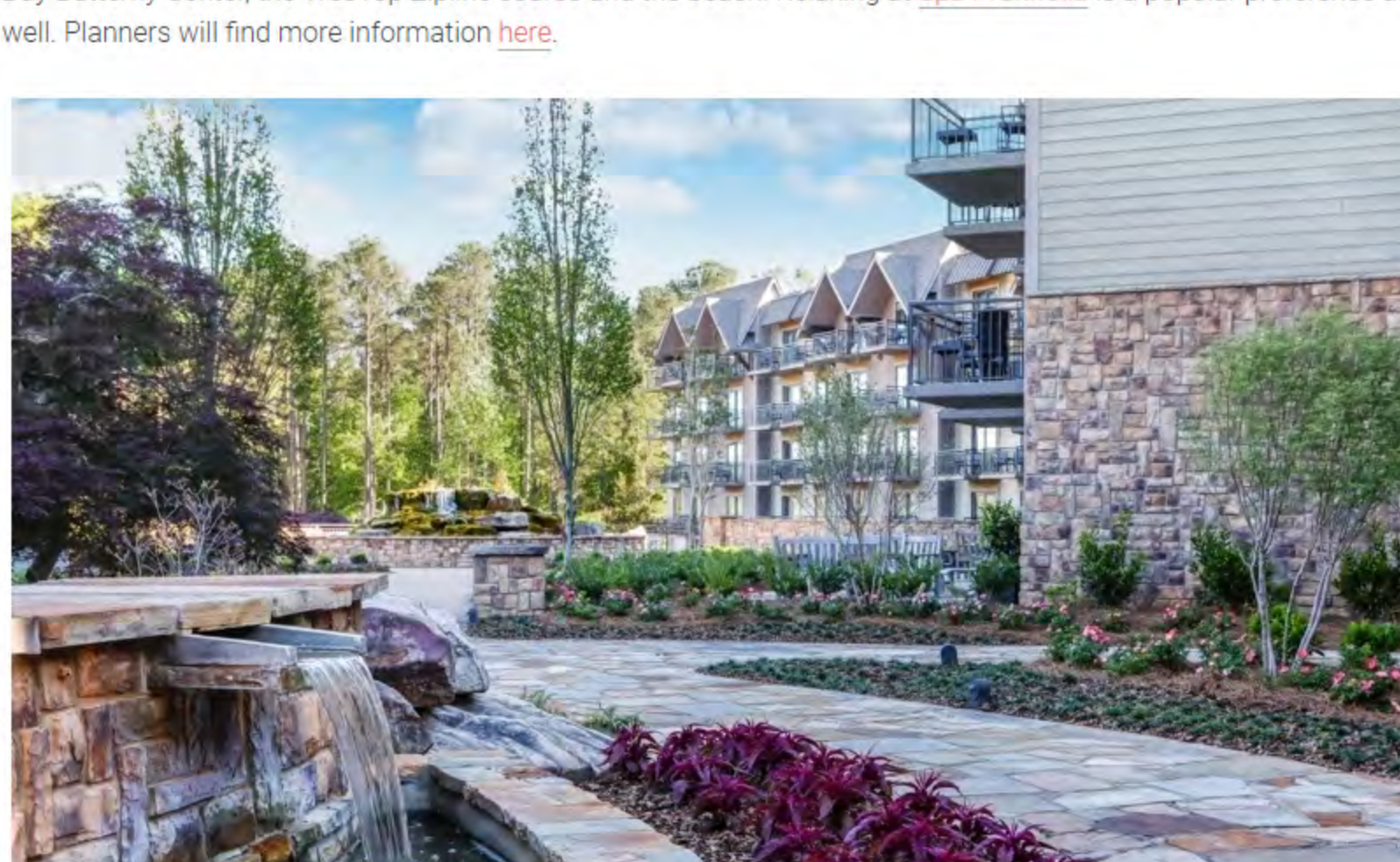


A tremendous amount of space is available at the lodge — 8,500 square feet, to be exact. Image: Five Star Retreat

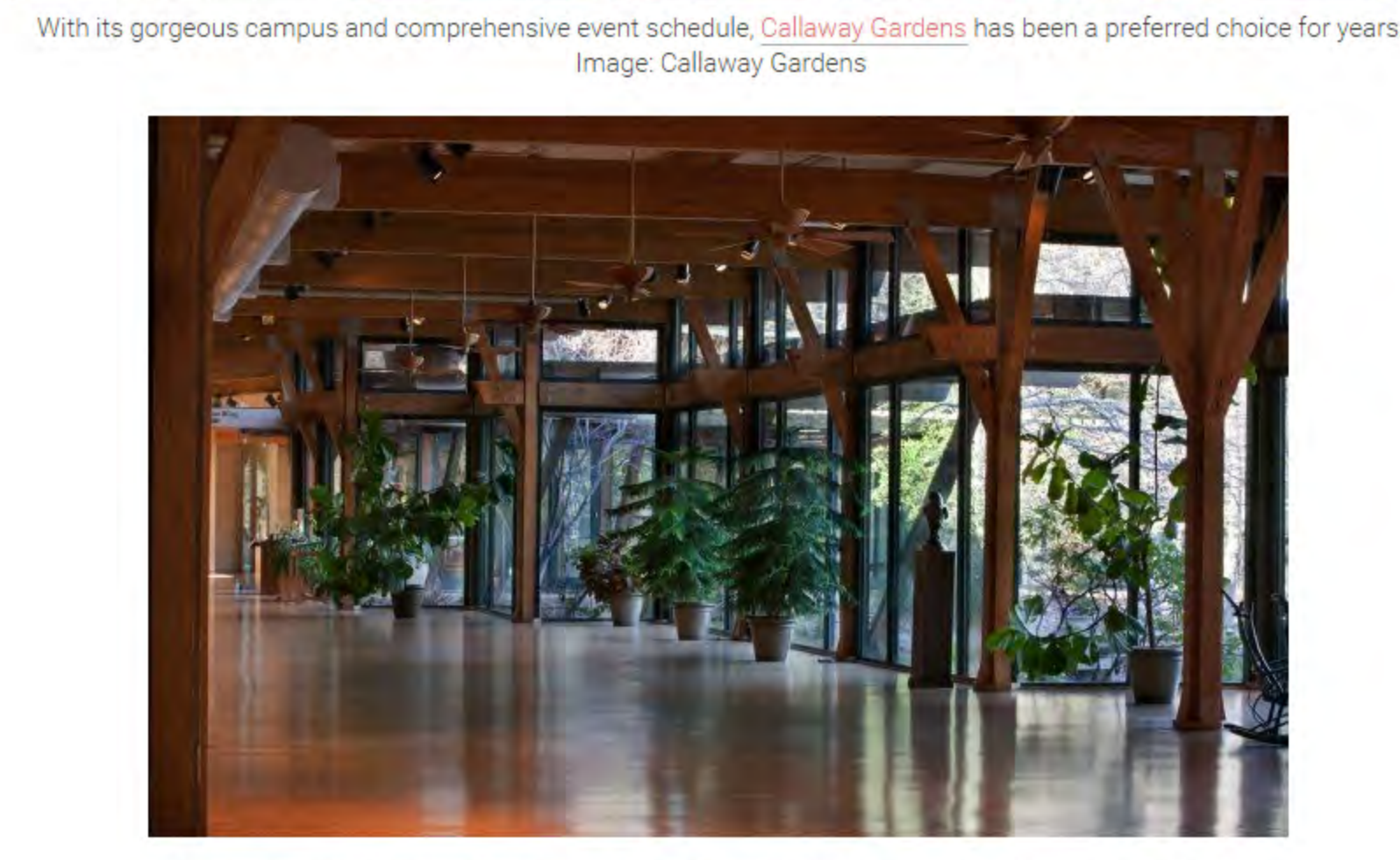
### CALLAWAY GARDENS

17800 U.S. Hwy. 27, Pine Mountain, GA 31822 • (800) 852-3810

Callaway Resort & Gardens, located an hour south of Atlanta in Pine Mountain, GA, offers expansive options for corporate retreats. The 2,500-acre campus includes the newly remodeled Lodge & Spa, with vistas overlooking Robin Lake and Pine Ridge Mountain. Lodging options also include Mountain Creek Inn, Mountain Creek Villas and Southern Pine Cottages. For corporate meetings and events, the property includes the Longleaf event lawn and a 54,000-square-foot conference center. Golfers can enjoy two courses and a practice facility, but there are still more activities to check out as well — water sports, hiking, fishing and tennis, to name a few. Places to explore include Birds of Prey, Day Butterfly Center, the TreeTop Zipline course and the beach. Relaxing at Spa Prunifolia is a popular preference as well. Planners will find more information here.



With its gorgeous campus and comprehensive event schedule, Callaway Gardens has been a preferred choice for years. Image: Callaway Gardens

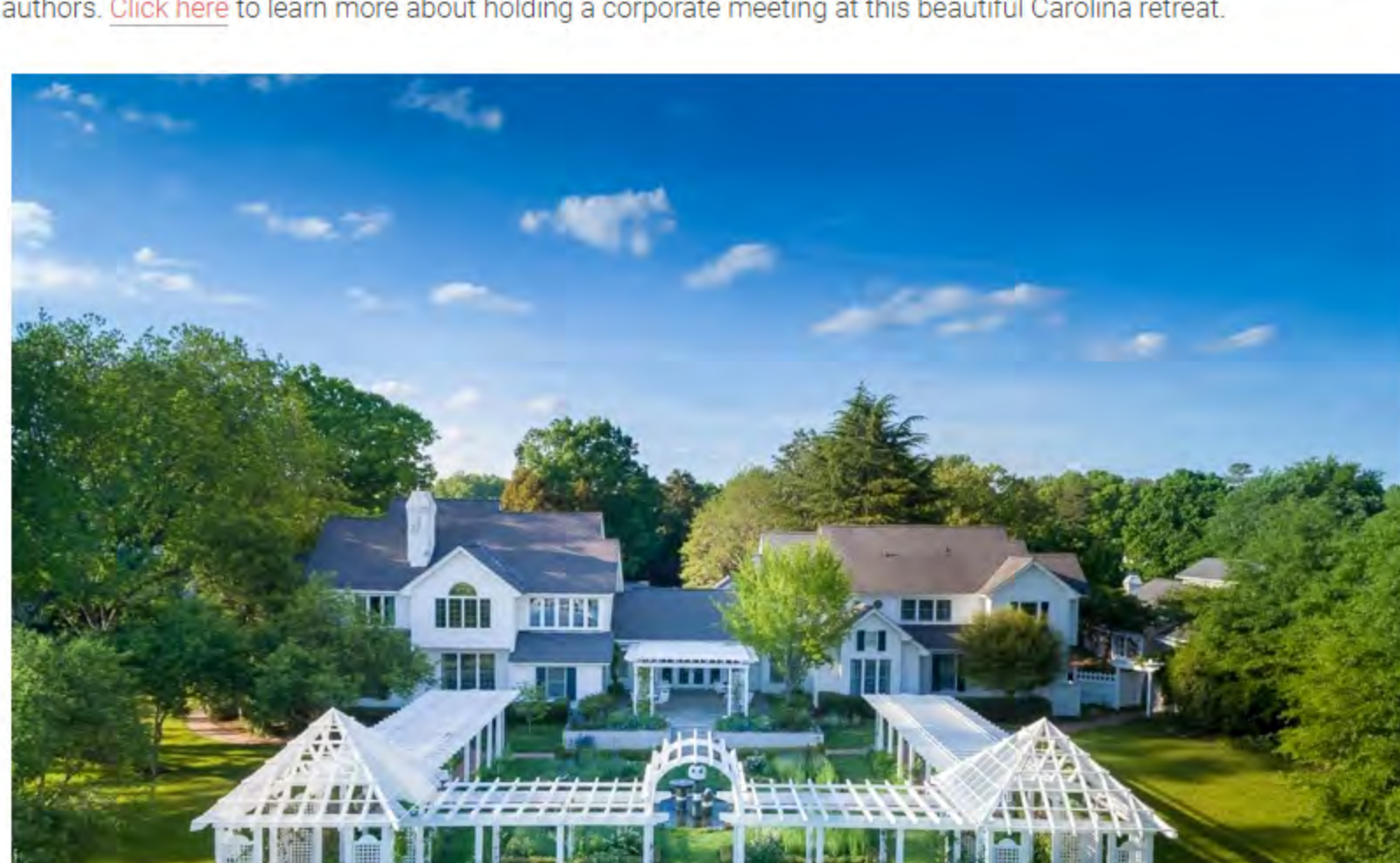


Ample space and inspiring settings make Callaway Gardens a no-brainer for corporate retreats. Image: Callaway Gardens

### FEARRINGTON VILLAGE

2000 Fearington Village Center, Pittsboro, NC 27312 • (919) 542-2121

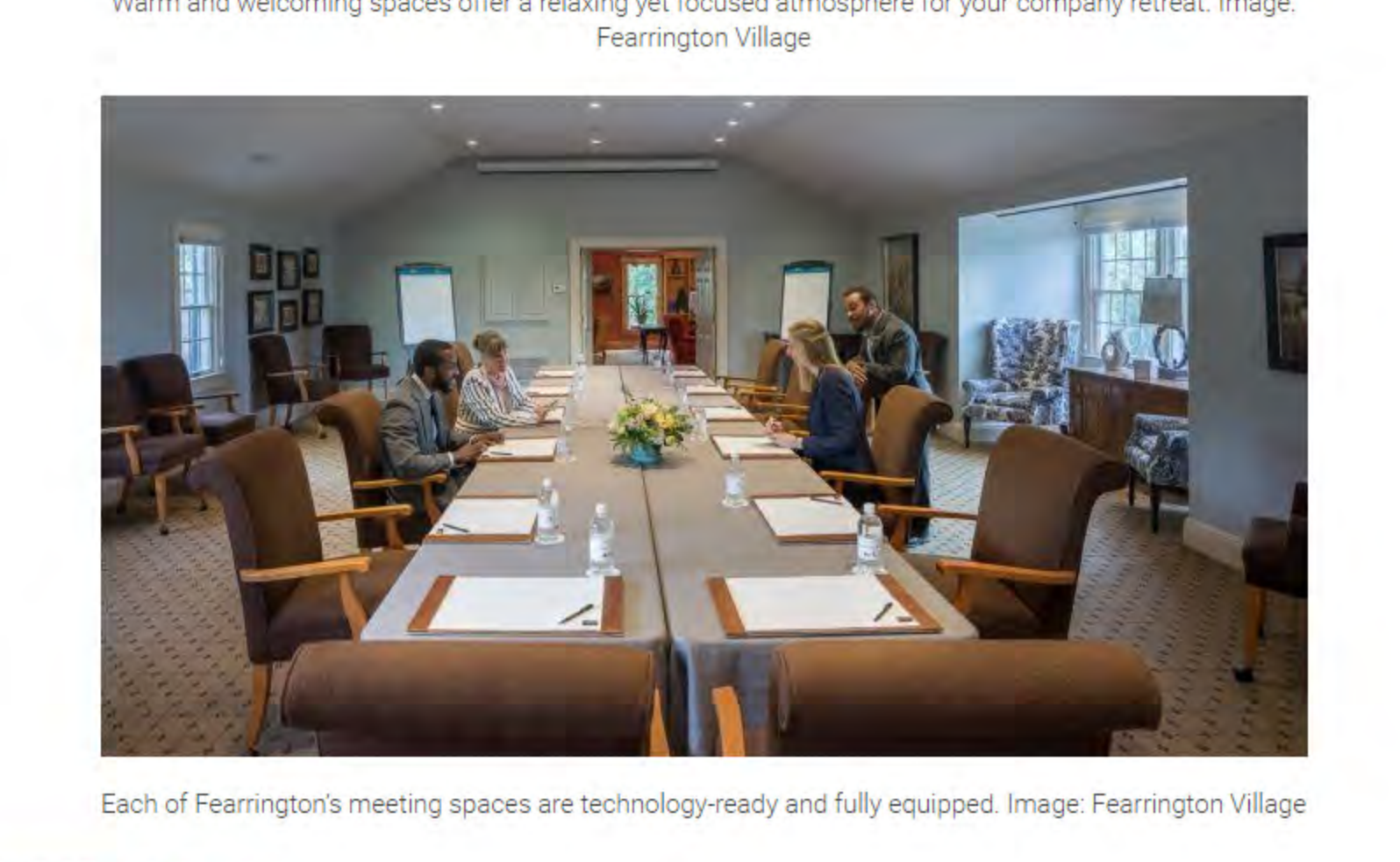
Tucked away in the vibrant Research Triangle area, Fearington Village affords intimate, luxurious lodging and other notable facilities perfect for company retreats. The Fearington House Inn has 32 rooms in a scenic and private farmland setting, while the Fearington House Restaurant, a repurposed 19th century granary, offers Relais & Châteaux-level cuisine and local farm-to-fork flavors, including the bounty of vegetables and herbs grown on the property. The resort also makes corporate retreats a breeze. The garden terrace and bandstand are possibilities for events, and interesting meeting spaces include a suite overlooking the independent bookstore, McIntyre's Books, and a boardroom overlooking an herb garden. Culinary corporate activities include "Ready, Steady, Cook," and wine and painting. Fearington Village hosts numerous events, including live music, wine tastings and readings by select authors. Click here to learn more about holding a corporate meeting at this beautiful Carolina retreat.



Fearington Village is a Relais & Châteaux resort located in beautiful Pittsboro, NC. Its refined charm distinguishes it as a premier destination for corporate retreats. Image: Fearington Village



Warm and welcoming spaces offer a relaxing yet focused atmosphere for your company retreat. Image: Fearington Village



Each of Fearington's meeting spaces are technology-ready and fully equipped. Image: Fearington Village

### PURSELL FARMS

386 Talladega Springs Road, Sylacauga, AL 35151 • (256) 208-7600

Nestled on 3,200 picturesque acres less than an hour from Birmingham and two hours from Atlanta, Pursell Farms is an ideal setting for corporate retreats. The property affords spacious accommodations in well-appointed cabins, cottages and, for conferences requiring seclusion, in the 14,000-square-foot Parker Lodge. Groups can enjoy spa services at the Spring House and engage in such customized team-building activities as sporting clay tournaments, fishing rodeos, short-game golf competitions and culinary programs. In first quarter 2018, Pursell Farms will open a three-story, country estate-styled inn with 40 oversized guest rooms, ample meeting space, a restaurant, pub, swimming pool and fitness center.



Pursell Farms is inviting from the moment you arrive. Image: Pursell Farms

### BLACKBERRY FARM

1471 W. Millers Cove Road, Walland, TN 37886 • (865) 984-8166

Whether you're taking your employees away for a team-building retreat or as a reward for a job well done, Blackberry Farm's abundance of 4,200 acres and the mist over the Great Smoky Mountains make for a memorable escape. Corporate retreaters can take a break with breathtaking views and exquisite accommodations, including estate rooms, spacious cottages and three- to five-bedroom homes. Possibilities abound for meeting breaks too — relax at the spa, do a little fly-fishing, take a hike, ride a horse or go mountain biking. Blackberry Farm has a full year-round calendar of events, including concerts, holiday celebrations and outdoor adventures. Of particular interest are options for farm activities. Visitors may join the master gardener for one of his talks, take a tasting tour or enjoy a cooking demonstration. As for dining, enjoy the finest in Blackberry Farm's three restaurants, which feature Foothills Cuisine®, a pairing of the refined and the rustic.



The best place to view the mist of the Great Smoky Mountains is a seat on the lawn of Blackberry Farm. Image: Blackberry Farm

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