11 Beautiful Florida Beach Towns You Need To Visit

Beach road trip, anyone?

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1. Siesta Key is there when you need white sand and plenty of water activities.

Enjoy eight miles of sugary white sand that stretches along Florida’s Gulf Coast. It’s been rated the best sand beach by Travel Channel in the past, so you really can’t go wrong.

Where to stay: You’ll be steps from the beach at The Ringling Beach House, plus they have pools to cool off in.

Where to eat: Snack on a Florida Sea Sundae at Big Olaf’s Creamery, and for dinner you can sample tappas, like the ceviche or shrimp curry roll, at The Cottage.

What to do: Boating and fishing will keep you close to the beach, and if you’re willing to wander then take a day trip to Sarasota and explore the Ringling Museum of Art and downtown Sarasota’s antique and boutique stores.

2. If you’re looking for great waves and that paradise feel, look no further than Delray Beach.
A seemingly sleepy beach town that also happens to have amazing nightlife? Yes, please.

Where to stay: For a more all-inclusive feel, The Colony is located centrally in downtown Delray, but if you’re looking for boutique and oceanfront digs, then head over to Crane’s BeachHouse.

Where to eat: Get a real taste of Florida seafood and order the conch fritters at Bamboo Fire Cafe.

What to do: Rent a bike and explore the adorable streets of Delray, then take a sunset cruise to get the best views from the water.

3. For a long stretch of white sand that’s also close to bigger cities, head to Clearwater Beach.

If you’re looking for more than just a beach, then you must visit Clearwater Beach. Yes, it’s an enormous stretch of pearly white sand on the Gulf Coast, but it also boasts plenty of nightlife and restaurants to keep you busy off the beach too.

Where to stay: For something more upscale with a romantic restaurant try the Sandpearl. Or hit up the Palm Pavilion Inn for a more boutique experience.

Where to eat: Get a grouper sandwich at Frenchy’s, and order the fish tacos at Pearly’s.

What to do: Check out the surf shops on the boardwalk or head over to the Clearwater Aquarium to see their rehabilitated wildlife. And, while they’re a bit of a drive, visits to the Big Cat Rescue and Salvador Dali museum are totally worth it.