

6 Under-the-Radar Beach Towns that Aren't Touristy

For times when you want the surf and sand but not all the hype

Beach trips are supposed to feel relaxing and slow-paced. Whether you're looking to surf, dive, paddle, or just read a book in a hammock, the point is that you're getting away from it all. Which is why sometimes you need to escape the hustle and bustle of more well-known seaside destinations (we're looking at you, Cancún and Waikiki) and find those beach towns that are a little sleepier.

Narragansett, Rhode Island



If you don't think of Rhode Island as a beach-getaway destination, think again. The vibrant seaside town of Narragansett has plenty to do and sees fewer crowds than others on the East Coast. Cruise along the seven-mile-long [South County's William C. O'Neill Bike Path](#), sign up for a surf lesson or pick up new boardshorts at [Warm Winds](#) surf shop, and enjoy a sunset paddleboard outing with [Narrow River Kayaks](#). Narragansett Beach is the go-to spot for surfing and sandcastles, and its boutique hotel, the [Break](#) (from \$472), has 16 rooms with ocean views, a rooftop bar, and a saltwater pool.