

Get Your Vacay On: These Are the 10 Best Beaches in America

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When it comes to [beaches](#), Florida is different than California, and, let's be real, you can't compare anything continental to Hawaii. Even attempting to might feel like apples versus oranges, but there's a man up to the challenge. Enter, Dr. Beach (a.k.a. Stephen Leatherman, a professor, geoscientist, and coastal ecologist). He does an annual ranking of the country's best beaches, and [this year's list](#) is ready to digest.

Herewith, in ascending order, the best surf and sand available in the U.S.A.

No. 10. Beachwalker Park in Kiawah Island, South Carolina

No. 9. Caladesi Island State Park in Dunedin, Florida

No. 8. Coopers Beach in Southampton, New York

No. 7. Coronado Beach in San Diego, California

No. 6. Grayton Beach State Park near Destin, Florida

No. 5. Coast Guard Beach in in Cape Code, Massachusetts

No. 4. Ocracoke Lifeguarded Beach in Outer Banks, North Carolina

No. 3. Kapalua Bay Beach in Maui, Hawaii

No. 2. Siesta Beach in Sarasota, Florida

No. 1. Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve in Oahu, Hawaii