

The 13 Best Oceanfront Hotels in California

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West Coast, best coast? Though many travelers head to the Golden State for wine country or national parks, many simply want to spend their vacation relaxing on the beach. With 840 miles of coastline, down from San Diego up to San Francisco and beyond, there's ample beachside cities to suit your style. We've visited hundreds of hotels in California to see how they stack up against the competition and the results are in. Take a look at our picks for best oceanfront hotels in California and get inspired!

6. The Inn Above Tide, Sausalito



A quiet alternative to San Francisco's busy downtown hotels, the luxurious Inn Above Tide is within walking distance of the shops, restaurants, and ferry in quaint, ritzy Sausalito (the scenic ferry ride to the city takes about 30 minutes). The 31 sophisticated rooms here have sweeping bay views and most come with patios overlooking the water. While there's a spa, free breakfast, and free wine and cheese receptions, its lack of a pool and an on-site restaurant may deter some visitors.