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The July 4 style: Great Escapes (North America)



The fabled playground of Saranac Lake
Great Escape "The Point"
Saranac Lake, NY
Photograph by Don Freeman
Great Escapes North America (Taschen Books)

In other parts of the world, this particular date is honored and called special. Many of them, just like most of us here, consider this day a time to go on holidays and spend quality time at some restful locale. In a time long ago, we used to share the same independence day with the Americans but now, we just commemorate it over a month ahead of them so it's now supposedly known as Filipino American Friendship Day (not sure if it carries any weight or significance presently to many of us).

Anyway, just as to celebrate this special day with our friends and readers who are, as a former teen singer sang "party in the USA", we looked at the places of rest, relaxation and definitely stylish for many. Some of them, found in Angelika Taschen's beautifully curated book "Great Escapes: North America" (Photography by Don Freeman, Texts by Daisann McLane, Taschen Books) who brings us to different parts of the continental American to show not just the lust worthy properties and hotels that spell e-s-c-a-p-e, but to showcase the varied styles, histories and forms that stretch from sea to shining sea: James Dean memorabilia, Navajo quilts, adironbacked chairs, quirky RV styled rooms, debonair fire pits and the Stars and Stripes.

Happy 4th (of July)...

