



ISLANDS & BEACHES

13 Best US Beach Hotels to Book Before Summer Begins

It's never too early to start thinking about your sunny getaway.

Hotel trends come and go, but there's an everlasting allure to the room with an ocean view—or, if you're lucky, a room plopped right on the sand. It's never too early to think about a summer spent near the water, where you'll wake up or fall asleep to the sound of gently lapping waves. These **beach hotels** across the United States prove you don't need to go far to achieve an island state of mind. Whether you want to engage in a little thalassotherapy in Montauk, explore the dunes of the **Oregon coast**, or spend your days relaxing by an oceanfront infinity pool in San Juan, there's an option for every blue-space lover on this list. Act now—those beach clubs fill up quickly, and you're bound to get better prices this time of year. Below, the best beach hotels in the US for a sunny getaway.



Gurney's Montauk

Montauk, New York

When you want the ideal of summer vacationing in the Hamptons, look no further than **Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa**. A behemoth of luxury and exclusivity, the resort is a beacon for city dwellers and well-to-do vacationers looking for a summer escape. All 158 rooms, suites, and beachfront cottages offer floor-to-ceiling ocean views with nautical-chic design elements perfectly executed throughout. The real star of the property is the newly opened Gigi's, a seafood-forward celebration of Long Island's coasts. And the cherry on top? All rooms also come with access to the property's sprawling 2,000-foot private beach. Pack your **Ralph Lauren** shorts and your effortlessly cool swimsuit coverups, and be prepared to be at *the* scene in Montauk. —**Lara Kramer**

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