

10 Top Beach Resorts Around The World



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Four Seasons



Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea

Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star [Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea](#) puts guests as close as possible to the lapping waves of the Pacific—thanks to the brilliant U-shaped building, most guest rooms offer full ocean views.

The desire to visit faraway shores (or even those in your own backyard) is so deeply woven into our collective summer psyche that it's practically instinctual. There's just something about feeling sand between your toes, a cold drink in your hand and a warm, salty breeze on your face that simply can't be replicated at a lake house or pool. Sometimes, only a beach resort will do. Our Forbes Travel Guide editors have scoured the globe for an ultimate list of 10 of the best

beach resorts. Luxury amenities, just the right activities and guest-centered services were at the top of our list when we made our choices.

[Don't forget to pack a book in your beach bag. Flip over to our blog to see what Forbes Travel Guide editors are reading this summer.](#)

[Coastal Rhode Island](#) may not carry the same sun-drenched clout as Miami or the California Coast, but [Ocean House](#), one of the state's most historic properties, is definitely worth a visit. The Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star hotel first opened its doors in 1868 in Watch Hill, R.I., and its stunning Atlantic Ocean views made it a favorite destination for travelers. Time took its toll on the hotel, and it eventually fell into disrepair. It closed in 2003, and a restored version opened in 2010. Trust us when we say that this old beauty has never looked better.

Of course, it's just wrong to write about the world's best beach resorts without mentioning [Miami](#). The city is known for its beaches (and beach parties), but one of our favorite outposts, [Acqualina Resort & Spa](#), offers a rare chance to truly disconnect from the bright lights of South Beach. The spacious rooms, private beach access and top-notch spa continuously earn this Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star hotel top accolades.

On the other side of the U.S., [Montage Laguna Beach](#) sits atop a cliff that overlooks the Pacific Ocean. The popular seaside community is a place where generations of travelers have visited. Still, the Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star hotel always leaves something to be discovered: a secret cove, a mouthwatering entrée at Mosaic Bar and Grille, and a perfect spot for watching the sunrise each morning. Click on the slideshow above to see the rest of the 10 top beach resorts.