

The Best East Coast Road Trips to Take This Year

10 PHOTOS

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The Blue Ridge Mountains and Overseas Highway are just a couple East Coast gems on the road.

Nothing beats spending an entire vacation next to the ocean—in fact, it's a scientific fact that [water makes people happier](#). Even though American travelers might not be able to jet off to the Mediterranean coast or choose a [Caribbean island](#) at will right now, there are plenty of hotels in the United States that are perfect for your next beach getaway. We've rounded up our favorite oceanfront hotels spanning the entire contiguous U.S., and we guarantee there's a listing here for every type of traveler. So whether you're craving an intimate retreat in Big Sur, a family-friendly cabin on [Cape Cod](#), or a five-star high-rise located directly on Miami Beach, this list of the best beach getaways should have you covered.



Cape Cod Peninsula

Cruise up the curling bicep of Cape Cod via U.S. Route 6 for a [New England road trip](#) of wineries, whale watching, and restorative salty breeze. The highway stretches from Providence to Fall River to New Bedford through the Cape, but it's those personality-filled Cape towns—like quaint Bourne to splashy Provincetown—that you're driving here for.

Where to stop: Head to [Truro Vineyards + South Hollow Spirits](#), just south of Provincetown, which is both a winery and a distillery that makes gin from juniper berries grown on-site.

Where to eat: For a fancy classic, dine at the [Chatham Bars Inn](#) restaurant. The waterfront dining is on Chatham Harbor, offering those much-needed views, and the premium quality seafood to match. The New England clam chowder is legendary.

Where to stay: Plan to spend your nights near on the especially pretty outer Cape in Eastham. We recommend the airy nautical cottage that overlooks Wellfleet Bluff that made its way onto [our list of the best Airbnb beach houses](#).