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The Best Family Beach Vacations in the U.S.

From Puerto Rico to Wisconsin, there are plenty of places to enjoy the sun and sand stateside.

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In past summers, you may have ambitiously planned a family beach vacation to [the Bahamas](#), or a couple of weeks of soaking up the sun on the [Amalfi Coast](#). But with those itineraries thwarted this year by the ongoing [pandemic](#), now is the time to look closer to home for a summertime family getaway. The best family beach vacations shouldn't require much work either—they're mainly about finding the right place to plop down, so you can unplug from Zoom meetings and e-learning, and instead spend your days swimming, scavenging for seashells, unwinding in a [hammock](#), and staying up late to roast s'mores and stargaze together.

As for where to find all of that, we've got a few ideas. We've rounded up the best family beach vacations, centered around great amenity-rich hotels and resorts, so that all you have to do is pick where to go. From a quintessential [New England](#) coastal retreat, to a rustic lakeside campground, to a luxury estate that

channels the [French Riviera](#), you'll find your perfect family beach vacation for the summer, below.



Tiverton, Rhode Island

Best for: Families with older kids

If you've dreamed of owning a little beach bungalow on the New England coast, channel the experience by booking one of the waterfront [Moore House cottages](#) in Tiverton. A family-run operation, the collection of homes have been lovingly (and expertly—they're designers) restored, with chef's kitchens and plenty of windows to take in the bay views. The Boat House on-site sleeps six and comes with kayaks you can drag a few feet over the rocky shore right into the water, while the Harbor Side Cottage has its own private dock and two bedrooms that open up to sprawling waterfront decks. All come stocked with Apple TVs, Sonos speakers, [games](#), and more creature comforts of home. (The waterfront cottages have an eight-plus age policy, making this a good option for families with older kids.)

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