



10 must-visit beaches in the South for your next vacation

Get ready for sand and surf

Best Beach in the South (2023)

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Beaches in the Southern United States are beloved for their warm waters, soft sands and multitude of activities. Whether you want to enjoy water sports, wildlife watching, shelling, swimming or sunbathing, you can find a beach that matches your preferences.

From Virginia to Texas, there are hundreds of miles of coastline to explore, with beaches ranging from lively and boisterous to secluded national parks. Here are the 10 best beaches in the South, according to readers.



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No. 2: Emerald Isle Beach - Emerald Isle, North Carolina

Featuring emerald-green waters and soft sandy shores, Emerald Isle Beach is located on the Crystal Coast of North Carolina. This family-friendly beach offers opportunities for swimming, sunbathing, beachcombing and water sports, making it a beloved destination for beachgoers seeking a peaceful coastal retreat. There's an hourly fee for parking, but only from April through September.