

# COASTAL LIVING®

## *Live Your Dream*

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MOVE TO A  
BEACH TOWN

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ESCAPE TO  
AN ISLAND

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BUILD A HOME  
IN PARADISE  
(AND STAY FOREVER!)

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

CAYO ZAPATILLA,  
PANAMA

### *A Coastal Cottage Rescue*

HOW TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO AN OLD HOUSE

MOVE TO THE BEACH

# 20 BEST PLACES TO LIVE

Ready for your dream life to begin? These amazing locations, from little beach towns to humming coastal cities, from sweet domestic islands to expat escapes, are ready for you

**BY TRACEY MINKIN**





## BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA

**POPULATION** 4,212  
**SUNNY DAYS PER YEAR** 211

Perched on Beaufort Inlet, this colorful and cozy port has deep roots in all forms of seafaring. And no wonder: The 5.6-square-mile town is surrounded by nearly a mile of water. It's maritime heaven here, whether you boat, want to learn to boat, or just like looking at boats. Docks dot the charming and walkable waterfront of the historic downtown, which is also home to a welcoming bundle of coffee shops, seafood restaurants, and shops, plus a remarkable variety of maritime purveyors.

**YOUR ONE THING** It's a scenic ferry ride to Cape Lookout National Seashore, a spectacular destination for shelling, birding, and climbing its famous lighthouse.



**STAY HERE**  
**Small-town Haven**  
Sleeps 5  
\$145 per night  
[airbnb.com/rooms/21023881](https://airbnb.com/rooms/21023881)



## HERNANDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA

**POPULATION** 1,000 **SUNNY DAYS PER YEAR** 211

For a laid-back beach town, Hernando Beach is a surprisingly vibrant community. The town is home to a variety of shops, restaurants, and bars, and is known for its beautiful beaches and scenic views. The town is also home to a variety of outdoor activities, including fishing, surfing, and hiking. The town is a great place to visit for anyone looking for a relaxing beach vacation.

**YOUR ONE THING** The town is home to a variety of outdoor activities, including fishing, surfing, and hiking.



**STAY HERE**  
**Beach House**  
Sleeps 4  
\$120 per night  
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## LOS CATALINAS, COSTA RICA

**POPULATION** 1,000 **SUNNY DAYS PER YEAR** 211

Los Catalinas is a beautiful coastal town in Costa Rica, known for its stunning views of the ocean and surrounding mountains. The town is home to a variety of shops, restaurants, and bars, and is a great place to visit for anyone looking for a relaxing beach vacation. The town is also home to a variety of outdoor activities, including fishing, surfing, and hiking.

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