

Our pick of the world's most incredible beaches to suit every type of traveler.

Whether it's finding secret coves, getting wet and wild in the water, or swinging on a hammock with a cocktail in one hand and a summer book in the other, there's a beach with your name on it.

We've handpicked 10 of the world's most swoon-worthy beaches to help you find your perfect getaway. So get inspired and dip your toes into these sumptuous beach destinations, offering that elusive wow factor.



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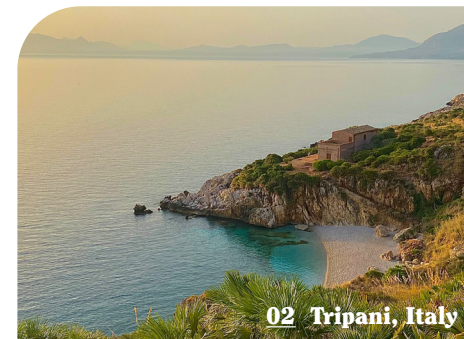
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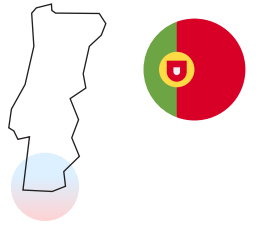


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Algarve, Portugal



Stretched across southern Portugal are 96 miles of golden beaches and stunning cliffs⁴. Despite the area's popularity, you can still find hidden beaches only accessible by sea or barely there path. For an idyllic getaway, rent a car and travel from beach to beach through whitewashed fishing villages, like Alvor overlooking Lagos Bay.

Praia da Marinha in Central Algarve is a picture-perfect cove of alabaster sand and crystal-clear waters. It's perfect for snorkeling and boat trips to hidden caves—kids love it here! Walk along the spectacular coastline of Praia da Falesia and take little ones for a paddle in the lagoon at Ilha de Tavira before watching sunset from one of the beach bars or restaurants⁵.



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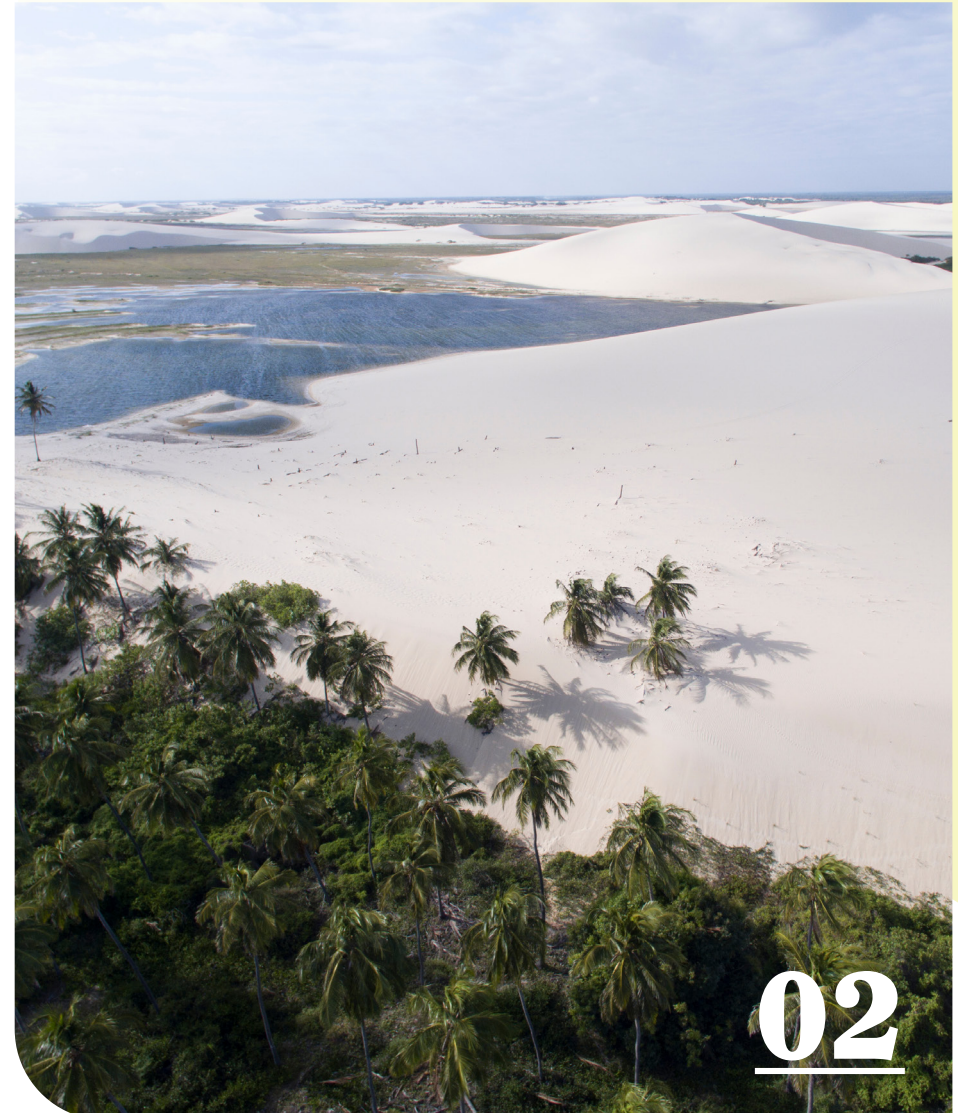
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Northeast Brazil



From Sao Luis to Salvador, Northeast Brazil⁶ is brimming with powder-soft sands, calm azure seas, and palm trees leaning towards the water. Outside of Recife, snorkel-friendly Porto de Galinhas Beach stretches for miles with plenty of pretty resorts. Then there's Pipa near Natal, with sparkling beaches you can discover by beach buggy riding the dunes to little lagoons down the coast.

If you're happy to travel for beach perfection, the 5-hour drive north of Fortaleza takes you to Jericoacoara—a breezy fishing village with cute guesthouses and home to jaw-droppingly gorgeous beaches, sand dunes, and lagoons⁷. You won't want to leave.



6. <https://www.frommers.com/destinations/brazil/regions-in-brief>

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Zanzibar



Off the coast of Tanzania, Zanzibar is a paradise of pure white beaches and dolphin-spotting waters⁸. Unguja, also known as Zanzibar Island, is the largest island⁹, but it's still only a two-hour drive from lively Nungwi Beach in the north to the peaceful Kizimkazi Beach in the south.

Kendwa Beach is a stunning swimming spot in the daytime, and the flaming sunsets are worth waiting for. Head to Bwejuu Beach for blissful relaxation under the shade of a palm tree. The smaller island of Pemba offers more rustic accommodation, but the bath-temperature waters are blissful, and low-tide sandbanks are magical picnic spots¹⁰.

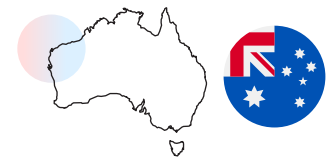


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Exmouth, Western Australia



The beaches in Exmouth are breathtaking and remote enough to qualify as hidden gems. The warm, clear waters are home to gentle loggerhead turtles, manta rays, and whale sharks¹¹. Ningaloo Reef rivals the Great Barrier Reef for sheer beauty, and you get to it simply by stepping off the white sand¹².

Town Beach is ideal for a morning dip and popular with windsurfers. Take an umbrella and snorkel gear and drive to the pearlescent sands of Turquoise Bay, regularly voted Australia's most beautiful beach. Nearby Sandy Bay is a pristine swimming and picnic spot, and you can walk to Osprey Bay, known to locals as 'the aquarium', where even the shallows are teeming with fish¹³.



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11. <https://www.ningaloo-whalesharks.com/wildlife-of-the-ningaloo/>

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Trapani, Sicily



The City of Salt and Sail¹⁴, Trapani is the gateway to Western Sicily¹⁵ and the piercing blue Mediterranean Sea. From here, you can hop on a boat to Favignana island to lounge in the bays and coves—Cala Azzurra is a particular beauty. Pack plenty of water, sun cream, and don your hiking boots to clamber over rocky escarpments in Lo Zingaro Nature Reserve. The reward is six wild beaches free of the summer crowds.

The harbor town of Castellammare del Golfo is home to the long and golden Spiaggia Plaja and Scopello's pretty snorkeling beaches. Find time to chill on the soft sands of San Vito Lo Capo at the foot of Monte Monaco and buy an ice-cold granita from one of the beach vendors¹⁶.



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15. <https://www.justsicily.co.uk/location/WS/West-Sicily/>

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Seychelles



The Seychelles is a treasure trove of 115 granite rock islands¹⁷ with white sand beaches, cobalt-blue lagoons, and castaway vibes (with a dab of luxury). Mahe is the biggest island with a plethora of gorgeous beaches and easy access to more islands. Add to your island-hopping itinerary a visit to Beau Vallon, the longest beach in the Seychelles and total eye candy for beach lovers.

On the island of Praslin, Anse Lazio is a win—a beach made for snorkeling and sunsets, and the wilder Anse Georgette beach has incredible views. Hop on the ferry to La Digue from Praslin to lounge on some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Heavenly Anse Source d'Argent's smooth granite boulders blush pink in low sun, so stay for sunset¹⁸.



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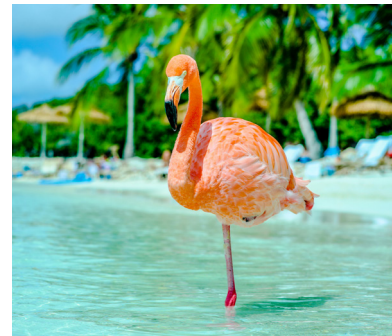
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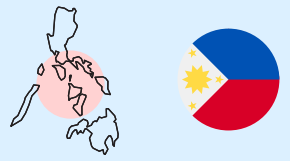


If dazzling sunsets, romantic beach dining, shipwrecks, and secluded coves are your thing, then it's all here. The soft sands of Eagle Beach stretch far and wide, making it ideal if you're looking for a quiet spot to sunbathe. The shack at Baby Beach serves fantastic seafood and your little ones will love the gentle waves and colorful fish.

For a truly unique beach experience, get a day pass to the private Renaissance Island or stay at the Renaissance Hotel and hang out with the pink flamingos at Flamingo Beach! Surfside Beach is close to the airport for a last dip and evening beach meal before you drag your suntanned-self back home¹⁹.



Boracay, Philippines



Shaped like a dog bone, and with more than a dozen sugar-white beaches just begging you to lounge on them, little Boracay regularly beats flashier competitors to ‘best island’ accolades. The big show-stopper is White Beach, with miles of immaculate sand. At low tide, you can walk out to Willy’s Rock, and a little footpath over the bluff at the northern end takes you to Diniwid Beach, a tucked-away spot perfect for sunset watching.

Escape resorts, amenities, and other tourists on Ilig-Iligan Beach for your Robinson Crusoe moment. You can also take island hopping day trips to yet more gorgeous beaches nearby on Crystal Cove Island, Magic Island, and Carabao Island²⁰.



20. <https://guidetothephilippines.ph/articles/what-to-experience/boracay-tourist-spots>

West Maui, Hawaii



The western shores of this volcanic island have choose-your-own-adventure beaches, with scuba diving and whale watching to surfing the rollers and sipping cocktails. Turning everything up to 11, popular Kaanapali Beach near Lahaina is 3 miles of gold sands, shallow snorkeling, and at sunset watch cliff divers leap from Puu Kekaa (Black Rock).

Quieter Kahekili Beach Park is just north of Kaanapali and has fantastic swimming and plenty of picnic spots—so it's well worth a trip. Further north sits Napili and Kapalua beaches. They're spectacular to look at, feel silky-smooth under bare feet, and are great for paddle boarding, snorkeling adventures. They're both perfect sunset spots, too²¹.



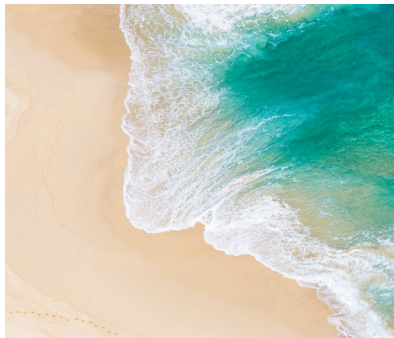
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Miyako Island, Japan



An hour's flight from Okinawa, Miyako Island has Japan's best beaches, but it still feels relatively undiscovered. Book a rental car to explore the unspoilt beaches and travel over the bridges to neighboring Ikema Island, Kurima Island, and Irabujima.

On Miyako Island, to get to Sunayama Beach you pass through a tunnel of trees and over a dune. The effort is worth it to arrive at a mesmerizing beach with a rock arch at one end. Snorkeling in the shimmering waters here is a treat. Spotless Yonaha Beach is easy to access and over four miles long with watersports, sunsets and stargazing on tap²². Heaven.



22. <https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e7300.html>