

# Skip Hawaii For These 7 Underrated US Beach Destinations

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Looking for a great beach destination as an alternative to Hawaii? Discover all the beauty these hidden paradises across the US have to offer!



*Aerial view of Little Sable Point Lighthouse at sunset over Lake Michigan*

## SUMMARY

- **Skip expensive Hawaii and opt for hidden gems like Block Island with local charm and stunning beaches.**

- **Michigan's Silver Lake State Park offers dune adventures and crystal blue waters comparable to Hawaii.**
- **Discover Culebra Island in Puerto Rico for white-sand beaches and vibrant marine life - a cheaper Hawaii alternative.**

When choosing a destination for a beach vacation, Hawaii is a popular option. It makes sense; there are so many iconic sites and gorgeous beaches to see on these beautiful islands. People go to hike to Honolulu's waterfalls, explore Maui's unique beaches, and taste the delicious cuisine in the Aloha State.

However, traveling to Hawaii can be very expensive and, in some cases, it can also be detrimental to the locals, as there's a housing shortage in the state. People are constantly in search of ways to take an affordable vacation to Hawaii, but what if the trick was to skip it altogether?

If you want to dodge the crowds and sky-high prices of the Aloha State but still experience paradise, there are lots of beach destinations in the United States on the mainland that provide remote getaways, each of which is a great alternative to Hawaii! These underrated beach spots in the US are generally way more affordable, and they still offer the things you'd want to escape to Hawaii for.

In any of these destinations, you'll find unique habitats, unforgettable bike paths, warm weather, and pristine beaches. Whether you're exploring the Northeast, Midwest, West Coast, or down in the South, there's a myriad of underrated beach destinations in America that make for fantastic Hawaii alternatives.

## **7 Block Island, Rhode Island**

***This charming island off the coast of Rhode Island is full of the same local charm and gorgeous beaches you'd find in Hawaii***



Take the ferry to this local gem off the coast of Rhode Island! This cozy island is close-knit and relaxing, full of local shops and stays that embody a charming, remote feeling.

The beach is very characteristic of New England - large, rocky bluffs, rolling dunes, charming houses. But Block Island is full of local cuisines and treasures for you to discover! In this way, it has become a great replacement for Hawaii.

This little island is much easier and cheaper to get to, especially if you live in the northeast. If you're traveling on a budget, Block Island is a much better option than Hawaii for a beach vacation. You can conveniently take the ferry from New London, Connecticut, or Point Judith or Newport,

Rhode Island. Once on the island, you'll feel removed from the mainland much like you would in Hawaii.

Block Island has a fantastic trail system that showcases the beautiful scenery and dramatic coastline. Consider renting a scooter to zoom around the island with the wind in your hair, the sun on your back, and a smile on your face!

<b>Things To Do:</b>	<b><u>Mohegan Bluffs Trail, Southeast Lighthouse, 1661 Exotic Farm and Gardens</u></b>
<b>Best Beaches:</b>	<b><u>Mansion Beach, Fred Benson Town Beach</u></b>
<b>Best Qualities:</b>	Affordable to access, remote feeling, dramatic coastline hikes
<b>Best Time to Visit:</b>	Late Summer

### Tip

It is recommended that you show up early to the ferry and book your ticket in advance , as Block Island can be a popular place to visit in the summer months. If you can, it's worth taking the Hi Speed ferry from Point Judith or Newport!