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The 12 Best Oceanfront Hotels and Resorts in the U.S.

ITCHING FOR A STUNNING WATERFRONT VIEW AND THE SOUND OF CRASHING WAVES? THESE BEACHY STAYS WON'T DISAPPOINT!



For some travelers, an ocean view isn't just a plus, it's an absolute must. Nothing beats waking up and falling asleep to the sound of waves, or spending the day with the sand between your toes. Luckily, from South Beach to San Diego, the U.S. is brimming with oceanfront hotels and resorts for a [beach getaway](#).

A [2022 Hilton survey](#) found that more than one-third (37 percent) of travelers feel mentally [refreshed on vacation](#) when they don't have to worry about leaving the resort during their stay. And that in itself is the beauty of an oceanfront resort: Being mere steps from the beach means you have convenient access to a relaxing or fun-filled afternoon.

Below, we rounded up the best oceanfront hotels and resorts in the U.S. Whether you prefer lounging under an umbrella with a piña colada or staying active by snorkeling, surfing, or boogie boarding, these accommodations guarantee a memorable stay filled with plenty of sun, sand, and surf. Because, let's be real: life is just better by the beach.

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2. Ocean House: Watch Hill, Rhode Island



If you want to feel like you're [stepping back in time](#) while you're taking in the gentle sea breeze, the aptly-named [Ocean House](#) in Watch Hill, Rhode Island is the perfect oceanfront getaway. The tiny state is home to some of the most beautiful beaches in the U.S., and this gem of a town is no exception (it's no wonder Taylor Swift has a home here). Walking around this historic luxury hotel overlooking the Pacific Ocean will make you feel like you're in an episode of the *Gilded Age*. Croquet, anyone?

"The beautiful design, with its window placements and interior wall hues, takes you down memory lane," says **Ravi Parikh**, founder and CEO of [RoverPass](#)—and that is just as it is intended. The oceanfront hotel has been "meticulously reconstructed to pay tribute to its storied past," reads its website.

Parikh also recommends a stay at this lavish hotel because of its high-quality customer service and delicious restaurant (the seafood in this area goes unmatched), which he says is expensive but "worth tasting at least once in your life."

Having a post-beach cocktail on the sprawling veranda is something you should partake in a few times, at least.