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# Florida's Clearwater Beach listed among top 25 in the world

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**Clearwater Beach** in Clearwater, Fla., was ranked among the 25 top beaches internationally by TripAdvisor users.

One of the world's best beaches is a [short road trip](#) or [flight](#) from metro Atlanta.

**Clearwater Beach** in Florida was the only U.S. destination to crack the [top 25 list of best international beaches](#), based on 2016 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice award winners announced April 19. [Grace Bay](#) on the Caribbean island

Turks and Caicos was voted the world's best beach, beating out [Baia do Sancho](#) in Brazil and [Playa Paraiso](#) in Cuba. **Clearwater Beach** was ranked No. 20.

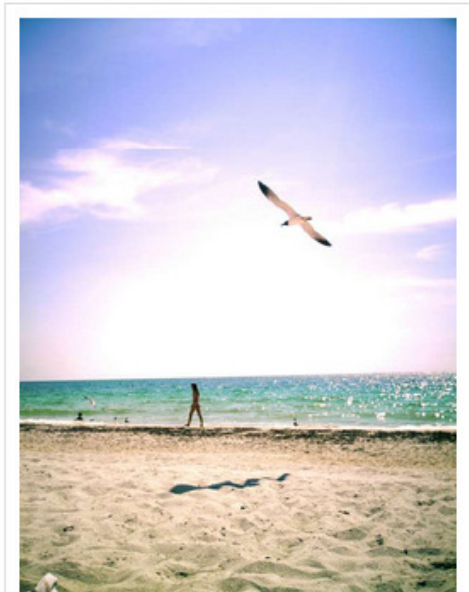


A year-round destination, according to TripAdvisor, Clearwater was recognized for its "sugar fine white sand" and the increased likelihood of spotting dolphins along the Gulf shoreline. There are also a lot of shops and restaurants that line the beachfront, providing visitors plenty to do during their stay.

There is also no shortage of [upcoming activities](#), including the May 6 Clearwater Beach Taste Fest, a kickoff event leading up to [Clearwater Beach Restaurant Week](#) on May 9-22.

In total, six of the 10 best U.S. beaches are in Florida. Here are the [TripAdvisor national rankings](#):

1. Clearwater Beach — Clearwater, Fla.
2. Lanikai Beach — Kailua, Hawaii
3. Siesta Beach — Siesta Key, Fla.
4. Saint Pete Beach — St. Pete Beach, Fla.
5. Wai'anapanapa State Park — Hana, Hawaii
6. Ka'anapali Beach — Lahaina, Hawaii
7. Pensacola Beach — Pensacola Beach, Fla.
8. La Jolla Shores — La Jolla, Calif.
9. St. Augustine Beach — St. Augustine Beach, Fla.
10. Beach at Panama City — Panama City Beach, Fla.



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*Florida beaches made up six of the top 10 U.S. beaches in the 2016 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice rankings. [Clearwater Beach](#) in Clearwater, Fla., was ranked No. 1.*

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