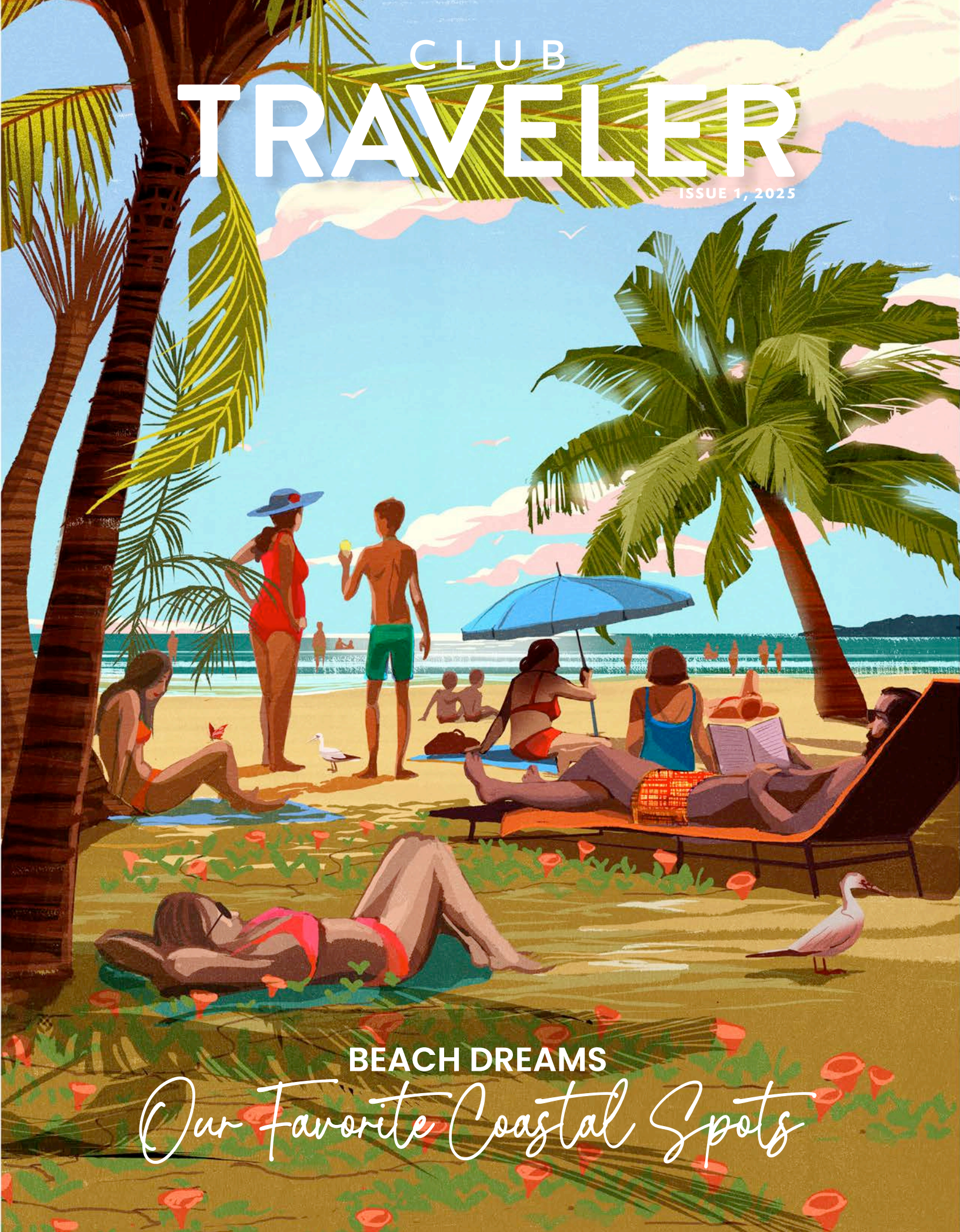


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BEACH DREAMS

Our Favorite Coastal Spots



From peaceful shores to vibrant beach parties, discover a coastal destination for every type of traveler

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The cooling ocean breeze, the sand beneath your feet and the salt in the air — these natural clues signal that you've reached the world's edge. Stop, take a moment and let the rhythm of the waves settle your thoughts. This is where the land meets the sea and, for a while, there's nothing more to do but sit, breathe and gaze out to the endless horizon.

Whether you find yourself atop dramatic coastal cliffs, walking along soft, expansive sandbars or relaxing beneath the shade of a parasol at a stylish seaside cafe, the coast always invites exploration. From the uncrowded, serene beaches of Kohala on Hawaii's Big Island to the lively, palm-lined streets of Miami's South Beach or the rugged coastal caves of Portugal's Algarve, these beaches are some of the best in the world and are as varied as they are breathtaking. Each offers something unique, whether peaceful solitude, natural wonders or vibrant energy.



Beaches for Tranquility

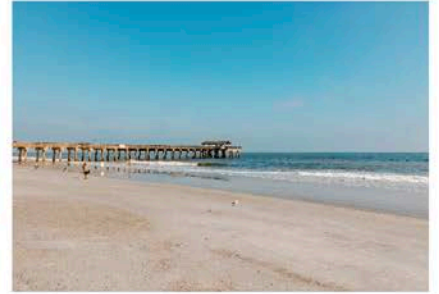
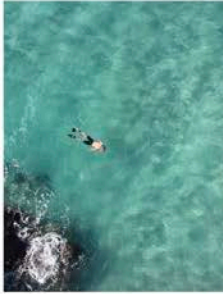
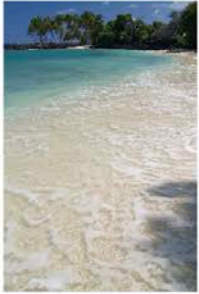


Beaches for Nature



Beaches for Action

Beaches for Tranquility



Kohala Coast, Hawaii

Head to Hawaii's Big Island where you can avoid the crowds by staying in Kohala (first two images above). This stretch of coastline is known for its kaleidoscope of colors. Jet-black volcanic beaches in the Pololū Valley, red lava rock fields, lush green golf courses and the sugar-white sands of Hāpuna Beach are all surrounded by the deep blue waters of the Pacific Ocean. The vivid contrasts showcase the diverse and dramatic landscapes of the Big Island's stunning coastline.

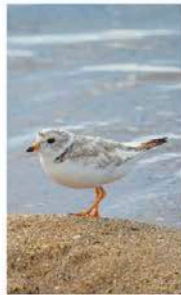
Venture beyond the beach to explore the [Puakō Petroglyph Archaeological Preserve](#). This 223-acre site features over 3,000 ancient carvings of humans, turtles and canoes, believed to record significant life events. Head north from nearby Holoholokai Beach, wear sturdy shoes and imagine the ancient meanings and activities behind these fascinating lava rock etchings.

Tybee Island, Georgia

A 30-minute drive from historic Savannah, Tybee (last three images above) is one of Georgia's Barrier Islands and offers miles of peaceful shoreline where you can escape the everyday hustle. This quiet area is perfect for those seeking a slower pace, with expansive beaches framed by dunes and natural vegetation. The beaches are relatively undeveloped, making them ideal for long walks along the water's edge or watching the ebb and flow of the tides.

Nature trails wind through the island, providing plenty of opportunities to explore the coastal wildlife and birdwatch in the salt marshes. Tybee's laid-back community charm and peaceful ambiance make it an ideal place for relaxation. The island also features a rich history, from its Civil War-era forts to the iconic [Tybee Island Lighthouse](#) offering visitors a unique blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage.

Beaches for Nature



Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Cape Cod (first two images above) is a classic coastal destination with miles of pristine beaches that welcome return visitors year after year. Each has its own character — from calm, sheltered bays to more dramatic stretches of sand facing the Atlantic Ocean. The Cape Cod National Seashore is a prime example of the area's natural beauty, with protected wilderness areas that are perfect for hiking, wildlife watching and beachcombing.

Families will find a range of nature-based discovery activities, from exploring the [Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary](#) to learning about local ecosystems at the [Cape Cod Museum of Natural History](#). Cycle along scenic paths or take a boat tour to view seals and migratory birds. Cape Cod's slower pace and focus on nature make it a perfect spot to experience the raw beauty of New England's coastline.

Algarve, Portugal

Although it's a well-known and popular beach destination for Europeans, the Algarve (last three images above) still holds a few secrets. Many of the region's hidden beaches are remote and only accessible by boat or foot, providing a sense of wilderness that is hard to find elsewhere. The waters are clear and often calm, ideal for swimming or exploring the caves and grottoes that dot the coastline.

With its dry, Mediterranean climate, the Algarve is also home to diverse flora and fauna, making it a haven for nature lovers. Explore [Ria Formosa Natural Park](#), where you can spot spoonbills, herons and turtles on the five-mile trail, or visit between October and March for a chance to see pink flamingos. For an up-close experience, you can take a guided birdwatching boat trip or rent a kayak to explore the marshes and backwaters.

Beaches for Action



South Beach, Miami

By day, enjoy the beautiful stretches of soft, white sand and warm turquoise waters, perfect for beach volleyball, jet skiing or simply soaking it all in (first three images above). The area's Art Deco district adds a unique flair, with pastel-colored buildings and stylish cafes lining the streets. People watch along the strip or soak in the lively, ever-changing atmosphere that defines this coastal hotspot. Shop at the [Lincoln Road Shopping District](#), where you can find everything from high-end luxury boutiques to trendy shops offering the latest fashions.

As the sun sets, South Beach transforms with vibrant nightlife, music-filled bars and celebrity-studded restaurants. The nightlife here is legendary, with a mix of trendy clubs, rooftop lounges and intimate spots to enjoy live music. Whether you're looking to dance the night away or sip cocktails by the beach, South Beach offers a blend of sun, sand and nonstop action in one of the world's most famous coastal destinations.

French Riviera

Synonymous with glamor, the French Riviera (Côte d'Azur in French) and its beaches (last two images above) are known for sophisticated resorts, chic harbors, upscale restaurants and designer boutiques. This stretch of coastline attracts those seeking both luxury and action.

Beachside cities like Nice, Saint-Tropez and Cannes stand out for their unique mix of historic character and contemporary style. The atmosphere is always buzzing, whether you're sipping rosé at a beachfront cafe or enjoying gourmet dining at one of the glamorous restaurants along the shore. In Cannes, the beachside bars and high-end shops add to the allure for those looking to see and be seen. Relax in luxury at one of the region's exclusive [private beaches](#), where visitors enjoy attentive service away from the crowds, complete with gourmet dining, cocktails and views of the Mediterranean coastline.

Where to Stay

Beaches for Tranquility

Kohala Coast, Hawaii



At [Kings' Land, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#) you can choose from 1- to 3-Bedroom Suites all with private lanais, full kitchens and spacious living and dining areas. Kids will enjoy the recreation room and splashing in the super pool, while the adults can try their hand at one of the three golf courses.

Tybee Island, Georgia



[The Studio Homes at Ellis Square](#) in downtown Savannah offer the perfect blend of urban convenience and easy access to Tybee Island's beaches, ideal for day trips. Choose from 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites or Presidential Suites, all featuring designer kitchens, high ceilings and spacious living areas.

Beaches for Nature

Cape Cod, Massachusetts



[The Breakers Resort](#) and [The Soundings Seaside Resort](#) (left) are located next to each other in the popular village of Dennis Port on Nantucket Sound. They each have cozy Studios and 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites as well as access to a private beach, indoor and outdoor pools and barbecue grills.

Algarve, Portugal



Located within the Quinta do Lago golf resort, [Vilar do Golf](#) offers spacious 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites with kitchenettes and outdoor terraces. Guests can enjoy indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center, spa, hiking, biking and golf on the Quinta do Lago resort's championship course.

Beaches for Action

South Beach, Miami



The boutique-style [Crescent on South Beach, a Hilton Vacation Club](#) (left) is located in the heart of Miami's Art Deco district and has spacious 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites with fully equipped kitchens. [Solara Surfside™](#) channels the area's Art Deco architecture and offers the perfect blend of relaxation and adventure.

French Riviera



[Le Club Mougins](#), located 15 minutes from Cannes and the Côte d'Azur beaches, offers spacious Studio to 3-Bedroom Suites with fully equipped kitchens. Enjoy amenities like a fitness center, outdoor pool, tennis courts and mini golf at this ideal base for a French Riviera getaway.

Member Resort Availability

	Bluegreen Vacation Club	Bluegreen Vacation Club With HGV Max	HGVClub	HGVClub With HGV Max	The Club	The Club With HGV Max	Extraordinary Escapes	Extraordinary Escapes With HGV Max
The Breakers Resort	✓	✓						
Crescent on South Beach, a Hilton Vacation Club				✓	✓	✓		✓
Kings' Land, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club			✓	✓		✓		✓
Le Club Mougins				✓	✓	✓		✓
Solara Surfside™	✓	✓						
The Soundings Seaside Resort	✓	✓						
The Studio Homes at Ellis Square	✓	✓						
Vilar do Golf				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓