



BEST-OF-THE-BEST: MYRTLE BEACH AREA RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS ACCOLADES AND AWARDS

The Grand Strand recognized as top destination by numerous media outlets

The Myrtle Beach area of South Carolina continually proves that it is worthy of the moniker “The Grand Strand” year-after-year, garnering prestigious awards and designations ranging from the “World’s Best Beach” by Yahoo! Travel, “Overall Value for Money Destination” and seven of the “Best US Golf Destination” by USA Today’s 10Best. Whether seeking an exciting sporting event or recreational vacation, the perfect family beach, the ideal retirement location, or the best place to host a meeting, visitors to the Myrtle Beach area will find award-winning offerings in every lifestyle category.

TRIPADVISOR

2018 MOST EXCELLENT PLACES TO TRAVEL

TripAdvisor recently recognized global travel destinations with the most Certificates of Excellence, and Myrtle Beach was named as one of the world’s “Most Excellent” Cities for Experiences. Myrtle Beach was one of only six U.S. cities recognized in all categories. Certificates of Excellence are awarded to destinations with hotels, restaurants and attractions that provide excellent service and receive consistently high traveler reviews.

RESONANCE CONSULTANCY

2018 AMERICA’S BEST SMALL CITIES

Resonance Consultancy named Myrtle Beach to its 2018 America’s Best Cities List, ranking it no. 9. Myrtle Beach earned their spot for entertainment options with its numerous family attractions and activities, and was praised for its airport connectivity, beautiful weather and growing business community.

SPORTS DESTINATION MANAGEMENT

2018 READER’S CHOICE: BEST OVERALL DESTINATION AND FAVORITE DESTINATION FOR ACCOMODATIONS & HOSPITALITY

The readers of Sports Destination Management named Myrtle Beach as one of their three favorite destinations in the publication’s annual Reader’s Choice Awards. Myrtle Beach was chosen as an ideal venue due to its state-of-the-art facilities for competitive athletics and many attractions and entertainment options outside of the sporting venues. Myrtle Beach was also selected as a top destination for accommodations and hospitality with its numerous lodging options, activities and award-winning Chamber staff.

US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

BEST PLACES PEOPLE ARE MOVING TO IN 2018

Myrtle Beach was named the best place to live for people moving in 2018. The area was named due to its high migration rate, affordable housing and beautiful weather year-round.

TRIPADVISOR

20 BEST VACATIONS FOR TEENS & PARENTS ALIKE

Myrtle Beach was named one of the top 20 best vacations the entire family will enjoy. TripAdvisor selected the area for its activities that appeal to all ages including the SkyWheel, Broadway at the Beach, Ripley’s Odditorium, Broadway Grand Prix and Wild Water & Wheels.

TRAVEL PULSE

2018 25 BEST BEACHES IN THE UNITED STATES

Travel Pulse selected Myrtle Beach as one of the top 25 beaches in the United States. Myrtle Beach was selected due to its expansive stretch of shoreline and variety of attractions, shops and restaurants with ocean views.

US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

2018 BEST FAMILY SUMMER VACATIONS

US News & World Report named Myrtle Beach the eighth best family summer vacation destination for its clean beaches, amusement parks, outlet malls, golf courses, and restaurants. The magazine called Myrtle Beach the ideal destination for budget-minded families looking for a variety of entertainment options without spending a fortune.

WHERE TO RETIRE

2018 TOP DESTINATION AREAS FOR RETIREES

Where to Retire Magazine named Myrtle Beach the 10th best place to retire due to receiving an estimated 2,373 retiree-aged people annually.

USA TODAY 10BEST

2018 BEST SOUTH CAROLINA BEACHES

USA Today Readers' Choice named Cherry Grove Beach and Myrtle Beach the top two beaches in South Carolina. Cherry Grove Beach was chosen for its 985-foot fishing pier and expansive sandy beaches on either side and Myrtle Beach was named the crown jewel for its 60 miles of beaches and world class golf. In addition to the first two spots, Pawleys Island took third and Surfside Beach took number seven.

COASTAL LIVING

2018 MOST AFFORDABLE BEACH TOWNS IN AMERICA

Coastal Living named Myrtle Beach, South Carolina number six on the list of most affordable beach towns in America. With its median home price of \$199,000, access to 60 miles of sandy beaches and an average of 215 sunny days a year, Myrtle Beach proudly takes a spot on this list.

US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

2018 BEST FAMILY BEACH VACATIONS IN THE USA

US News & World Report named Myrtle Beach the fifth best family beach vacation destination for its clean beaches, amusement parks, outlet malls, golf courses, and restaurants. The magazine called Myrtle Beach the ideal destination for budget-minded families looking for a variety of entertainment options without spending a fortune.

USA TODAY 10BEST

2018 BEST SOUTH CAROLINA ATTRACTIONS

USA Today named the Myrtle Beach Boardwalk and SkyWheel to the list of 10 Best South Carolina Attractions. The SkyWheel was recognized as the largest ferris wheel on the East Coast with scenic views of the Atlantic Ocean and entire Grand Strand, and the Boardwalk for its 1.2 miles of open-air cafes, shops and more spanning the beachfront.

AFAR MAGAZINE

2018 TRAVELERS' CHOICE AWARDS: THE TOP DESTINATIONS FOR 2018

AFAR Magazine ranked Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, as a finalist for best U.S. Beach. The magazine's readers voted on for places on top of their travel wish list for 2018, including the Grand Strand.

TRAVEL PULSE

2018 BEST DESTINATIONS FOR A LAST-MINUTE VACATION

Travel Pulse named Myrtle Beach the second best destination for a last minute vacation due to its beautiful beaches, local cuisines and welcoming residents. The area's 425 hotels and 98,000 rooms offer plenty of room for last-minute vacationers.

COMPASS + TWINE

2018 EAST COAST VS. WEST COAST: BATTLE OF THE BEACHES

Compass + Twine named Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, as the best family beach due to its bright white sand and wide range of entertainment, including bars, arcades and souvenir stands.

TRAVEL CHANNEL

2018 10 BEST EAST COAST BEACHES

Travel Channel featured Myrtle Beach as one of the best East Coast beaches in the United States. Myrtle Beach was selected due to its silky white sands and plethora of restaurants, live entertainment, amusement parks and water parks.

EXPEDIA

2018 SAY "SEE YA" TO WINTER IN THESE 25 CITIES

Expedia ranked Myrtle Beach as one of the top places to say "see ya" to winter. Myrtle Beach was selected for its golf links, lazy rivers and sparkling coastline.

INSURIFY

2018 GREENEST CITY AWARDS

INSURIFY named Myrtle Beach the Greenest City in South Carolina. To create the list of winners, Insurify's data scientists analyzed over 1.5 million vehicles input because statistics show that vehicles represent one of the single greatest sources of polluting emissions in the United States, so the award shows the world that Myrtle Beach is having a meaningful, positive impact on the environment.

SOUTHERN LIVING

2018 GREAT SOUTHERN DOG PARKS

Southern Living named Barc Park South one of the best southern dog parks due to the park being fully fenced in and including a large lake.

FAMILY VACATION CRITIC

2018 BEST FAMILY BEACHES

TripAdvisor's family vacation site listed Surfside Beach one of the best family beaches in 2018 for not only being a family friendly beach destination, but for being the first certified autism friendly destination in the world. The staff at many of their accommodating hotels, attractions and restaurants have all been certified by Champion Autism Network. In addition, the beaches, public restrooms and showers are all accessible by wheelchair.

BROOKLYN BICYCLE COMPANY

2018 MOST BIKEABLE COASTAL CITIES IN AMERICA

Brooklyn Bicycle Co. named Myrtle Beach on their list of most bikeable coastal cities in America. The company credited Myrtle Beach for its views of the Atlantic Ocean and other natural scenery and called out some of the most famous trails like the 12-mile Waccamaw Neck Bikeway, the 26-mile trail in Huntington Beach State Park, the scenic Conway Riverwalk, and portions of the epic 3,000-mile East Coast Greenway, which spans from Canada to Key West.

REVIEWIT MAGAZINE

2018 BEACH BASH: 25 OF THE BEST BEACHES IN AMERICA

ReviewIt Magazine named Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, as one of the best 25 beaches in America. Myrtle Beach was selected for its shopping, thrilling rides, exciting attractions, sizzling nightlife and sophisticated cultural scene.

For additional information on the Myrtle Beach area, go to www.VisitMyrtleBeach.com or call 1.888.Myrtle1.

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