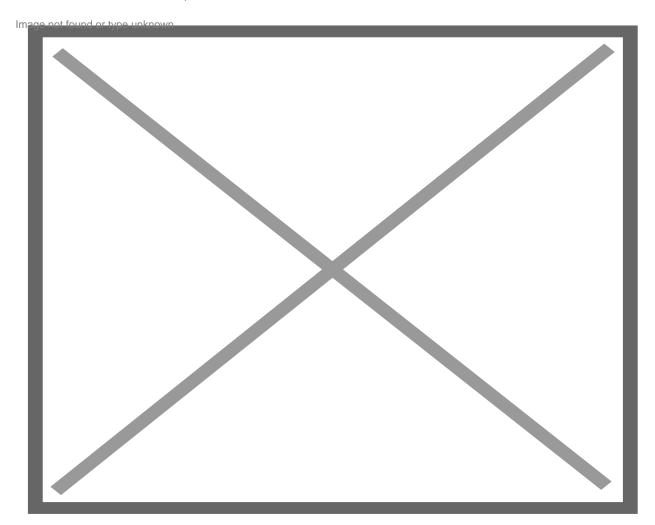
First Lady Jill Biden Departs St. Croix After 5-Day Visit

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A U.S. government-owned jet awaits First Lady Jill Biden on Friday, March 17, 2023 at the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport on St. Croix. By. V.I. CONSORTIUM

First Lady Jill Biden, who landed on St. Croix — one of the Bidens' <u>favorite vacationing</u> <u>destinations</u> — <u>on Monday for some rest and relaxation</u>, left the island on Friday afternoon through the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport.

It was the first lady's second visit to St. Croix in two months; Mrs. Biden was last on the island with her family, including President Joe Biden, in January. During their New Year visit, the Bidens stayed away from official activity and enjoyed quality time and the island's many offerings. "On Tuesday, December 27, President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden will travel to St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, where they will celebrate the New Year with their family," the White House announced at the time.

The first lady was in New Orleans last week Friday — her first official visit to the city — where she lauded the work of staff at the Louisiana Cancer Research Center," according to The New Orleans Advocate. There, she spoke of President Joe Biden's commitment to preventing, detecting and "ending cancer as we know it."

"Cancer changes everyone it touches, and, in some ways it touches us all," Mrs. Biden said, recalling one of her sister's successful battle with lymphoma. "This community knows that more than most. So many families here in New Orleans have lost loved ones to the disease, and I know that is why you are here and why you do the work you do."

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