

# These U.S. Beach Towns Are the Perfect Place for a Weekend Getaway

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## 1 Asbury Park, New Jersey

Often regarded as the Hamptons of New Jersey, [Asbury Park](#) is a cultural hub of the Jersey shore, with lively boardwalks, gorgeous beaches, and a bustling music scene. Spend the night at [Asbury Ocean Club Hotel](#), or catch a show at [The Stone Pony](#), where New Jersey natives like Bruce Springsteen got their start.

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## 2 Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

If amusement-filled boardwalks, long stretches of lively beaches, and seaside culinary classics are among your beach trip must-haves, Myrtle Beach in South Carolina is the place to be. Whether you're taking in the views from [the country's second tallest ferris wheel](#) or slurping down oysters at [Pier 14](#), you'll never run out of things to do in this beachy hub.

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## 3 Ogunquit Beach, Maine

While Maine is home to some of the East Coast's most beloved beaches, Ogunquit's long and sandy peninsula remains at the top for its scenic New England splendor. From the breathtaking [Ogunquit Cliff Walk](#) to the small town speciality shops of [Perkins Cove](#), there's no shortage of coastal charm in this seaside town.

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## 4 Captiva Island, Florida

Just north of the beloved Sanibel Island, Captiva Island offers a more quaint respite—crystal clear waters, pastel sunsets, and all. The Gulf of Mexico's warm waters creates a tropical atmosphere, and heading back into mainland is only a short drive away. Try Captiva's famous bubble bread at the charmingly kitschy restaurant, [The Bubble Room](#), or take a day to visit one of the smaller surrounding islands by boat.

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## 5 Provincetown, Massachusetts

At the northern tip of Cape Cod, the small seaside area of Provincetown is a young and lively spot among the charming New England state. Best known as a haven for the LGBTQ community, you can expect many cultural gems, including nightclubs, cabarets, specialty shops, and more. Take a trip to [Race Point Lighthouse](#) or do some

shopping on [Commercial Street](#).

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#### 6 Narragansett, Rhode Island

As Rhode Island's most lively beach town, Narragansett offers clean, accessible, and activity-packed shores, perfect for families, adventure-seekers, or those looking to do nothing but beachcomb. Take a surf lesson with [Warm Winds](#) or indulge in seaside New England fare at [Monahan's Clam Shack](#).

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#### 7 Bethany Beach, Delaware

This small coastal town known for its boardwalk-backed beaches and quaint, charming feel, is just two and a half hours from Philadelphia, making it the perfect weekend beach getaway. From coastal kayaking to pilates on the beach, Bethany provides the perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of life. We recommend cracking into some fresh lobster or indulging in fried classics at [Bluecoast Seafood Grill](#).

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#### 8 Ocracoke Beach, North Carolina

If you're hoping to hit up the Outer Banks this year, we suggest adding Ocracoke Island to your itinerary ASAP. Unlike the rest of the Outer Banks, the historic unincorporated village of Ocracoke feels completely separate from the rest of the world, with its gorgeous pale beaches and deep cerulean waters. Enjoy live music and locally sourced fare at Ocracoke's beloved [Dajio Restaurant](#).

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#### 9 La Jolla, California

With the nickname *San Diego's "Jewel By the Sea,"* La Jolla, California, is best known for its idyllic and rugged coastline, high-end seaside-inspired restaurants, and luxe shopping. Stay at [the Lodge at Torrey Pines](#), which overlooks one of the area's most beautiful beaches, or take a stroll down Scripps Pier during golden hour.

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#### 10 St. Petersburg, Florida

With 361 days of sunshine each year, it's hard to beat the Tampa Bay shores of St. Petersburg. If swimming with horses, kayaking with manatees, or ending the day with surrealist art at [The Dali Museum](#) is something you might be into, this is a can't-miss destination.

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#### 11 Two Mile Hollow Beach, NY

If you're looking to head to the Hamptons for a beach getaway, Two Mile Hollow

Beach is one of East Hampton's most quaint destinations. Soft sand and surfable waves make it the perfect spot for all types of beachgoers.

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#### 12 Sea Island, Georgia

Situated along five miles of Golden Isles beaches, Sea Island—a privately owned area of Glynn County, Georgia—offers a comfortable retreat away from the crowds of the surrounding areas. At Sea Island you can indulge in an array of Forbes Five-Star experiences, including [The Cloister at Sea Island](#) and [The Spa at Sea Island](#).

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#### 13 Hapuna Beach, Hawaii

Among all of the beaches of Hawaii's Big Island, Hapuna Beach is the place to be. It's consistently voted one of the best beaches in the world, and rightfully so. With its [beachside cafes](#), snorkeling rentals, white sands, and warm waters, there's no shortage of fun—and/or relaxation—at this Hawaiian hub.

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#### 14 Atlantic City, New Jersey

Like the Las Vegas of the East Coast, Atlantic City is so much more than just lively beaches and gorgeous cool waters. From the four-mile long boardwalk to the beloved casinos and bars, you can enjoy calming beaches and endless entertainment all at once in this iconic town. Indulge in a classic Atlantic City experience at the famous [Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa](#), where you can gamble, eat, party, and spend the night.

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#### 15 Cape Charles, Virginia

The white sand beaches of Cape Charles, Virginia, provide a picturesque backdrop to all sorts of family fun. Perfect for large groups and small children, this southernmost town is just 10 miles north of Chesapeake Bay, and has free public beaches with shallow, waveless waters. While you're there, take a photo by the [LOVEwork sign](#) or go for some upscale golfing at the [Bay Creek Golf Club](#).

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#### 16 Coronado Beach, California

San Diego's Coronado Beach (also known as Central Beach) starts at the iconic [Hotel Del Coronado](#), and stretches all the way to Sunset Park. The idyllic spot is the epitome of West Coast splendor, with views to the city and plenty of space for comfortable lounging.

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