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The Best Beachfront Hotels & Resorts in California

Seaside gems from Marina to Santa Monica.

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Planning your next [beach vacation](#) (or [babymoon](#))? Set your sights on [California](#). The beauty of the Pacific coastline is hard to put into words. Luckily, these properties speak for themselves. Our picks also promise dreamy design, stellar service, thoughtful amenities, and spellbinding vistas to fuel your wanderlust.

From boutique hotels to lavish resorts, these are the top spots for a seaside escape in the Golden State.

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Shutters on the Beach

A celeb favorite, this Santa Monica icon is the only hotel in town that's allowed to put chairs on the actual sand. Guests can take advantage of beach butlers, surf lessons, paddle tennis, volleyball, and yoga. Airy interiors, breezy balconies, and fresh seafood evokes classic [Cape Cod](#) with a touch of opulence. The sun-splashed pool deck, facing the Pacific Ocean, flaunts chaise lounges and private cabanas, and there's also a decadent spa.