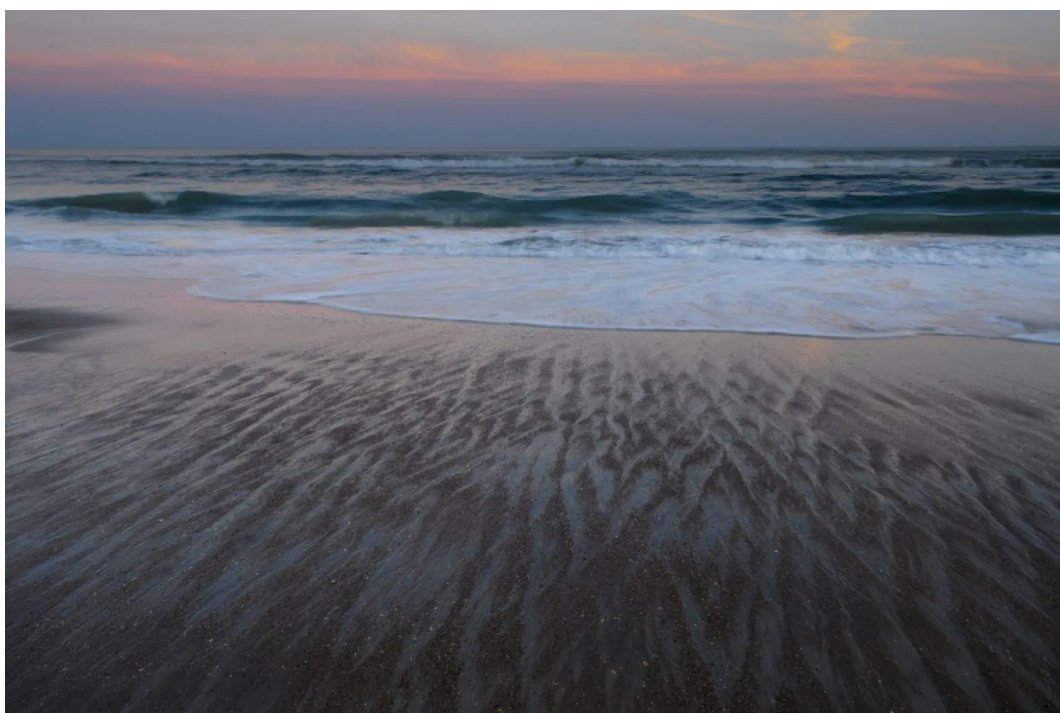


16 Prettiest White Sand Beaches in the United States



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While you might think you'd have to travel a long distance, perhaps to the Caribbean or South Pacific to find a beautiful white sand beach, there are many right in the United States. As one of the world's top 10 nations when it comes to total coastline area, there are beaches to be found along the Pacific, Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and even in the [picturesque Great Lakes](#). This results in some diverse stretches of sand, including some stunningly white sand beaches like these.



Emerald Isle, North Carolina

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Why Come Here: Outdoor activities and a peaceful, undeveloped beach getaway.

Located at the west end of Bogue Banks, a barrier island along the Crystal Coast, Emerald Isle offers 12 miles of shoreline that edges the Atlantic. Mostly protected from outside development, abundant flora and fauna thrive here, and it's a great place for enjoying a wide range of activities, including diving, fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, and scenic nature hikes. There's not many hotels, but that just means it enjoys a more peaceful feel than most and there are some vacation rental homes and condos offering accommodation. Visitors can enjoy golfing and antique shopping nearby too.