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# 10 of the world's best beaches: in pictures



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They're no hidden gems, but they're beautiful: feast your eyes on 10 of the world's best not-so-secret beaches.

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**This way to screensaver paradise! Wherever you are, whatever the weather, this selection of 12 of the best big-hitting sun-soaked stunners will give you a dose of delight. Let's go to the beach.**

## 1. Laguna Beach, California, USA

Fans of teen TV drama may recognise the name Laguna Beach from seminal show *The O.C.* The O.C. of course stands for Orange County, California. Laguna is down the coast from Long Island, one of LA's famous beach r



## 2. Lovrecina beach, Brac, Croatia

Lovely Lovrecina on the Dalmatian island of Brac in Croatia is sandy, with warm, shallow water. Zlatini Rat is r famous, but this forest-backed cove is pretty stunning itself.



### 3. Waikiki Beach, Hawaii, USA

As you can probably tell from the presence of all those bright lights and skyscrapers, Waikiki Beach in Honolulu south shore of the island of O'ahu, isn't exactly a hidden gem, but for a town beach, it's not bad.





#### **4. Port Macquarie, New South Wales, Australia**

North of Sydney, south of Brisbane, Port Macquarie is possibly most famous for being a retirement destination calling it the Bournemouth of the Southern Hemisphere may be pushing it a little, it shares the Dorset seaside penchant for fine beaches.



### 5. Paleokastritsa Bay, Corfu, Greece

It wasn't like this in Odysseus' day. If you go down to Paleokastritsa, on the Greek holiday island of Corfu, look for the Ancient Greek hero's petrified ship. Petrified, not as in scared, but as in it's a rock, but come on, use your imagination.





## 6. Anse Source d'Argent, La Digue, Seychelles

Along with that other must-go-when-I'm-rich set of Indian Ocean islands, the Maldives, the Seychelles is a honeymooners' favourite tropical paradise destination. One of the Seychelles, and the world's, most famous beaches is this one. You may have seen it before, as someone's screensaver.



## 7. Navagio, Zakynthos, Greece

It's got several names - Navagio, Shipwreck Bay or Smugglers' Cove, but whatever it's called, it's a startlingly beautiful beach on the island of Zakynthos. The beach boasts an unusual feature – the wreck of a drug smuggler's boat, abandoned when they fled the Greek navy.





## 8. Portinatx, Ibiza

It's the sort of place that you wish you could have gone to in about 1964, when there wasn't a sun lounger in sight. Despite the summer crowds, the resort of Portinatx on Ibiza's north coast is still quiet in the shoulder seasons, certainly has a cracking *cala* (cove).





## 9. Palawan, Philippines

Not so long ago, not even the seasoned backpacker would have even heard of the Bacuit Archipelago, but this paradise-embodied in the Philippines has become a firm fixture on many a gap year must-do list.



### **10. Pedn Vounder Beach, Cornwall, England**

It's not often we get a heatwave, but when it's 30 degrees then Britain's beaches will do us just fine! Often ranked among our best, dramatic Pedn Vounder is an 'unofficial' naturist beach - just to warn you!





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