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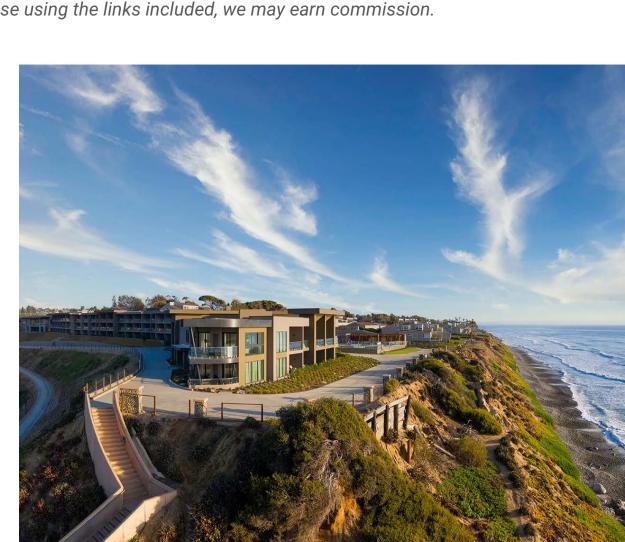
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15 Best Beach Resorts in the U.S.

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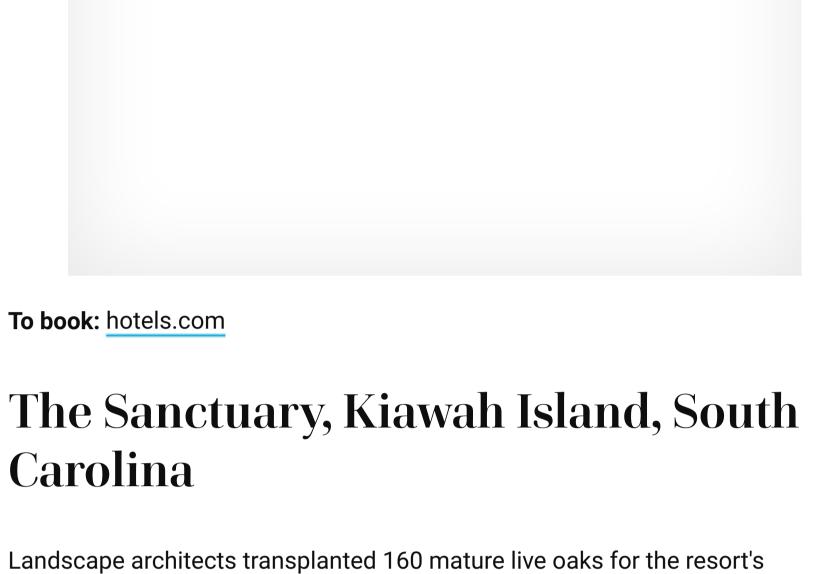


For everyone who feels that life is better by the beach, we've gathered the best beach resorts in the U.S.A. to help you plan your warm-weather travel. We wholeheartedly believe you can find some of the world's best beach destinations right here in the U.S. These standout U.S. beach resorts have accommodations overlooking the water, pools galore, soft sand, private beaches, and an

abundance of water activities. So, whether you're trying to entertain a gaggle of children (or the adults in your life) with boogie boarding and snorkeling, or prefer to focus on beachside piña coladas, there's something for everyone at these properties. As you plan your summer travel (or even your fall and winter travel — never dismiss the healing power of a cold-weather beach trip), here are the 15 best beach resorts in the U.S.A.

Montage Laguna Beach aims for an experience you might find in Positano, with exceptional service, unbeatable views, and the smell of the surf. On a 30-acre bluff with 280-degree views of the Pacific, this resort looks good from all angles. Of the 258 rooms, the best are the Ocean Surf View rooms, located on the upper

floors and offering great vistas of the Pacific. **ADVERTISING**



entrance avenue, and Kiawah's beach glows pink at sunset — that's the setting you're walking into on Kiawah Island. The Sanctuary, which is just 21 miles from Charleston and boasts 255 spectacular guest rooms, is an enclave of five-star

Nevada

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Florida

Island, Georgia

California

service, with pools overlooking the coastal Carolina landscape and authentic Southern charm. To book: hotels.com

The Lodge at Sea Island Golf Club, Sea

This genteel lodge has 58 country-style rooms and on-site access to a legendary golf course. The rooms, suites, and cottages range from 700 to 4,200 square feet and have water or golf course views, plus 24-hour butler service. Grab a complimentary bicycle for a spin around the property. To book: seaisland.com Edgewood Tahoe Resort, Stateline,

Northern California and Nevada might not be the first destinations that come to

beaches are a revelation in any season. Edgewood is the only luxury South Lake

The Breakers Palm Beach, Palm Beach,

mind when considering the best beach resorts in the U.S., but the Tahoe

Tahoe resort set right on the beach, and from sipping your coffee on an

Adirondack chair on the beach to soaking in their lakeview pool, it is an out-ofthe-ordinary and luxurious escape. Beyond taking advantage of the Tahoe summer beach offerings, you'll love the CBD treatments at Spa Edgewood and dining lakeside Edgewood Restaurant.

Unsurpassed in terms of luxury when oil tycoon Henry Flagler built it in 1896, The Breakers outdid itself in a 1926 renovation modeled after Italian Renaissance palaces. Still, the 538-room resort, set on 140 beachfront acres, is pure drama, its palm-lined drive leading up to the twin-spired behemoth. The modern day intervenes in breezily tropical rooms, designed with white and sand tones, and in the private poolside cabanas with flat-screens and concierge service. To book: hotels.com

Ocean House, Westerly, Rhode Island

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try yoga classes for free.

the best views of Haystack Rock.

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lifetime sunsets.

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England beachfront luxury. And that's not just because Taylor Swift owns

with a wooden spiral staircase and a view of the Block Island Sound.

Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea,

property here. A perfect alternative to the Hamptons, and about three hours

from New York City, Ocean House has opulent décor and a stretch of gorgeous

New England beach that's begging to be explored. Stay in one of the property's

49 guest rooms or 20 signature suites, including the epic, four-story Tower Suite

Ocean House — and really, all of Westerly, Rhode Island — is the pinnacle of New

Maui, Hawaii A favored hideout for the L.A. crowd in search of a Polynesian interlude, Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea caters to every pleasurable whim with 67 cabanas and 22 "oceanfront sanctuaries" across the resort. Every suite is decorated with tropical accents and faces either the Pacific or the dramatic Haleakala volcano. There's no resort fee at this property (a rarity on Maui), so those who are looking for a little more activity can canoe, take scuba lessons, or

Oregon A shingled hotel that overlooks the famous Haystack Rock on Oregon's northern

Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts

Stephanie Inn Hotel, Cannon Beach,

coast, Stephanie Inn Hotel offers 41 rooms equipped with fireplaces and private

balconies. Plus, the hotel provides everything you need for a crackling bonfire on

the sand. Nab one of the Oceanfront Corner Suite rooms on the second floor for

Collection, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii On Hawaii's Big Island, Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection went through a \$200 million reimagination in 2021. It's home to CanoeHouse, the resort's

waterfront restaurant, a Goop store (the brand's first Hawaiian venture), and

brand-new 4,000-square-feet residences which each feature private pools.

To book: hotels.com Alila Marea Beach Resort Encinitas, Encinitas, California

through a significant renovation. The resort is popular with Hollywood celebrities for good reason: The grounds border the dramatic volcanic rock coast with seawater and freshwater swimming pools, and an open-air spa teems with tropical vegetation.

Four Seasons Resort, Hualalai on the Big Island of Hawaii is a gorgeous,

isolated resort where the majority of the 249 ocean view rooms just went

Gurney's Montauk Resort, Montauk,

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beach yoga to biking along the coast.

of Hawaii, Hawaii

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New York

CREDIT: COURTESY OF GURNEY'S MONTAUK There are several reasons New Yorkers flood to Montauk every year — and one

of those reasons is the stunning Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa, set

right on the beach. Choose from 158 rooms, suites, and cottages. Every room

has a view of the ocean, but you might just want to opt for one of the exquisite

cottages with a private deck and al fresco fire pit. From dining at the Bungalows

by the Sea to sipping cocktails at their iconic Beach Club, Gurney's is a scene

The Lodge at Kukui'ula, Kauai, Hawaii

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you don't want to miss in the summer.

uncrowded) beaches. One of the best places to enjoy Kauai's vibrantly whiteand-blue beaches is at the Lodge at Kukui'ula, on the south shore of the island. Comprised of cottage rentals in three different "neighborhoods" of the property, this is a resort that truly feels like a home away from home. At the Lodge at Kuk,

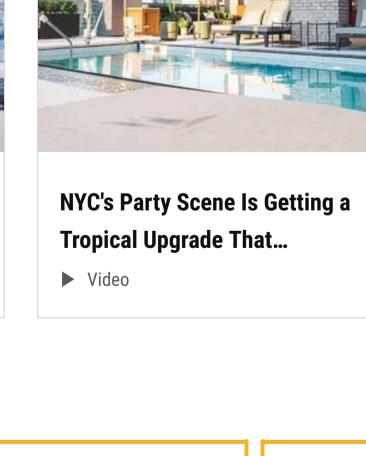
more to keep everyone occupied.

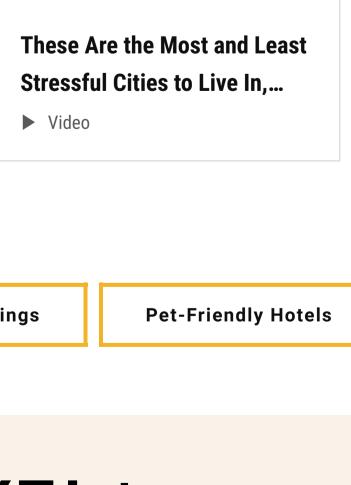
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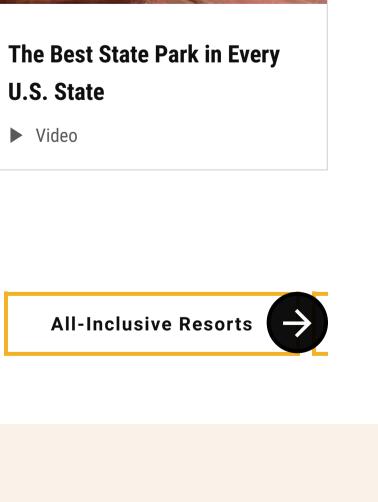
generous balconies. The hotel is located on Brickell Key, a small residential island within walking distance of downtown, and it has all the advantages of a waterfront resort. This ever-opulent beachfront hotel has a private infinity-edge pool, a next-level Presidential Suite (on the 19th floor), and a soothing Asianinspired spa. To book: hotels.com Little Palm Island Resort & Spa, Little Torch Key, Florida

by kayak. To book: hotels.com









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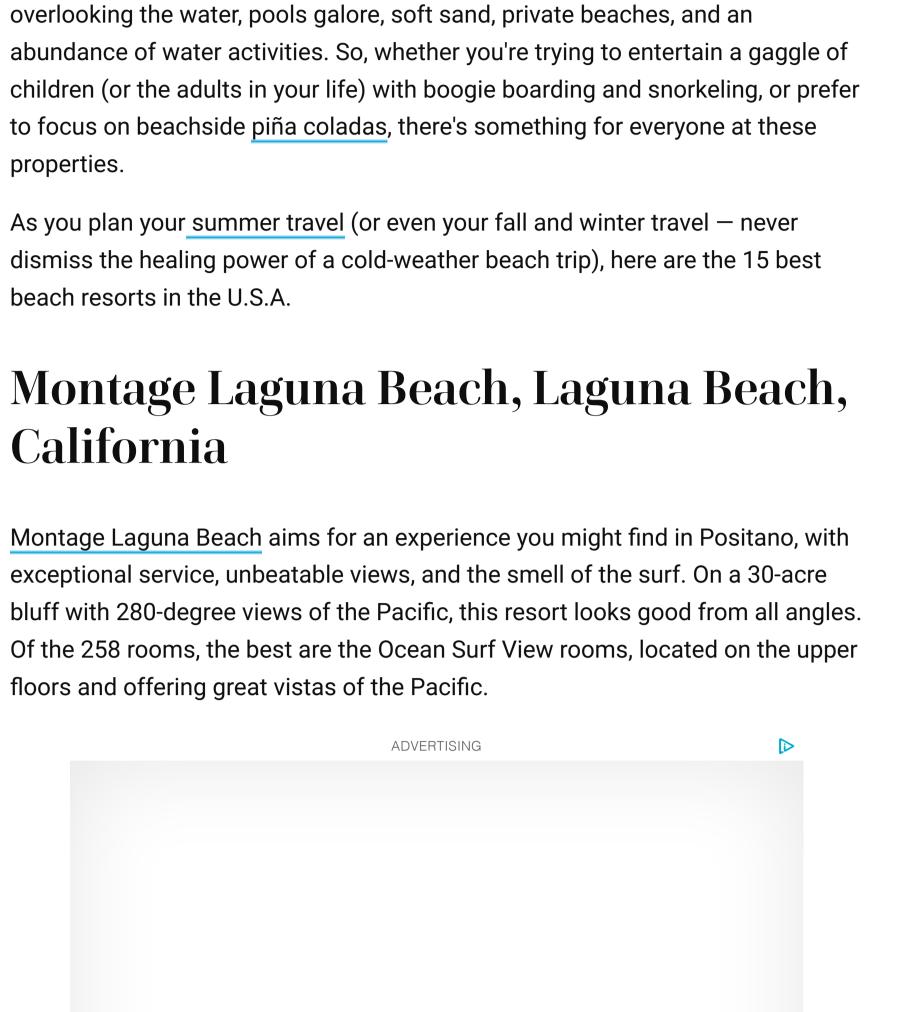
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Overall, you'll come for the Kohala Coast beaches, but stay for the once-in-a-

Alila Marea is on the pristine Southern California coast, below Orange County but just above San Diego. The resort debuted in 2021 — it's actually the first new build from Alila Resorts in the U.S. — and it has a spectacular culinary program under chef Claudette Zepeda and ultra-chic beach-inspired décor. Nearly every room on the property faces the water, and you'll love their pool overlooking the Pacific Ocean and the plethora of on-property activities, from daily morning Four Seasons Resort, Hualalai, Island

CREDIT: GREOGRY BLORE/COURTESY OF THE LODGE AT KUKUI'ULA As Hawaiian islands go, Kauai is known for having a substantial amount of uninhabited land, which means it's synonymous with stunning (and fairly

Mandarin Oriental, Miami, Florida At Mandarin Oriental, Miami, views of downtown Miami's skyline and Biscayne Bay come with a carefully modulated elegance, evident in the design of the

curvy white building and the cream-colored marble baths that open onto

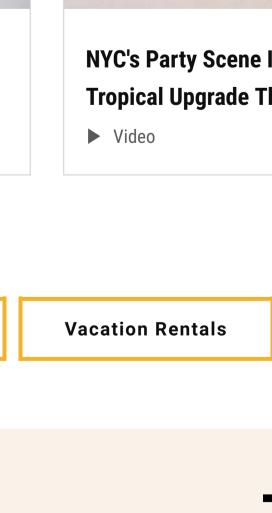
guests will find a 10-acre working organic farm, a surplus of water activities and

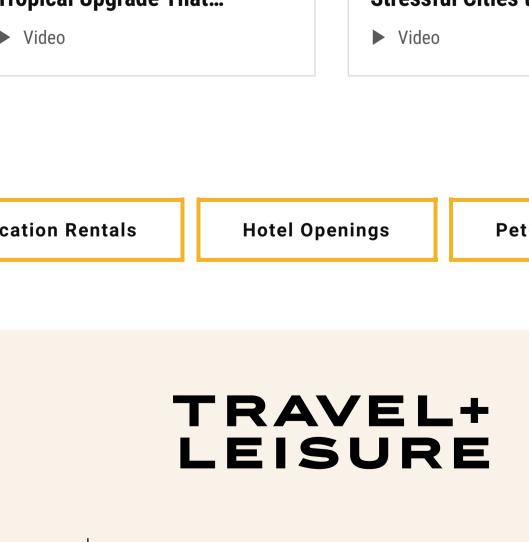
equipment rentals at Huaka'i Outfitters, multiple pools, golf, tennis, and plenty

Florida's most secluded and romantic retreat, Little Palm Island Resort & Spa is a Keys enclave set on a private six-acre island, accessible only by boat or seaplane. From the newly-renovated bungalows to the exceptional culinary offerings to the sultry, adults-only atmosphere, it's easy to see why this is one of the most sought-after beach resorts in America. Be sure to visit Looe Key, in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, located minutes away from the resort

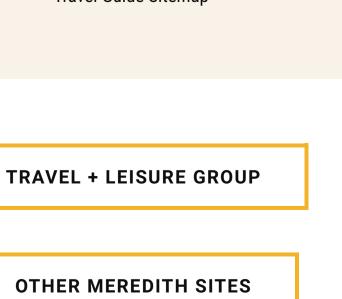
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