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## 10 of the best beaches in Europe to add to your bucket list

Explore these sandy shores during your next trip abroad

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There are few things I love more than lounging on a beach with a book in hand, soaking up the sun and the sound of the waves. I travel to Europe often, and whenever the weather cooperates, I make it a point to visit at least one beach, whether it's a busy seaside hotspot or a quiet cove off the beaten path.

To find out which coastal destinations truly stand out, I asked a few travel experts to share their picks for the best beaches in Europe. Their recommendations include a mix of iconic shores and hidden gems, from dramatic cliff-lined bays to striking black sand beaches. I've also included a few personal favorites that I think belong on any beach lover's bucket list.

If you're dreaming of your next European getaway, this list might just help you decide where to dip your toes next.

## Plage Paloma, France



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Tucked away in the charming village of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, Paloma Beach is one of the best beaches in Europe for those looking to soak up the natural beauty of the [south of France](#). With calm, clear water and a peaceful vibe, it's a favorite among locals and travelers alike.

“My personal favorite beach is Paloma Beach in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, along the French Riviera,” says Kimberly Herrell, Owner and CEO of [Schubach Aviation](#). “Aside from being strikingly beautiful and away from the crowds, Paloma Beach takes you back in time to the 1950s. I’ve been coming here for 16 years and it never changes. Be sure to book your sunbeds in advance!”