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What defines the “best” beach town? Is it all about waking up with a nice breeze, enjoying world-class seafood at just about any small restaurant, and/or feeding off positive energy because of the art and music festivals? Sounds about right, but these towns are as much about the beach as they are about their residents, local vibe, culture and nightlife.

A great beach town can be its own island with secluded or crowded beaches, with overwater bungalows and luxurious lodgings; it can be a barrier island where youngsters are looking to save money while still having an amazing experience; or it can also be a surfing mecca, where people can also watch big-wave surfers in action during the wintertime.

Regardless of the definition that suits you, such places are located all over the U.S.



## Beaufort, North Carolina

Beaufort is the third-oldest town in North Carolina, established in 1709. It was named by Travel + Leisure as “America’s Favorite Town.” Take in some history at the Beaufort Historic Site and NC Maritime Museum and then go kayaking in Taylor’s Creek.