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America's 10 Best Coastal Drives You Should Take At Least Once

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Our country has a lot of scenic drives—mountains, [lakes](#), verdant hills, desert, and more. But if we're really being honest, not much can top the thrill of rolling with your windows down on a coastal drive with the shoreline so close, salty ocean spray practically flits into your nostrils. With so much coast to choose from, however, it can be hard to narrow the road trips down. That's why we did the grueling work of finding the top contenders in the nation for an oceanfront joyride. Worth noting: Our orientation guidelines can go either way, Santa Monica to [Malibu](#) or Malibu to Santa Monica are both fine by us. Read on, and plot your next adventure.



Newport, RI

Ocean Drive in Little Rhody lives up to its hype: Gilded Age mansions, the Atlantic, marinas dotted with yachts and boats, there's much to see in an afternoon's drive. In fact, in only 10 miles you can pass by Hammersmith Farm where Jackie Kennedy grew up (view from the road), [Fort Adams State Park](#) (park and tour), and Gooseberry Beach, a favorite summer hangout. Go all out and book a room at the [Castle Hill Inn](#), which dates back to 1875, tucked away on a 40-acre peninsula.