

15 PICTURE-PERFECT BEACH TOWNS FOR YOUR WEST COAST VACATION

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You spoke, we listened—and here's what we learned about your favorite West Coast beach towns.

CHARMING WEST COAST BEACH VACATIONS

When we published a post featuring America's [most beautiful little beach towns](#), we had no idea how many of you would respond to point out the gems we left off the list. Now we're turning the spotlight on 15 of our readers' favorite West Coast beach vacations so you can get a head start on those summer getaway plans.

No matter where you fall in the Atlantic vs. Pacific debate, if you're looking for a vacation spot with Mayberry-level charm and a heavenly stretch of sand, we'll point you in the right direction. Better yet? We'll help you find just the right place to stay. With more than 835,000 properties available on [TripAdvisor Rentals](#), finding your dream beach house (in the perfect beach town, no less!) is easier than sipping a margarita by the shore.

Paradise isn't so far away with a sunny beach retreat



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6. CARMEL, CALIFORNIA



No matter where you stay in this one-square-mile village, you'll be close to some of the most breathtaking landscapes the region has to offer (including Big Sur, Monterey Bay, and Point Lobos). But these natural wonders aren't the only reason Carmel-by-the-Sea makes our list of West Coast beach vacations. From boutiques, restaurants, and golf courses to wineries, galleries, and historic sites, this charming destination is home to a long list of attractions as enticing as the scenery.

EAT: [La Balena](#)

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